

We want **YOU** to participate in the National Honey Bee Disease Survey!

We are looking for a diverse group of beekeepers from stationary backyard hobbyists to large, migratory commercial operations — **we will sample your bees for free!**

The National Honey Bee Disease Survey (NHBS) is a federally funded, nation-wide honey bee survey that is a joint effort by US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and the University of Maryland Honey Bee Research Lab. This survey has been conducted since 2010 and participation is voluntary. Approximately 40 states participate each year.

The survey aims to monitor the US bee population for:

- Invasive pests and pathogens
- *Varroa*, *Nosema*, viral, and bacterial diseases
- Pesticide residues in wax

The Survey helps keep a pulse on the nation's bees. Through NHBS, we can stay informed and responsive to emerging threats and outbreaks which pose threats to our bees. By participating, you receive *cost-free disease results* and contribute to scientific research on honey bee health.

Eligibility: To participate, you must have at least 8 colonies in one yard.

Longitudinal sampling : For some lucky participants, we will sample your colonies *twice* (giving you twice the results) to better understand how your colony health changes through the season. We need at least 8 stationary colonies which will be sampled early in the season and again later in the season. *As a bonus*, we will conduct pesticide residue analysis from a small wax sample.

For more information on participation:

- reach out to your state apiary inspector
- email nhbs@umd.edu
- view frequently asked questions at beeinformed.org/APHIS



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