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## Managed Pollinator CAP Coordinated Agricultural Project

A National Research and Extension Initiative to Reverse Pollinator Decline



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# Protection of Managed Bees CAP

- 17 institutions
- 14 land-grants, one 1890 school, 2 ARS labs

21 collaborators
7.3 research FTEs
4.5 extension FTEs
Trained and published in epidemiology, virology, pathology, ecology, toxicology, bee biology

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# 4 goals

- 1. Determine and mitigate causes of CCD
- 2. Incorporate resistance traits and increase genetic diversity

 Improve conservation and management of non-*Apis* bees
 Deliver research knowledge to client groups

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Weekly Honey Bee Mortality



### Survival Curve of Hive 2



# Stationary Apiary Monitoring Scheme

- 7 states
- 30 colonies
- All same queens
- New woodenware, waxcoated plastic foundation (cappings wax)
- No chemical inputs

## Monthly

- Colony strength
- Nurse bees for virus
- Foragers for Nosema, pesticides, and TMs
- Varroa (sugar shake)
- Native bees around apiary for pathogens and pesticides
   <u>Weekly (from 5)</u>
- Pollen for pesticides





### Colony prevalence of mixed infections

	ME	MN	PA	ΤХ	WA
No virus	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
ALL BQC, DWV, IAP, SB)*	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%
BQC, DWV, IAP	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
BQC, DWV, SB	60%	50%	25%	0%	30%
BQC, DWV	16%	29%	45%	5%	20%
BQC, SB	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%
DWV, IAP	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DWV, SB	4%	7%	10%	9%	27%
BQC	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
DW	0%	11%	20%	86%	17%

Drummond, Ellis J., Ostiguy, Spivak, Aronstein, Sheppard, Visscher, in prep

### Synergism ratios comparing medial lethal doses (LD<sub>50</sub>)



Johnson, M. Ellis, et al., in prep

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