

Vermont Pollinator Protection Committee
@ Montpelier
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**Pollinator Protection Plans:
Provision of
Act 83 / H.539 (2016)**

Vermont Agency of Agriculture

Act 83 – Section 1 (d)

Powers & Duties:

The Pollinator Protection Committee shall:

(8) Develop a State pollinator protection plan using the framework and critical elements from the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Pollinator Protection Plan guidance.

So Where Did This Framework Come From?

Federal Pollinator Policy



- Presidential Memo - June 2014

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/06/20/presidential-memorandum-creating-federal-strategy-promote-health-honey-b>

- Executive Branch Pollinator Health Task Force
Chaired By USDA & EPA

(Applies to All Federal Agencies)

- State Pollinator Plan Team (Requested By EPA)
*National Team of FIFRA State Lead Agencies
Agriculture & Environmental Depts.
(June 2014 – Feb 2015)*

- Final Federal Strategy/Policy
May 2015

Purpose & Scope

Pollinator Protection Plan Guidance

1. Identify Critical & Recommended Elements
2. Build/Expand On Existing State Plans
3. Establish Communication Framework
Create Stakeholder Groups
4. Define Types of Pollinators
“Managed, Native (Wild) and/or Contracted”
5. State Specific Flexibility

Pollinator Protection Plans

Critical Elements

1. Create Stakeholder Participation

Beekeepers & Growers As Agricultural Partners

2. Notification & Communication

A) Method(s) To Know If Pollinators Near Treatment Sites?

B) Method(s) To Identify And Contact Beekeepers?

3. Design Practices To Minimize Risks To Bees

State/Crop Specific Practices

4. Public Outreach & Education

5. Periodic Review and Updates

6. Methods To Evaluate Effectiveness *(EPA Deal Breaker/Must Have)*

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Optional/Recommended Elements

1. Communication With Crop Advisors & Extension

2. Crop-Specific or Site-Specific Plans

3. Methods For Agreements

Between Beekeepers, Growers And Land Owners
Financial & Non-Financial Deals

Additional Topics:

4. Lack of Apiary Inspectors

5. Urban Hives and Non-Ag Pesticide Uses

6. Strategy for Hives Without Identified Owners

State Pollinator Protection Plans

Other Ideas ?

What Is / Will Be Your Role?

