

# Worldwide Loss of Bees, a Growing Concern

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# Summary

Over the past 15 years, honeybee populations have sharply declined, with over a million colonies vanishing yearly due to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). This endangers global food supplies, as bees are crucial for pollinating crops like almonds, apples, and citrus fruits. CCD results from factors like pesticides, parasites, diseases, and shifts in agricultural practices. Bumblebees, equally vital pollinators, face alarming declines, posing risks to plant reproduction and biodiversity. The USDA and EPA advocate a comprehensive approach, including habitat preservation, targeted pesticide use, and improved colony management, recognizing the pivotal role of bees not just for beekeeping profits, but also for sustaining food security in the U.S.

# Opinion & View

- **Importance of bees**
- Bees are essential for the ecosystem despite their annoyance to humans.
- Bees is importance not just for food but for overall biodiversity.
- Ensuring bees survival is essential for food security and agriculture.



- It discusses the alarming rate at which bee communities are disappearing worldwide, with Reuters reporting in 2012 that more than 1 million bee communities disappear each year.
- Bee populations have been decreasing due to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), a mystery condition caused by chemicals, parasites, illnesses, land development, and farming methods.
- Not only honeybees however bumblebees are disappearing, and this pervasive loss of pollinators is causing scientists to be worried.



# Conclusion

- Worldwide loss of bees is a growing concern due to various factors.
- Main causes of bee loss include Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), pesticides, parasites, and disease.
- There is no single solution; a combination of approaches is necessary.
- These approaches include habitat enhancement, targeted pesticide use, improved colony management techniques, and breeding disease and pest-resistant bee stocks.
- Actions to combat bee loss include planting bee-friendly gardens, reducing pesticide use, and supporting beekeepers.



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