

BEES are the most important pollinators in the world.

they affect 35% of the world's crops

why we have such a diverse variety of foods

are responsible for one out of every three bites we eat

they pollinate more than 100 types of crops in the U.S.

they are especially important to the reproduction of alfalfa, which feed grazing animals

pollination is worth over \$10 billion to U.S. crops



80%

of all flowering plant species need to be pollinated in order to survive



Since the 1990's, honey bee populations have been decreasing. It's alarming enough to be given a name,

Colony Collapse DISORDER

Beekeepers theorize that the decline is due to a number of factors including PATHOGENS, LOSS OF CROP DIVERSITY and increased exposure to systemic PESTICIDES.

HONEY Nature's Energy Booster BEES

Honey bees communicate with each other by "dancing", they do a dance which alerts other bees where nectar and pollen is located. The dance explains direction and distance. Bees also use pheromones to communicate.



It takes two million flowers for honey bees to make one pound of honey

How can you help



Buy organic to support bee friendly forage



Plant bee-friendly fruits and flowers to provide forage for honey bees



Eliminate the use of pesticides in your garden and lawn at home



Shop with companies that have donated funds to support bees, look for a "Share the Buzz" sign in the stores

Honey bees don't sleep. Technically, they take mini cat naps. During the day they work in the field collecting nectar, pollen, water, etc. Then at night they work on the hives, building new combs and repairing old ones.