

Alabama Honey/Bee and Horticulture Strategic Plan

I. Identify measurable goals for bee/honey and horticulture that will contribute to Alabama's economy and employment.
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Honey & Bee

1. Implement a program similar to Mississippi Honey Bee stewardship program.
2. Pass a bill in the Legislature to make the Queen honeybee the State Agricultural Insect.
3. Make Forever Wild Lands available for apiary sites.
4. Support funding for a minimum of 4 full-time pollination and bee specialists at the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.
5. Secure research money for honey production, colony collapse disorder (CCD) research, marketing, and pollination for Extension and expand the program to include other crops such as soybeans, fruits, vegetables, etc., by check-off funded commodities and land grant universities.