

Pollinator Plan Update

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Pollinator Protection Plans

- ❖ Federal Pollinator Health Task Force est 2014.
- ❖ The bee hazard icon in the Directions for Use section of the label indicates added restrictions to protect bees.
- ❖ Restrictions proposed to prohibit pesticides that are toxic to bees from being sprayed during bloom and when bees are under contract.



Idaho Pollinator Protection Plan

- ❖ Purpose: To develop a voluntary guidance document with recommendations and links to help beekeepers, applicators and others explore suggestions on actions they can take to help protect pollinator health.
- ❖ The development committee consisted of more than 20 representatives from a variety of organizations.
- ❖ The draft plan is close to being completed.

Elements to Plan

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Factors influencing Pollinator Health
- ❖ State Rules affecting Pollinators
- ❖ Issues for growers, beekeepers, pesticide applicators.
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ BMPs for growers, beekeepers and applicators
- ❖ Supporting pollinator habitat and forage
- ❖ Links & references to support websites

Remaining tasks

- ❖ Once completed, the plan will be made available on the department's web site. Additionally, all organizations represented on the committee will also be requested to distribute to their members.
- ❖ Discussion regarding a GPS program, named FieldWatch was also started. The program is currently run in 14 states and allows applicators to search their treatment area for hive locations and also for other sensitive sites, such as organic crops.
- ❖ Currently exploring issues on privacy of data and whether participation would justify costs.

Recommendations or concerns

- ❖ If you have thoughts or concerns about the plan, please contact George Robinson at (208) 332-8531, or
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