

BeeWhere For

FARMERS



What farmers should KNOW:

Many California farmers rely on bees to produce crops. This means you share the responsibility of ensuring pollinators are adequately protected.

An internet-based system utilizing GIS mapping technology makes it easier for beekeepers, farmers and pesticide applicators 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 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.

California's BeeWhere system is an effective way of protecting pollinators and to comply with laws in California designed to protect bees.

What farmers should DO:

#1

Please make sure any beekeeper you hire to pollinate your crops is registered through the BeeWhere program.

#2

Provide beekeepers with information about BeeWhere. A handout explaining how beekeepers can register is available on the website of the California State Beekeepers Association at www.californiastatebeekeepers.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/BeeWhere-For-Beekeepers.pdf

#3

Make sure you and your pesticide applicator utilize the the BeeWhere system through CalAgPermits for planned pesticide applications during bloom to notify beekeepers who may have hives in the vicinity.

A handout explaining how pesticide applicators, growers and PCAs can utilize the CalAgPermits system to check for bees in the vicinity of a planned application is available on the website of the California State Beekeepers Association at www.californiastatebeekeepers.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/BeeWhere-For-Applicators.pdf

A FEW THINGS TO NOTE

The automated system used by CalAgPermits and BeeWhere will identify applicators who have failed to run a bee check report prior to application. Applicators may be held responsible for bee kills resulting from failure to comply with this requirement.

The goal of BeeWhere is to improve communications among beekeepers, farmers and pesticide businesses. 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.

For more information, please visit www.beewherecalifornia.com.