

Spring is here:
Time to Plant.
(For Honey Bees)

Honey Bee Garden

Honey bees play an important role in our eco-system, their role as pollinators allows for greater plant diversification & food abundance. In this sense, honey bees are vital to our human existence.

Recently people have begun to ask, "Where have all the Honey Bees gone?" A great question & one that concerns beekeepers, fruit & vegetable growers & consumers alike. Rapid changes in agriculture, urban development, world trade and industry have had a serious effect on the environment in which we find ourselves today. Honey bees & other pollinators are struggling to adapt to all these changes.

Beekeepers & bee researchers continue to investigate the problems honey-bees face. A greater awareness & participation by all is needed if we are going to protect our bees & our food.

Honey Bees & other beneficial insects or birds are important for your garden. Pollination is key to plant diversity & good fruit growth.

What can you do to help in BIG ways:

- ◆ Plant a native species garden that attracts honey bees & other beneficial pollinators.
- ◆ Scatter seeds for bees in unplowed open areas, ditches, woodland & wetlands.
- ◆ Use organic or heirloom seeds, bulbs or seedlings .
- ◆ Buy your honey, meat & produce from local growers.
- ◆ Discourage & do not use inorganic pest control.



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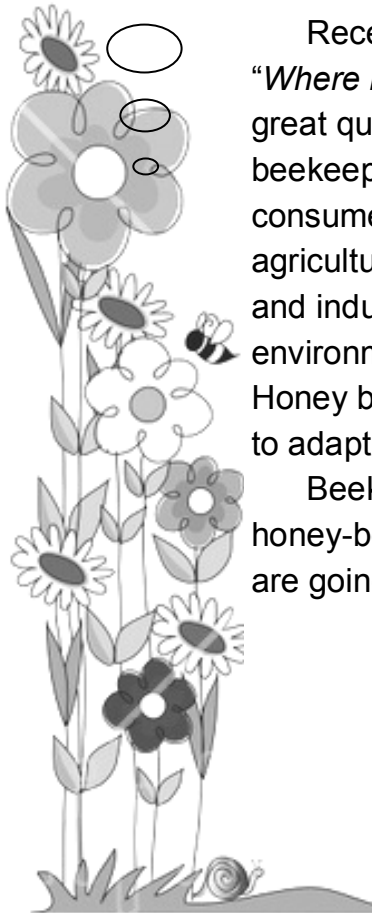
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