

## 0535-0153 Bee and Honey Survey

Non-substantive Change Request to reinstate the Quarterly Colony Loss Survey.

On July 1, 2019, NASS issued a public notice from the NASS Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) stating that NASS would suspend data collection for the July Quarterly Colony Loss Survey. "Before deciding to suspend data collection, NASS reviewed its estimating programs against mission- and user-based criteria as well as the amount of time remaining in the fiscal year to meet its budget and program requirements while maintaining the strongest data in service to U.S. agriculture. The decision to suspend data collection was not made lightly but was necessary given available fiscal and program resources. NASS will continue to review its federal agricultural statistical programs using the same criteria to ensure timely, accurate, and useful statistics."

With the approaching 2020 Fiscal Year, NASS expects to operate under a continuing resolution until the Federal Budget is approved. Therefore NASS will operate under FY2019 funding levels. NASS will resume collecting data for the Colony Loss Survey on or about October 1, 2019. For the foreseeable future, NASS will continue to collect data for the Colony Loss Survey on a quarterly basis as long as funding is available.

The target population, sample size, questionnaire, etc. will remain the same as it was originally approved by OMB on Nov. 24, 2017.