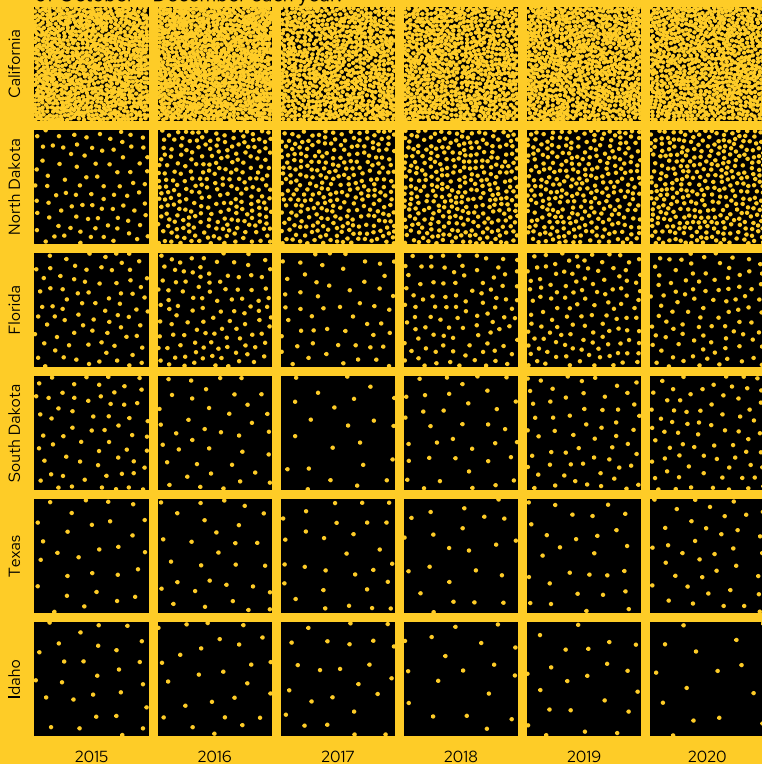


## Bee colony losses in the United States

Bees are vital for the preservation of ecological balance and biodiversity in nature. Bee populations are rapidly declining around the world due to habitat loss, pollution and the use of pesticides, among other factors. The number of points in each square represents the number of bee colonies that exist during the months of October - December each year.



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