Fostering Communication Between Farmers and Beekeepers in Louisiana
Stewardship Recommendations

Increased Communication
• All parties are encouraged to cultivate and maintain open communication
• Exchange contact information
• Hive information
• Application timings
• Crops grown

Bee Aware Flag and Placement
• Bee Aware Flag
• Creates unified recognition system
• Flags should be clearly visible
• Cooperation in bee flag placement
• www.completeflags.com
Stewardship Recommendations

**Hive Identification**
- Place visible placards on hives
- Contact information
- Hive registration is mandatory
  - [www.ldaf.state.la.us](http://www.ldaf.state.la.us)
  - (225) 952-8100

**Hive GPS Locations**
- Establish GPS coordinates
- Precise locations
- Share with producers and landowners
- County agents are available for assistance
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Ground and Aerial Applicator Awareness of Hive Locations
- Producers notify employees of apiary locations and bee flags
- Contractual parties should also be notified

Annual Apiary Location Review
- Farmers, landowners and beekeepers annually review hive locations
- Physical locations
- Important if established hives are moved
Stewardship Recommendations

Pesticide Application Timings

• Applications should only be made in favorable wind conditions
• Always follow the pesticide label
• Non-crop areas should be considered before applications are made

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

• NRCS offers technical and financial assistance
• Help offset cost of planting pollinator species
• Integration of pollinator plants into existing production areas
Bee Advisory Box
PROTECTION OF POLLINATORS

APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS exist for this product because of risk to bees and other insect pollinators. Follow application restrictions found in the directions for use to protect pollinators.

Do not apply this product while bees are foraging. Do not apply this product until flowering is complete and all petals have fallen unless one of the following conditions is met:
The application is made to the target site after sunset

The application is made to the target site when temperatures are below 55°F

The application is made in accordance with a government-initiated public health response

The application is made in accordance with an active state-administered apiary registration program where beekeepers are notified no less than 48-hours prior to the time of the planned application so that bees can be removed, covered or otherwise protected prior to spraying

The application is made due to an imminent threat of significant crop loss, and a documented determination consistent with an IPM plan or predetermined economic threshold is met. Every effort should be made to notify beekeepers no less than 48-hours prior to the time of the planned application so that the bees can be removed, covered or otherwise protected prior to spraying

“The Label is the Law”
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