



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



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Why am I getting this letter?

Enclosed is your 2024 October Quarterly Colony Loss survey. Your participation is important. As one of only 3,500 beekeepers receiving this survey, your response is vital to ensure that accurate data about your industry are available. Please complete and return the questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

You may receive an email reminder. If we do not receive your completed questionnaire by **September 30**, we may contact you for an interview.

How will the data be used?

The data can be used by beekeepers and other interested parties to analyze data on a state-by-state basis and compare specific quarterly losses, additions, and movements. It also provides a statistical benchmark on honey bee colony numbers and death loss for comparison on an annual and quarterly basis.

We recommend that you respond online at agcounts.usda.gov. On the Respondent Portal, you can complete your survey, 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.** We will publish the data August 1, 2025, in the *Honey Bee Colonies* report at nass.usda.gov.

Thank you for your participation and support of U.S. agriculture. For more information about this survey, visit nass.usda.gov/go/bees. If you need assistance, please contact us at 888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

Lance Honig
Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board
National Agricultural Statistics Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

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 in your online questionnaire may be pre-filled 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.