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Over the last several decades declines in pollinator populations, especially those of wild bees and other insects, have raised awareness of the economic impact pollination services have for crop production. This awareness and concern was heightened by an ongoing loss of millions of managed honey bee colonies since the early 1950s. Colonies are used predominantly for pollination services in fruit and vegetable crops. During 2007, an unusually large overwintering loss in colonies that was not characterized by the presence of dead bees was termed colony collapse disorder (CCD), a syndrome in which hives lacked sufficient worker caste bees to maintain the queen and brood. Potential factors hypothesized to be associated with CCD include parasite infestations (e.g., Varroa mite) and pathogen infections (Nosema spp. fungus and viruses), insecticide exposure (especially to the neonicotinoid class), and poor nutrition owing to a reduction in landscape areas containing high quality floral resources. Although no one stressor has been definitively associated with CCD,

possible interactions among them have only recently been studied. Of particular interest are possible interactions of *Nosema* spp. with neonicotinoid insecticide exposure. The main objective of this dissertation was an examination of these potential interactions using a combination of literature analysis, empirical study of *Nosema* infection prevalence in adult bees, and simulation modeling of the combined effects of several stressors on worker population abundance. After the introduction, the dissertation is divided into four chapters addressing the following objectives: (1) Comparison of regulatory procedures for risk assessment of insecticides potentially impacting honey bees in the United States and in the European Union; (2) Analysis of published literature that document potential interactions between bee pathogens, parasites, and neonicotinoid insecticide residues; (3) Analysis of field-collected apiary bees for prevalence of *Nosema* spores in association with land uses and the presence of neonicotinoid residues; (4) Use of the honey bee colony model BEEHAVE to predict colony collapse in the presence of pathogens and insecticide-induced mortality. Results of the various analyses suggest a need for modifying risk assessment procedures to include the interaction of pesticide residues with parasite/pathogen stressors.

Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) in Honey Bees The Ohio State University

Hearing to review the status of pollinator health including colony collapse disorder : hearing before the Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture of the Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives, One Hundred Tenth Congress, second session, June 26, 2008.

Review Colony Collapse Disorder in Honey Bee Colonies Across the United States Rowman & Littlefield

Starting in late 2006, commercial migratory bee-keepers along the East Coast of the United States began reporting sharp declines in their honey bee colonies. Because of the severity and unusual circumstances of these colony declines, scientists named this phenomenon colony collapse disorder (CCD). Reports indicate that bee-keepers in most states have been affected. Overall, the number of managed honey bee colonies dropped an estimated 35.8% and 31.8% in the winters of 2006-2008, and 28.6% in 2009. To date, the precise reasons for colony losses are not yet known. Honey bees are the most economically valuable pollinators of agricultural crops world-wide. Scientists at universities and the USDA frequently assert that bee pollination is involved in about one-third of the U.S. diet, and contributes to the production of a wide range of fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, forage crops, some field crops, and other specialty crops. The monetary value of honey bees as commercial pollinators in the U.S. is estimated at \$1520 billion annually. This book provides an overview of the importance of honey bee pollination to U.S. agricultural production and the extent and symptoms of CCD and how it differs from previous honey bee colony losses. Also discussed are the policy options and actions that Congress has taken to address this issues.

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Frequently-asked Questions about Honeybees and Colony Collapse Disorder DIANE Publishing

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Environmental ScienceBites John Wiley and Sons
Collection of US Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service websites related to issues concerning threats to honeybee colonies.

Colony Collapse and the Economic Consequences of Bee Disease Wings Press

The United States Government Printing Office (GPO) was created in June 1860, and is an agency of the U.S. federal government based in Washington D.C. The office prints documents produced by and for the federal government, including Congress, the Supreme Court, the Executive Office of the President and other executive departments, and independent agencies. A hearing is a meeting of the Senate, House, joint or certain Government committee that is open to the public so that they can listen in on the opinions of the legislation. Hearings can also be held to explore certain topics or a current issue. It typically takes between two months up to two years to be published. This is one of those hearings.

Honey Bees and Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) CLAIRVIEW BOOKS

From the Publisher: A century after the birth of Rachel Carson, the world faces a new environmental disaster, from a chemical similar to DDT. This time the culprit appears to be IMD, or imidacloprid, a relatively new but widely used insecticide in the United States. Many beekeepers and researchers blame IMD for Colony Collapse Disorder, which has wiped out 23% of America's beehives. Even trace amounts make bees unable to fly back to their hive. Since honeybees are essential to the production of most major food crops, their demise could spell catastrophe. In a riveting, scientific/political detective story, Michael Schacker examines the evidence and offers a plan to save the bees. Like *An Inconvenient Truth* and *Silent Spring*, *A Spring without Bees* is both a powerful cautionary tale and a call to action.

Bees in Peril Honey Bee Colony Collapse Disorder

This book summarizes the current progress of bee researchers investigating the status of honey bees and possible reasons for their decline, providing a basis for establishing management methods that maintain colony health. Integrating discussion of Colony Collapse Disorder, the chapters provide information on the new microsporidian *Nosema ceranae* pathogens, the current status of the parasitic bee mites, updates on bee viruses, and the effects these problems are having on our important bee pollinators. The text also presents methods for diagnosing diseases and includes color illustrations and tables.

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The Economic Effect of Colony Collapse Disorder BiblioGov

An essential guide to the health care of honey bees *Honey Bee Medicine for the Veterinary Practitioner* offers an authoritative guide to honey bee health and hive management. Designed for veterinarians and other professionals, the book presents information useful for answering commonly asked questions and for facilitating hive examinations. The book covers a wide range of topics including basic husbandry, equipment and safety, anatomy, genetics, the diagnosis and management of disease. It also includes up to date information on Varroa and other bee pests, introduces honey bee pharmacology and toxicology, and addresses native bee ecology. This new resource: Offers a guide to veterinary care of honey bees Provides information on basic husbandry, examination techniques, nutrition, and more Discusses how to successfully handle questions and 'hive calls' Includes helpful photographs, line drawings, tables, and graphs Written for veterinary practitioners, veterinary students, veterinary technicians, scientists, and apiarists, *Honey Bee Medicine for the Veterinary Practitioner* is a comprehensive and practical book on honey bee health.

Hearing to Review the Status of Pollinator Health Including Colony Collapse Disorder Harper Collins

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single most detrimental pest of honey bees, and is closely associated with overwintering colony declines. Multiple virus species have been associated with CCD. *Varroa* is known to cause amplified levels of viruses. The bacterial disease European foulbrood is being detected more often in the U.S. and may be linked to colony loss. Nutrition has a major impact on individual bee and colony longevity. Research indicates that gut microbes associated with honey bees play key roles in enhancement of nutrition, detoxification of chemicals, and protection against diseases. Acute and sublethal effects of pesticides on honey bees have been increasingly documented, and are a primary concern. Further tier 2 (semi-field conditions) and tier 3 (field conditions) research is required to establish the risks associated with pesticide exposure to U.S. honey bee declines in general. The most pressing pesticide research questions lie in determining the actual field-relevant pesticide exposure bees receive and the effects of pervasive exposure to multiple pesticides on bee health and productivity of whole honey bee colonies. Long-term cryopreservation of honey bee semen has been successfully developed and provides the means for long-term preservation of "top-tier" domestic honey bee germplasm for breeding. Genetic variation improves bee thermoregulation, disease resistance and worker productivity. Genomic insights from sequencing the honey bee genome are now widely used to understand and address major questions of breeding, parasite interactions, novel controls (e.g., RNAi), and management to make bees less stressed and more productive.

Colony Collapse Disorder of Honey Bees John Wiley & Sons

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The fast and easy way to start and maintain a hive Beekeeping For Dummies is a practical, step-by-step beginner's guide to beekeeping. It gives you plain-English guidance on everything you need to know to start your own beehive, from buying the right equipment, sourcing bees, and locating your hive to maintaining a healthy colony and harvesting honey. Plus, you'll get the latest information on the causes and effects of bee disease, colony collapse disorder, and the impact the sudden disappearance of the honeybee has on our environment and economy. Here, you'll get trusted information on beekeeping in the UK, specifically written to address climate, buying equipment, locating hives, the local impact of colony collapse disorder and ways to avoid or minimise the risk to your hive, seasonal beekeeping tasks, local beekeeping associations, and updated content on urban beekeeping. Understand the anatomy of your bees Learn techniques and tips for harvesting, bottling, packaging, and selling honey Discover the benefits of beekeeping Learn techniques on obtaining and hiving your bees If you're a beginner beekeeper, taking a beekeeping course, or just have an interest in the plight of the honeybee, Beekeeping For Dummies has you covered!

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A Spring Without Bees

This book was written by undergraduate students at The Ohio State University (OSU) who were enrolled in the class Introduction to Environmental Science. The chapters describe some of Earth's major environmental challenges and discuss ways that humans are using cutting-edge science and engineering to provide sustainable solutions to these problems. Topics are as diverse as the students, who represent virtually every department, school and college at OSU. The environmental issue that is described in each chapter is particularly important to the author, who hopes that their story will serve as inspiration to protect Earth for all life.

Colony Collapse Disorder

In Autumn 2006 an unnerving phenomenon hit the United States: honeybees were mysteriously disappearing from hives across the nation, with beekeepers reporting losses of between 30 and 90 per cent of their entire colonies. The problem soon spread to parts of Europe and even Asia, earning the name Colony Collapse Disorder. To this day nobody is absolutely sure why it is happening and what the exact causes are. However, in 1923 Rudolf Steiner, a scientist, philosopher and social innovator, predicted that bees would die out within 100 years if they were to be reproduced using only artificial methods. Startlingly, and worryingly, his prediction appears to be coming true. Queen of The Sun, What Are the Bees Telling Us? is a companion book to the critically-acclaimed film of the same name. Compiled by the film's director Taggart Siegel, it makes a profound examination of the global bee crisis through the eyes of biodynamic and organic beekeepers, scientists, farmers, philosophers and poets. Revealing the mysterious world of the beehive and the complex social community of bees, the book unveils millennia of beekeeping, highlighting our historic and sacred relationship with bees, and how this is being compromised by highly-mechanized and intensive agro-industrial practices. The bees are messengers and their disappearance is a resounding wake-up call for humanity! With full colour, stunning photography throughout, this engaging, alarming but ultimately uplifting anthology begins with an account of how Siegel's film came to be made. It continues with a wealth of articles, interviews and poems that offer unique philosophical and spiritual insights. Besides investigating many contributory causes of Colony Collapse Disorder, the book offers remedies as well as hope for the future. Queen of the Sun features contributions from Taggart Siegel, Jon Betz, David Heath, Gunther Hauk, Horst Kornberger, Jennifer Kornberger, Jacqueline Freeman, Johannes Wirz, Kerry Grefig, Michael Thiele, Raj Patel, Vandana Shiva, Jeffery Smith and Matthew Barton. These compelling voices signal a growing movement striving to found a culture fully in balance with nature.

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