

Good News on Bee Health

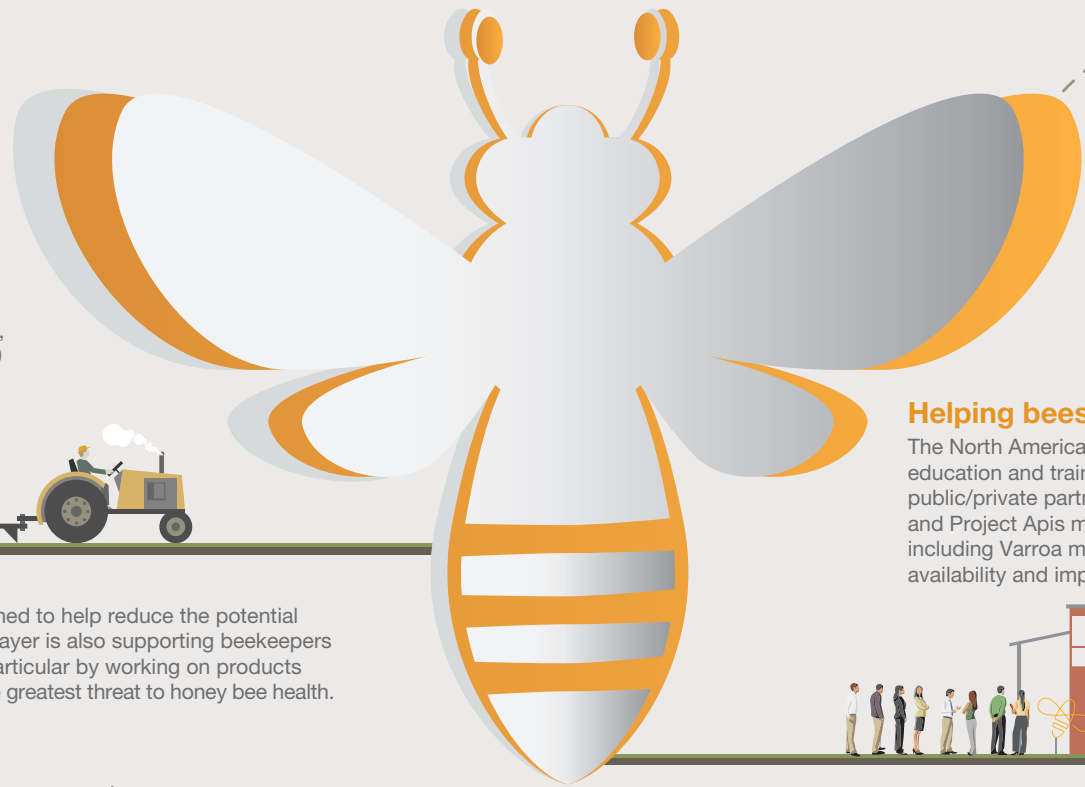


Bayer is celebrating honey bees for their impact on where we live, work and play. Here is some good news!



Bee colonies stable or increasing.

U.S. honey bee colony numbers have been stable since 2006. In fact, colony numbers were higher in 2010 than any year since 1999.¹



In Australia, “the introduction of the neonicotinoids has led to an overall reduction in the risks” associated with the application of insecticides. Honey bee populations “are not in decline, despite the increased use of this group of insecticides” since the mid-1990s.³

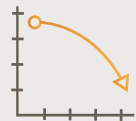


Bayer innovations.

Bayer’s new Fluency Agent is designed to help reduce the potential for dust exposure during planting. Bayer is also supporting beekeepers as they take care of their hives, in particular by working on products to control Varroa mites, which are the greatest threat to honey bee health.

Helping bees thrive.

The North American Bayer Bee Care Center for research, education and training opened in 2014. Bayer has many public/private partnerships including, Pollinator Partnership and Project Apis m., that focus on key health stressors, including Varroa mites (a giant tick-like pest), forage availability and improved nutrition.



Lowest overwinter losses in years.

European losses were the lowest since the survey began in 2007, and the number of bee colonies remained stable over the last 10 years. Most Canadian provinces had significantly lower losses than in 2013. And U.S. losses declined by 24% from the previous year.²

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