

Managed Pollinator Protection Plan - DRAFT DOCUMENT

The Wyoming Managed Pollinator Protection Plan was developed in response to a growing need for a balanced public policy that mitigates risk to managed pollinators, while minimizing the impact of that mitigation on production agriculture. In Wyoming, the two managed pollinators that this plan addresses are honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) and the Leafcutter Bee (*Megachile rotundata*).

Reducing pollinator exposure to pesticides is ideal. Our hope is to achieve this while continuing to provide access to habitat that supports bee health and derived benefits to agriculture. This pollinator plan is not a static document, but a work in progress. Far too little is known about the factors that may affect pollinator health. Research focusing on nutrition, bee repellants and the effects of pesticides is important. Other research into honey bee health, disease and parasite resistance and genetic diversity is also urgently needed so that more effective and comprehensive strategies can be put in place. We believe research can provide new answers and better solutions to the current dilemma.

Finally, effective communication among all parties is essential to the success of this plan. Unless we communicate freely and openly with one another, the rest of our goals cannot be reached.

Working together – farmers, beekeepers, pesticide applicators, scientists – Wyoming can protect its pollinators, while maintaining its position as a leading supplier of food, feed, fiber, and fuel for our nation and the world.

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