# **PROTECTING POLLINATORS FROM PESTICIDES**

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- Apply pesticides only when and where necessary. Use Integrated Pest Management, incorporating cultural, mechanical, and biological control methods wherever possible.
- Read and follow all product label instructions and requirements. Pay particular attention to the label precautions that indicate specific hazards to bees and other pollinators.
- Be aware of any bee hives in the area that could be affected by application.
  When spraying is necessary, notify beekeepers in advance, so that they can adequately protect bee hives.
- Use ground equipment instead of aircraft, especially near bee hives.



## Arkansas Pollinator Stewardship Program

This program seeks to minimize economic loss for both farmers and beekeepers by adequately managing row crop pests while minimizing impact of pesticides on honey bee colonies.

Cooperation and communication is encouraged among beekeepers, farmers and pesticide applicators.

The presence of the yellow and black Bee Aware flags will help to clearly identify locations where honey bees are located near crop areas.

For more information about this program or to obtain flags, contact:

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- Avoid application to crops in bloom where possible. If application is necessary, apply when bees are least likely to be actively foraging (after 3 p.m.).
- Reduce drift and avoid spraying onto non-target areas, including adjacent vegetation that may contain flowers attractive to bees.
- Where possible, leave a border of untreated vegetation between treated areas and areas where wildlife may be present.
- Store and dispose of all pesticides properly.
- If more than one pesticide can provide control, choose the least toxic product and formulation available.



### **Insecticidal Dusts**

 particles cling to bees with pollen grains, may be carried back to the hive and stored with food

#### **ULV Formulations**

highly concentrated, dangerous to bees

#### **Wettable Powders**

 often have longer residual activity than other spray formulations; longer REI for humans typically results in greater hazard for bees

#### **Emulsifiable Concentrates**

 usually have shorter residual toxicity for bees than wettable powders, safer for bees

#### Water Soluble Compounds

 generally safest type of spray, dries quickly leaving little residue to be picked up by bees; fine sprays are less dangerous than coarse droplets

#### Granules

 safest formulation for bees, not always suitable for all pest control situations



## **RELATIVE TOXICITY OF PESTICIDES TO HONEYBEES**

Group 1 – HIGHLY TOXIC. Severe bee losses should be expected if the following pesticides are used when bees are present, if the product is applied near bee hives or if bees forage in the application area within a day after treatment.

Abamectin (Avermectin, Agri-Mek) Acephate (Orthene) Aldicarb (AgLogic) Alpha-cypermethrin (Fastac) Azinphos-methly (Guthion) Beta-cyfluthrin (Baythroid XL, Tempo, Leverage) Bifenthrin (Brigade, Capture, Discipline) Carbaryl (Sevin) Carbofuran (Furadan) Chlorpyrifos (Dursban, Lorsban, Warhawk) Clothianidin (Belay, Poncho) Cyfluthrin (Decathlon, Tombstone) Cypermethrin (Ammo, Cymbush) Deltamethrin (Battalion, Centynal) Diazinon (Spectracide) Dicrotophos (Bidrin) Dimethoate (Dimate) Dinotefuran (Safari) Emamectin benzoate (Denim) Esfenvalerate (Asana XL, Adjourn) Fenpropathrin (Danitol, Tame) Fipronil (Regent, Taurus) Gamma-cyhalothrin (Declare, Proaxis) Imidacloprid (Admire, Advise, Alias, Couraze, Trimax, Wrangler) Indoxacarb (Steward, Avaunt) Lambda-cyhalothrin (Karate, Silencer, Warrior, Voliam) Malathion (Fyfanon) Methidathion (Supracide) Methiocarb (Mesurol) Methomyl (Lannate) Methoprene Methyl parathion (Penncap-M) Naled (Dibrom, Trumpet) Oxamyl (Vydate) Permethrin (Ambush, Pounce) Phorate (Thimet) Phosmet (Imidan) Pyrethrin Resmethrin (Scourge) Sulfoxaflor (Transform, Closer) Thiamethoxam (Adage, Centric, Endigo, Voliam) Zeta-cypermethrin (Mustang Maxx, Hero, Stallion)

Group 2 — MODERATELY TOXIC. These pesticides can be used in the vicinity of bees as long as dosage, timing, method of application and conditions are correct. These products should NEVER be applied directly on bees in the field or near bee colony locations (apiaries).

- Acetamiprid (Assail, Intruder, Strafer) Azadirachtin (Neemix, Ecozin) *Beauvaria bassiana* Bifenazate (Acramite, Floramite) Chlorfenapyr (Phantom, Pylon) Copper hydroxide (Kocide)(FUNGICIDE) Coumphaos (Co-Ral)
- Cyromazine (Trigard) Diatomaceous earth Disulfoton (Di-Syston) Endosulfan (Thionex) Ethoprop (Mocap) Fluvalinate (Mavrik) Horticultural oil

- Novaluron (Diamond) Primicarb Pymetrozine (Fulfill) Pyrethrum Spinetoram (Radiant) Spinosad (Blackhawk, Spintor, Tracer) Spirotetramat (Movento)
- Temephos (Abate) Terbufos (Counter) Thiacloprid (Calypso) Thiodicarb (Larvin)

Group 3 – RELATIVELY NONTOXIC. These pesticides can generally be used around bees with a minimum of injury provided that dosage, timing, and method are correct. NEVER apply pesticides directly to bee hives. Acaricides, Diseases, IGRs and Insecticides

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Aldoxycarb (Standak)	Dicofol (Kelthane)	Flubendiamide (Belt, Synapse)	Nucleopolyhedrovirus (Heligen)
Amitraz (Mitac)	Diflubenzuron (Dimlin)	Hexythiazox (Onager, Savey)	Propargite (Comite, Omite)
Bacillus thuringiensis (Biotrol, Javelin)	Etoxazole (Zeal)	Lime sulfur	Pyriproxyfen (Esteem, Knack)
B.t. tenebrionis	Fenbutatin-oxide (Vendex)	Metaldehyde bait	Rotenone
Chlorantraniliprole (Altacor, Coragen, Prevathon)	Fenproximate (Fujimite)	Methoxyfenozide (Intrepid)	Spiromesifen (Oberon)
Clofentezine (Apollo)	Flonicamid (Carbine, Beleaf)	Nosema locusate fungus (Canning)	Tebufenozide (Confirm)
		Fungicides	
Acibenzolar-S-methly (Actigard)	Copper sulfate-monohydrated	Mancozeb	Triphenyltin hydroxide (Super Tin)
Azoxystrobin (Quadris)	Cuprous oxide	Maneb (Manzate)	Ziram (Vancide)
Benomyl (Benlate)	Cymoxanil (Curzate 60DF)	Nabam (Parzate)	Zoxamide (Gavel, Zing)
Bordeaux mixture	Cyrodinil (Vangard WP)	Sulfur	
Captan	Fenhexamid (Elevate 50 WDG)	Thiram	
Copper 8-quinolate	Fluazinam (Omega 500F)	Trifloxystrobin (Flint, Stratego, Compass)	

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#### Herbicides, Defoliants, Desiccants and PGRs

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2,4-D 2,4-DB (Butyrac) Acetochlor Alachlor (Lasso) Ammonium sulfate Atrazine (Aatrex) Bentazon (Basagran) Bromacil (Hyvar) Clodinafop-propargyl (Discover) Cloproxydim (Select) Cloransulam-methyl (First-Rate) Cyanazine (Bladex) Cyhalofop-butyl (Clincher) Dicamba (Banvel) Dichlobenil (Casoron) Diflufenzopyr (Distinct) EPTC (Eptam) Ethephon (Prep) Ethalfluralin (Sonalan) Flufenacet (Axiom DF) Fluometuron (Cotoran) Flumioxazin (Valor) Fluridone (Brake, Sonar) Fluroxypyr (Starane EC) Fluthiacet-methly (Athem, Cadet) Foramsulfuron (Option) Glyphosate (Roundup) Imazapyr (Arsenal) Imazamox (Raptor) Isoxaflutole (Balance) Linuron (Lorox) MCPA (Bonide) Metribuzin (Sencor, Cloak) Mesotrione (Callisto) Paraquat Picloram (Tordon) Prohexadone calcium (Apogee PGR, Baseline) Prometryn (Caparol) Pronamide (Kerb) Propanil (Stam F-34) Quinclorac (Facet) S-metolachlor (Dual) Simazine (Princep) Sodium chlorate (Defol) Terbacil (Sinbar) Tribufos (Def, Folex) Trifluralin (Treflan)