

# BMPs FOR TRANSPORTING HONEY BEE COLONIES TO CALIFORNIA FOR POLLINATION

Self-inspect colonies prior to shipment.

Hives and pallets should be free from dirt, plant material and other debris.  
High-pressure wash or brush.

Obtain voluntary "Ant Free" certification in state-of- origin.

Do not add any truck skirting.

Install soakers, hoses and coupling links for hose bib hook ups at any water source.

Consider pre-watering colonies prior to arrival at the border station in the event of a delay.

Driver must provide the exact physical address of the location where the colonies will be placed. P.O. boxes, range/township or GPS coordinates are not acceptable.

Arrive at border station during low volume times.

*Additional hose bibs have been installed at border inspection stations that have the most volume of colonies passing through.*

## APIARY SHIPMENTS TO CALIFORNIA

Year 2014 — 3,765

Year 2015 — 4,027

Year 2016 — 4,178



## CDFA CONTACTS

### Beehive Entry Quarantine & Boarder Station Issues

- Entry procedures
- Voluntary ant free certification
- Apiary pest information
- Info required from incoming bee shippers
- Handling procedures

Contact CDFA Pest Exclusion/Bees:

P. (916) 654-0312 | E. [peinfo@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:peinfo@cdfa.ca.gov)

### Truck Washing

Contact Ed Matthews (760) 793-1245

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## A Guide To SHIPPING HONEY BEES INTO CALIFORNIA



# BEFORE YOU GO

## Preparing for California

To reduce colony stress due to heat and dehydration, beekeepers are advised to outfit their trucks with soakers and hoses to attach to hose bibs provided at any water source.

NOTE: Do not add skirting to truck as it impairs visual inspection.

**Step 1:** After netting colonies, lay a soaker hose on top of load.



**Step 2:** Stabilize soaker hose and netting with boards.



**Step 3:** Join soaker hose and garden hose with coupling link.



**Step 4:** Attach garden hose to water source.

## AG BORDER STATION TRAFFIC PATTERNS

- ▶ Graveyard shifts are staffed with fewest personnel and was not charted
- ▶ Sunday and Monday are the heaviest traffic days
- ▶ Day shift lowest volume of traffic is on Wednesday
- ▶ Swing shift lowest volume of traffic is on Tuesday and Wednesday
- ▶ Fluctuation of traffic would define best hours as
  - Day being 7a.m. through noon
  - Swing being 6p.m. through Midnight
  - Hours between noon and 6 pm are usually the busiest of all times



Specific stations times are as listed in the chart below (L usually the lowest traffic times but staffing level could affect workload). Pest digital identification submission to the entomologists end at 9p.m. and start up at 7a.m.

	DAY							SWING						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
YERMO	H	H	M	L	H	H	L	H	H	L	L	L	H	L
BLYTHE	H	M	H	L	H	H	L	H	L	H	H	H	H	H
DORRIS	H	H	H	L	H	H	H	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
HORNBROOK	H	H	M	L	H	H	H	L	M	M	M	L	M	M
TRUCKEE	H	H	L	L	L	H	H	H	M	L	L	M	M	M
NEEDLES	H	H	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	L	L	L
VIDAL	H	M	L	L	L	M	L	H	L	L	L	L	M	M
WINTERHAVEN	H	H	L	M	H	H	H	H	L	L	L	H	H	H
High	8	6	2	0	5	6	4	6	1	1	1	2	3	2
Medium	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	3
Low	0	0	4	7	3	1	4	2	5	6	6	5	2	3

