Tier 6 Survey Questionnaire:

Honey Bee Availability for California Almonds

1. How many colonies did you place in almond orchards this year?
2. How many colonies did you place in almonds last year?
3. How many more colonies could you have placed this year?
4. If an additional almond orchard with 100 acres needed bees from you this past season, would you have been able to supply those bees?
5. How many of the colonies you placed were not graded?
6. What was the average number of colonies you placed per acre?
7. What was the highest number of colonies you placed per acre?
8. What was the lowest number of colonies you placed per acre?
9. What was the average number of colonies you placed per acre last year?
10. How many different beekeepers (including yourself) did you place colonies for this year?
11. How many different almond growers did you place colonies for this year?
12. How many beekeepers that you broker for (including yourself) had difficulty meeting the number of colonies they committed for pollination?
13. How many colonies, that were committed for pollination, were you and/or those beekeepers you broker for short?
14. What was the average grade of the colonies you placed?
15. What was the average price you received per placed colony?
16. What was the lowest price received?
17. What was the highest price received?
18. Do you have any contracts that charge almond growers on a per frame basis or financially reward beekeepers for providing high grade colonies? Yes or no. Please explain
19. For how many years have you been using contracts that reward beekeeper for providing high grade colonies?
20. What percentage of the hives that you broker for are managed year round in California exclusively?