

BeeWhere For

# BEEKEEPERS



## What beekeepers should KNOW:

All beekeepers with pollinators working in the state of California are required by law to register with the county Ag Commissioner's office and to report relocation of beehives within 72 hours of when they are placed in a farm or moved to a new location.

An internet-based system utilizing GIS mapping technology makes it easier for beekeepers to comply with regulations and works to more effectively protect bees. The system is known as BeeWhere.

BeeWhere works in conjunction with the CalAgPermits system used by pesticide businesses, farmers and Ag Commissioners when they plan to apply a pesticide during bloom that may be toxic to bees.

BeeWhere alerts pesticide applicators and Ag Commissioners if any beehives are located within one mile of a planned pesticide application and requires them to notify the beekeeper directly so bees are protected.

All information on the location of your beehives is confidential and available only to the county Ag Commissioners.

The cost of registering through BeeWhere is \$10 per year per beekeeper regardless of the size of your operation or number of hives.

## What beekeepers should DO:

#1

**Beekeepers must register annually through California's system of county Ag Commissioners.**

This can be done in person at the county Ag Commissioner's office in your home county, or in the first county you place bees upon entering the state.

It can also be done via computer, tablet or smartphone through two different computer systems. (See information on back.)

Beekeepers are able to register through any of these methods without providing contact information. However, beekeepers are urged to provide an accurate phone number or email so you can be notified immediately if a pesticide application is planned in an area where your bees are located. Your contact information should be updated every year.

If you've registered in previous years, you can use your BeeWhere State Beekeeper ID to access and manage your information. If you've forgotten your ID, please contact the Ag Commissioner in your home county.

#2

**Beekeepers must notify the Ag Commissioner within 72 hours of relocating their beehives.**

This can be done in person at the Ag Commissioners office, by phone or by FAX.

It can also be done simply and easily using computer, laptop or smartphone App options available through the BeeWhere system. (See information on back.)

It's very important that beekeepers update the exact location of beehives whenever they're moved.

#3

## Your bees can only be protected if you register using one of the three options below:

### Register using the BeeWhere website.

Visit [beewhere.calagpermits.org](http://beewhere.calagpermits.org)

This system was created specifically to help California beekeepers comply with regulations. It works in conjunction with the state's extensive CalAgPermit database used by pesticide applicators, Pest Control Advisors, farmers and Ag Commissioners when they plan pesticide applications.



### Register using the BeeCheck system created by Fieldwatch.

Visit [www.beecheck.org](http://www.beecheck.org)

This system was developed for the many beekeepers throughout the country who are already familiar with a company called Fieldwatch. This system is available to beekeepers in California or to beekeepers who live anywhere in the U.S. and plan to bring their bees into California. Beecheck also interfaces with the CalAgPermits database. As an added feature, BeeCheck also has an App available for smart phones that allows beekeepers to automatically notify the county Ag Commissioner with the location of hives by dropping a pin whenever you relocate your bees. The "BeeCheck" App can be found in the App store on your iPhone, iPad or Android.



### Register at the county Ag Commissioner's office.

It's still possible to register in person at your county Ag Commissioner's office and to notify the Ag Commissioner when relocating your bees using phone or FAX. In this case, the county Ag Commissioner's office will enter your data onto the BeeCheck system so that your hives can be located by applicators via Cal Ag Permits.

## A FEW THINGS TO NOTE

Any of the above options to register is acceptable – it's just a matter of what you prefer.

Beekeepers who do not register and report the location of bees will be considered non-compliant with California regulations and may be subject to fines.

No one has access to information on the location of your beehives through BeeWhere except county Ag Commissioners.

Pesticide applicators are required by law to use the CalAgPermits system to check for nearby bees before they apply any pesticide that may be harmful to bees. This automated system can identify applicators who have failed to run a bee check report prior to application.

The goal of BeeWhere is to improve communications among beekeepers, farmers and pesticide businesses so your bees can be protected!

For more information, please visit [www.beewherecalifornia.com](http://www.beewherecalifornia.com).