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A Modern Bee-farm and Its Economic Management Vintage Canada
The natural history of bees, directions for obtaining the greatest amount of pure surplus honey with the least possible expense. Remedies for losses given, and the science of "Luck" fully illustrated. The result of more than thirty years' experience in extensive apiaries.

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Why anyone can turn their love for beekeeping into more than a satisfying hobby (including a business in your backyard) Are you looking for a way to reconnect with nature in this stressful world? Have you been thinking of finding a unique, fascinating hobby, or a new way of income? Do the news of the decline in bees' populations terrify you? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, then beekeeping is just the perfect match for you. The shelves of grocery stores are filled with overly processed, sweet liquid that can't really be called "honey". With your own little apiary, you can have direct access to top-quality honey and bee products, all of which have astonishing health benefits. Furthermore, you can help save the planet. Bees have been around for 100 million years, but recently their populations have decreased rapidly: ●by 40% in the US since 2006 ●by 25% in Europe since 1985 ●by 45% in the UK since 2010 The Food and Agriculture Organization predicts that if the trend continues, by 2035 the common honeybee might disappear. Why not aid the issue by taking care of a couple of colonies? Even though it might sound intimidating at first, starting your journey into beekeeping can go smoothly and quickly. This book will provide you with the knowledge you need to launch a sustainable, healthy bee sanctuary...and turn it into a successful business if you want to. Follow the footsteps of start like Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman, Bruce Springsteen, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Michelle Obama and become a treasured carer for those precious pollinators, even without any previous experience. Thanks to "Advanced Beekeeping", you will discover: ●The full spectrum of bee products and their unique health benefits ●8 simple tips to raising your bees in the most natural way ●Answers to 10 most common questions about biodynamic beekeeping, and how to implement it in 6 easy steps ●Tools and techniques for providing your bees with the best housing there is ●How to provide a healthy, stress-free environment for bees with the help of nature ●How to keep your bee colonies happy and safe without interfering with their natural strategies ●Secrets of preparing simple and effective medicines and cosmetics using everything your little friends will have to offer ●8 proven steps that will help you start earning money from beekeeping And much more. But wait, you may think, I don't have a sprawling ranch for all the hives. Don't worry – you don't need one. You can easily and safely have a couple of beehives in your backyard, on your roof or on your balcony. Beekeeping is not just for those with swathes of land and hundreds of colonies. Whether you want some premium quality bee products for yourself, or you want to turn it into a small business, this book will help you get a jumpstart into beekeeping. With everything from the very basics to creating a goldmine of a business plan, this book is a must-have for you if you too are dreaming of starting your very own apiary. You too can feel the buzz of excitement when you join the ranks of the planet's heroes. Just click "Add to cart" above and start your beekeeping adventure.

Honey Bees and Intestinal Disease Chronos Publishing LLC
Varroa destructor mites are the greatest challenge facing modern beekeepers. There are a variety of treatment and monitoring methods available, however, they are variable in efficacy, ease of application, and seasonality of application. In particular, many chemical options can only be used when honey intended for human consumption is not present. There is need for new treatments that can be used by beekeepers in late summer when harvestable honey is present. Known insecticidal properties of a C8910 fatty acid blend suggested that it may be a viable pesticide for controlling Varroa mites that can be used during the summer. Acute contact bioassays showed that the C8910 blend had a sufficient margin of safety to bees, however, the C8910 blend was not effective at controlling mites in full-sized colonies. Even though chemical options are essential for preventing colony loss, many beekeepers still choose not to treat with chemical products. It is essential to determine what drives beekeeping decisions in order to create new products that will be utilized by beekeepers. Survey results showed that there are distinctive differences between hobbyist and sideline beekeepers with regards to management methods used and factors used to make management decisions. Hobbyists beekeepers in Ohio used more treatment and monitoring methods that are time-intensive, such as powdered sugar shakes and drone brood removal, than semi-professional sideline beekeepers suggesting that factors pertaining to ease of application may be driving beekeeping decisions by beekeepers managing a larger number of colonies. Hobbyist beekeepers also used more methods that show little effectiveness (screened bottom boards and drone brood removal), suggesting that treatment decisions may be influenced by years of beekeeping experience. "Is organic" was the least important factor to both beekeeper groups. Additionally, "effective at killing mites" was the most important factor to both groups. Contrary to popular belief this suggests that beekeepers value effectiveness over product origin and therefore new products do not need to be organic to be utilized by beekeepers.

Varroa Mite Control in Honey Bee Colonies Mysteries of Bee-keeping ExplainedMysteries of Bee-keeping Explained : Being a Complete Analysis of the Whole SubjectFarmers' BulletinInfluence of Landscape Composition, Landscape Diversity, and Conservation Management on Bee Health Via a Pollen Nutrition MechanismBees are the most important pollinators in agricultural systems, with honey bees (Apis mellifera L.) in particular providing the majority of pollination services on commercial farms. However, due to interacting stressors including lack of nutrition and disease, honey bees and other bee species are experiencing elevated loss rates compared to historical records. Access to abundant, high quality, continuous nutrition in the landscape has been suggested as a means of promoting bee health. To test this, I studied honey bee and bumble bee colonies in 12 apiaries that ranged in land cover composition of the surrounding forage landscape. Honey bee colony cluster size and brood area at the end of the summer were most closely related to post-spring pollination colony size and other colony-level variation, whereas bumble bee colony weight, gyne and drone production were related to surrounding land covers. This demonstrates the importance of accounting for potentially confounding honey bee colony variation in landscape-scale studies. To determine if diversity of land covers affected honey bee pollen foraging and colony size, I also measured honey bee colony size and incoming pollen at 12 apiaries located within landscapes of differing land cover diversity, and found that the relationship between land cover diversity, incoming pollen quantity and colony cluster size changed over time. This suggests that land cover diversity alone is insufficient for predicting patterns in honey bee landscape nutrition studies in this region. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land may include flowering, herbaceous species in seed mixes, but in states such as Michigan with abundant forage in unmanaged habitats, it is unclear if CRP investments have unique floral composition, and foraging by honey bees and wild bees. I assessed floral composition and bee visitation on CRP land as compared to analogous unmanaged fields and roadside ditches in 31 triplicate sites. Floral abundance, species richness, native flower abundance, and inflorescence coverage were all higher on CRP land, as were honey bee and wild bee visitation, indicating that herbaceous CRP promotes bee foraging through unique floral composition, namely floral density. By assessing the quantity and quality of incoming pollen at apiaries while concurrently surveying floral communities in nearby grassy-herbaceous forage habitat, I found that crude protein in collected pollen decreased throughout the summer, concurrent with decreasing floral richness and abundance. This suggests pollinator plantings should include protein-rich, late-blooming species in their seed mixes. Because nutrition is closely tied to disease in

honey bees, supplementing protein may promote recovery from diseases such as European foulbrood. To compare different approaches to managing this disease, European foulbrood-infected colonies were treated with traditional antibiotics, antibiotics with a soy-based protein supplements, soy-based supplement alone, pollen-based supplement, probiotics, or left untreated. There was no significant difference among non-antibiotic treatments in post-treatment recovery speed or nurse bee physiology, suggesting these supplemental feeding treatments and probiotics provide no treatment benefits for European foulbrood. Based on this research, accounting for colony-level variation is essential in honey bee landscape studies. Adding pollinator conservation habitat with an increased emphasis on late-season, protein-rich pollen species in seed mixes can benefit honey bees and wild bee species. This work provides new insights into the effects of landscapes on honey bee and wild bee foraging, nutrition and health by examining different aspects of these indirect relationships.The Treatment of Bee DiseasesMysteries of Bee-Keeping ExplainedHardcover reprint of the original 1859 edition - beautifully bound in brown cloth covers featuring titles stamped in gold, 8vo - 6x9". No adjustments have been made to the original text, giving readers the full antiquarian experience. For quality purposes, all text and images are printed as black and white. This item is printed on demand. Book Information: Quinby, M. (Moses). Mysteries Of Bee-Keeping Explained: Being A Complete Analysis Of The Whole Subject; Consisting Of The Natural History Of Bees, Directions For Obtaining The Greatest Amount Of Pure Surplus Honey With The Least Possible Expense, Remedies For Losses Given, And The Science Of Luck Fully Illustrated. Indiana: Repressed Publishing LLC, 2012. Original Publishing: Quinby, M. 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Assessment of Toxicity of Almond Insecticide-fungicide-adjuvant Treatments Applied on Adult Honey Bees at Field Relevant Concentrations John Wiley & Sons

An insulated indoor wintering facility was built to accommodate up to five hundred and twenty single brood chamber hives. The building contained four separate chambers, each individually heated and ventilated. Two hundred and twenty-five colonies were prepared and wintered indoors; seventy-five colonies in each of the three chambers during the winter of 1976-77. A variety of treatments were used to test the effects of colony size, time of requeening, and food supplies on winter survival of honey bee colonies. Data were collected on colony weight loss and colony mortality during the winter. Treatment did not have a significant effect on mortality. There was no significant difference in morality among the six treatments performed. There were significant differences in weight loss among the treatments and groups prepared. Differences were attributed to treatment and indoor conditions caused by the building construction and position of the hives within the building. Comparisions were made between indoor wintered colonies, outdoor wintered colonies, and package bee colonies in the following spring and summer of 1977 on the basis of brood production, adult population and honey production... Outdoor wintered colonies had the highest brood production, largest adult populations and produced the most honey... Samples of adult bees were taken from indoor wintered colonies, outdoor wintered colonies and package bee colonies during the spring and summer and were analyzed for Nosema disease. Indoor wintered colonies were found to have substantially higher levels of Nosema disease than outdoor or package colonies during the early spring. The level of Nosema disease decreased dramatically as the season progressed.

Influence of Landscape Composition, Landscape Diversity, and Conservation Management on Bee Health Via a Pollen Nutrition Mechanism Princeton University Press

An incomparable illustrated look at the critical role bees play in the life of our planet Bees pollinate more than 130 fruit, vegetable, and seed crops that we rely on to survive. Bees are crucial to the reproduction and diversity of flowering plants, and the economic contributions of these irreplaceable insects measure in the tens of billions of dollars each year. Yet bees are dying at an alarming rate, threatening food supplies and ecosystems around the world. In this richly illustrated natural history of the bee, Noah Wilson-Rich and his team of bee experts provide a window into the vitally important role that bees play in the life of our planet. Earth is home to more than 20,000 bee species, from fluorescent-colored orchid bees and sweat bees to flower-nesting squash bees and leaf-cutter bees. This book takes an incomparable look at this astounding diversity, blending an engaging narrative with practical, hands-on discussions of such topics as beekeeping and bee health. It explores our relationship with the bee over evolutionary time, delving into how it came to be, where it stands today, and what the future holds for humanity and bees alike. Provides an accessible, illustrated look at the human–bee relationship over time Features a section on beekeeping and handy go-to guides to the identification, prevention, and treatment of honey bee diseases Covers bee evolution, ecology, genetics, and physiology Includes a directory of notable bee species Presents a holistic approach to bee health, including organic and integrated pest management techniques Shows what you can do to help bee populations

An Introduction To Apitherapy BoD – Books on Demand

Pollinators are integral to modern agricultural productivity and the continued survival and vitality of natural ecosystems. However, recent declines in pollinator populations and species diversity threaten both food security and the architecture of natural habitats. Due to their vital role in agriculture, honey bees (Apis mellifera) have served as a model organism for investigating the alarming and widespread diminution of pollinator populations. Indeed, surveys from both North America and Europe report large annual colony losses. Parasites along with chemical exposure, poor nutrition, climate change and habitat destruction are frequently cited as leading causes of colony loss. Honey bee colonies are assaulted by a battery of bacterial, fungal and viral pathogens in addition to other parasitic arthropods including mites and beetles. Novel, cost-effective disease management practices are desperately needed to preserve colony health. Basic studies investigating honey bee immunity and disease pathology lay the groundwork for developing efficacious diagnostic tools and treatments. Here, we present a series of studies characterizing honey bee immunity and the molecular, physiological and behavioral responses of honey bees to two important fungal pathogens, Nosema apis and Nosema ceranae. Chapter 1 reviews the current state of research on these prevalent and destructive disease agents and highlights future studies that are needed to develop effective management practices. Chapter 2 investigates worker honey bee genomic responses to general immune stimulation. Findings from these experiments provide a contextual framework for Chapter 3's studies, which characterize worker honey bee genomic responses to infection with Nosema parasites and offer a molecular model for explaining previously documented disease symptoms. Chapter 4 investigates drone (male) honey bee molecular, physiological and behavioral responses to Nosema infection and underscores potential caste-specific responses to infection that have larger implications for colony fitness. Finally, Chapter 5 summarizes novel findings from this dissertation, integrates results with current scientific literature and discusses the future of Nosema management.

Effects of Pesticide Exposure on Honey Bee Health Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

The microsporidian parasite Nosema ceranae has been suggested as a contributing factor to high wintering losses of Apis mellifera that have occurred in recent years. However, the degree to which N. ceranae affects colony loss remains inconclusive. This thesis presents a mathematical model for N. ceranae infection in a colony of honey bees. As an extension to previous models, we consider food storage dynamics, seasonal parameter variation and N. ceranae transmission to be dependent on an environmental reservoir of infectious spores. We will study the effect of N. ceranae infection on honey bee population size and honey yield over a ten year period. The model is extended to include treatment with the antimicrobial fumagillin that is applied in the fall, spring, or a combined spring and fall treatment. Finally, we perform basic profit analyses to determine if an optimal supplementary sugar feeding and treatment strategy can be found.

Mysteries of Bee-Keeping Explained CRC Press

Pollinators-insects, birds, bats, and other animals that carry pollen from the male to the female parts of flowers for plant reproduction-are an essential part of natural and agricultural ecosystems throughout North America. For example, most fruit, vegetable, and seed crops and some crops that provide fiber, drugs, and fuel depend on animals for pollination. This report provides evidence for the decline of some pollinator species in North America, including America's most important managed pollinator, the honey bee, as well as some butterflies, bats, and hummingbirds. For most managed and wild pollinator species, however, population trends have not been assessed because populations have not been monitored over time. In addition, for wild species with demonstrated declines, it is often difficult to determine the causes or consequences of their decline. This report outlines priorities for research and monitoring that are needed to improve information on the status of pollinators and establishes a framework for conservation and restoration of pollinator species and communities.

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The Controllable Bee Hive, and New System of Bee Management Ibra & Nbb

Beekeepers are reporting significant honey bee deaths during and after almond bloom. These losses pose a major problem for the California almond industry because of its dependence on honey bees as pollinators. This research aimed to determine if combinations of agrochemicals applied during almond bloom were a possible explanation for losses reported by beekeepers. Common agrochemical mixtures often include pesticides such as insecticides and fungicides, and pesticide

adjuvants, which are added to improve the performance of pesticides. This research was performed in two separate studies which both looked at the acute effects of individual and mixture effects on adult honey bee mortality. The first study looked primarily at insecticide-fungicide mixture toxicity, however, the pesticide adjuvant Dyne-Amic was used in this first study as an introduction to pesticide adjuvant toxicity alone and in combination with pesticides. The second study focused primarily on establishing toxicities for a number of different pesticide adjuvants and later looked at the toxicity of some of these adjuvants in combination with pesticides. In both studies, a Potter Spray Tower was used to mimic the spray application route of exposure and apply widely used pesticide and pesticide adjuvant formulations at field relevant application rates to adult honey bees. Previous research has shown that combinations of fungicide and insecticide active ingredients can be more toxic than the individual pesticides. The first study aimed to test the effects of pesticides and pesticide mixtures to honey bees, using formulated pesticide products sprayed on the bees at field relevant concentrations. Insecticides tested included Altacor and Intrepid and fungicides included Tilt, Pristine, Luna Sensation and Vangard, all of which are widely used in almonds during bloom. In the first study, synergistic toxicity was observed when the fungicide Tilt (a.i. propiconazole) was applied with the insecticide Altacor (a.i. chlorantraniliprole), though neither was toxic when the treatments were applied individually. When the spray adjuvant Dyne-Amic was applied individually it resulted in significant acute mortality at concentrations slightly above the maximum recommended field application rate. When combined with pesticides, mortality was observed when Dyne-Amic was combined with the fungicide Pristine (a.i. pyraclostrobin and boscalid). Addition of Dyne-Amic also increased toxicity of the Tilt and Altacor combination. These results suggest that application of Altacor and Tilt together with an adjuvant, all at the recommended field application rates, could cause significant acute mortality in adult honey bees. The second study aimed to determine the acute toxic effects of a range of pesticide adjuvants on adult honey bees. Adjuvants are considered “inert” under the EPA guidelines and therefore, do not undergo the same toxicity testing as pesticides. Primary research on the effects of pesticide adjuvants on honey bees is scarce and has focused on the organosilicone surfactant class of pesticide adjuvants. Adjuvants tested in this study included Dyne-Amic, Nu Film P, LI 700, Activator 90, Surf-90, Liberate, Choice Weather Master, and PHT Latron B-1956. Of the adjuvants tested, only Dyne-Amic was considered an organo-silicone surfactant. Other adjuvant types tested included non-ionic surfactants, penetrants, spreaders, stickers, wetters, antifoaming agents, deposition aids, acidifiers, drift control agents, and water conditioning agents. Results indicate that the pesticide adjuvants Dyne-Amic, Surf-90, and Liberate are acutely toxic to honey bees. Tank-mix combinations of pesticides and adjuvants demonstrate significantly increased toxicity over that of their constituents. These findings identify a potential explanation for honey bee losses around almond bloom, but further research is needed to fully understand the risk adjuvants pose to insect pollinators.

State Law on Bee Diseases National Academies Press

International Bestseller Shortlisted for the 1998 Giller Prize A Globe and Mail Notable Book of 1998 Over 40,000 copies sold in hardcover In A Recipe for Bees, Gail Anderson-Dargatz gives readers a remarkable woman to stand beside Hagar Shipley and Daisy Goodwin — but Augusta Olsen also has attitude, a wicked funny bone, and the dubious gift of second sight. At home in Courtenay, B.C., Augusta anxiously awaits news of her dearly loved son-in-law Gabe, who is undergoing brain surgery miles away in Victoria. Her best friend Rose is waiting for Augusta to call as soon as she hears. Through Rose, we begin to learn the story of Augusta's sometimes harsh, sometimes magical life: the startling vision of her mother's early death; the loneliness of her marriage to Karl and her battle with Karl's detestable father, Olaf. We are told of her gentle, platonic affair with a church minister, of her not-so-platonic affair with a man from the town, and the birth of her only child. We also learn of the special affinity between Rose and Augusta, who share the delights and exasperations of old age. Just as The Cure for Death by Lightning offers recipes and remedies, A Recipe for Bees is saturated with bee lore, and is full of rich domestic detail, wondrous imagery culled from rural kitchens and gardens, shining insights into ageing, family and friendship. And at its heart, is the life, death and resurrection of an extraordinary marriage

A Mathematical Model for Population and Food Storage Dynamics in a Honey Bee Colony Infected with Nosema Ceranae Franklin Classics

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.

Advanced Beekeeping

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Mysteries of Bee-keeping Explained : Being a Complete Analysis of the Whole Subject

Since varroa arrived in Europe and America in the 1980s, most beekeepers have found it necessary to treat their colonies with chemicals in order to avoid heavy colony losses. But a minority of beekeepers have managed to care for their colonies without the use of chemicals and have done so with not just tolerable colony losses, but with losses that are sometimes equal to or smaller than the losses of those beekeepers who treat with chemicals. With the help of thirty examples of treatment-free beekeepers in Europe and America, including famous names in varroa-resistant bee breeding, this book documents the encouraging success and growing popularity of beekeeping without chemicals, and details the bee husbandries of the beekeepers presented.

Mysteries of Bee-keeping Explained

Herbal therapy, holistic treatments and aromatherapy are some of the oldest known medical remedies in the world - and so is Apitherapy, yet this universally available and effective ancient therapy is often overlooked. What is Apitherapy and why haven't you heard of it? You probably have, just not by its accepted and medicinal name. Apitherapy is the use of products derived from Honey Bees, this includes Royal Jelly, Honey, pollen, bees wax and even venom. Author Paul Enders details not only the vast and intricate history of Apitherapy, but its modern uses - and how it can be used to help you today. Learn how the many different products created by Bees can help treat different conditions and offer many different benefits, including: * Helps fight against pathogenic microorganisms * Improve appetite and the digestive system * Improve metabolism of human tissues * Reduce fat accumulation * Pollen has a radioprotective and anti-tumor effect * Regulates bowel function in constipation * And much, much more! Apitherapy has been around as long as we've had bees, it is a vast science of information, treatments and benefits, ones that can help you today and for everyday to come.

Varroa Jacobsonioud Affecting Honey Bees

Beekeeping within the ec is threatened by a disastrous mite pest. Since 1977 when varroa jacobsoni entered the federal repiblic of Germany it has already invaled greece, Italy and France. within a few years the entire mainland of the EC will tis problem. Because it is difficult to demostrate the initial infestation of a honeybee colony with varroa, it is almost impossible to obtain a reliable survey of the distribution of this mite. Many more countries may be infested at this moment. Therefore control measures have to be taken even before Varroa mites are found. The death of honeybee colonies follows within 3-4 years after infestation. This stage has been in the federal republic of Germany and Greece.

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Bees are the most important pollinators in agricultural systems, with honey bees (Apis mellifera L.) in particular providing the majority of pollination services on commercial farms. However, due to interacting stressors including lack of nutrition and disease, honey bees and other bee species are experiencing elevated loss rates compared to historical records. Access to abundant, high quality, continuous nutrition in the landscape has been suggested as a means of promoting bee health. To test this, I studied honey bee and bumble bee colonies in 12 apiaries that ranged in land cover composition of the surrounding forage landscape. Honey bee colony cluster size and brood area at the end of the summer were most closely related to post-spring pollination colony size and other colony-level variation, whereas bumble bee colony weight, gyne and drone production were related to surrounding land covers. This demonstrates the importance of accounting for potentially confounding honey bee colony variation in landscape-scale studies. To determine if diversity of land covers affected honey bee pollen foraging and colony size, I also measured honey bee colony size and incoming pollen at 12 apiaries located within landscapes of differing land cover diversity, and found that the relationship between land cover diversity, incoming pollen quantity and colony cluster size changed over time. This suggests that land cover diversity alone is insufficient for predicting patterns in honey bee landscape nutrition studies in this region. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land may include flowering, herbaceous species in seed mixes, but in states such as Michigan with abundant forage in unmanaged habitats, it is unclear if CRP investments have unique floral composition, and foraging by honey bees and wild bees. I assessed floral composition and bee visitation on CRP land as compared to analogous unmanaged fields and roadside ditches in 31 triplicate sites. Floral abundance, species richness, native flower abundance, and inflorescence coverage were all higher on CRP land, as were honey bee and wild bee visitation, indicating that herbaceous CRP promotes bee foraging through unique floral composition, namely floral density. By assessing the quantity and quality of incoming pollen at apiaries while concurrently surveying floral communities in nearby grassy-herbaceous forage habitat, I found that crude protein in collected pollen decreased throughout the summer, concurrent with decreasing floral richness and abundance. This suggests pollinator plantings should include protein-rich, late-blooming species in their seed mixes. Because nutrition is closely tied to disease in honey bees, supplementing protein may promote recovery from diseases such as European foulbrood. To compare different approaches to managing this disease, European foulbrood-infected colonies were treated with traditional antibiotics, antibiotics with a soy-based protein supplements, soy-based supplement alone, pollen-

based supplement, probiotics, or left untreated. There was no significant difference among non-antibiotic treatments in post-treatment recovery speed or nurse bee physiology, suggesting these supplemental feeding treatments and probiotics provide no treatment benefits for European foulbrood. Based on this research, accounting for colony-level variation is essential in honey bee landscape studies. Adding pollinator conservation habitat with an increased emphasis on late-season, protein-rich pollen species in seed mixes can benefit honey bees and wild bee species. This work provides new insights into the effects of landscapes on honey bee and wild bee foraging, nutrition and health by examining different aspects of these indirect relationships.