



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



December 20, 2024

Why am I getting this letter?

You have been selected for the 2025 January Quarterly Colony Loss survey. Please complete and return the questionnaire at your earliest convenience. Your participation is important. As one of only 3,500 beekeepers receiving this survey, your response is vital to ensure accurate data about your industry are available.

You may receive an email reminder to complete your questionnaire. If we do not receive your completed questionnaire by Tuesday, **December 31**, we may contact you for an interview.

Data from this survey will:

- Allow beekeepers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other interested parties to analyze data on a state-by-state basis and compare specific quarterly losses, additions, and movements.
- Provide a statistical benchmark on honey bee colony numbers and death loss for comparison on an annual and quarterly basis.

We recommend you respond on the Respondent Portal at agcounts.usda.gov. On the Respondent Portal, you can complete your surveys, track upcoming surveys, access data visualizations and reports of interest, link to other USDA agencies, and more.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form. The *Honey Bee Colonies* report will be published on August 1, 2025, at nass.usda.gov.

Thank you for your participation and support of U.S. agriculture. For more information on this survey, visit nass.usda.gov/go/bees. If you have any questions or need assistance completing your questionnaire, please call 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

Lance Honig
Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Enclosure

What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



Online at agcounts.usda.gov. **Online reporting is fast and secure.** You just need your unique survey code on the enclosed form to begin. Some answers on your online questionnaire may be prefilled with information from previous NASS surveys of your operation.



By **mail or fax**. Complete the questionnaire and mail it back in the prepaid envelope provided or fax it to 855-415-3687.

