

Complete Beekeeping Short Course

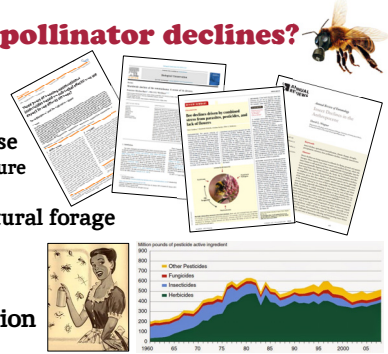
Part 17:

Final Thoughts on Keeping Honey Bees



what's causing pollinator declines?

- multiple factors
- habitat loss
 - changes in land use
 - intensive agriculture
 - urbanization
 - loss of diverse natural forage
- pathogens
- parasites
- pesticides & pollution



final thoughts...

- most people don't know much about bees
- as a beekeeper, educate them
 - bees are not dangerous if they are respected
 - bees are vital to our ecosystem & food supply
- you represent the industry
 - your bees
 - your honey
- *make us all look good!*



final thoughts...

- don't be overly dogmatic about your beekeeping
- honey bees are very adaptable
 - they often survive in spite of us, not because of us
- be a pragmatic beekeeper
 - find the methods that work best for you
- keep learning
 - our bees are happy to remind us that we don't know it all yet



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Any questions?

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