



June 22, 2020

### Why am I getting this letter?

You have been selected for the 2020 July Quarterly Colony Loss Survey. Please complete your questionnaire online or alternately by mail at your earliest convenience. As one of only 3,500 beekeepers receiving this survey, your response is vital to ensure accurate data are available.

If we do not hear from you by June 29, 2020, we will attempt to arrange a telephone interview.

### How will the data be used?

The survey results provide a statistical benchmark on honey bee colony numbers and death loss for comparison each year. The information will allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture, beekeepers and any other interested parties to analyze data on a state-by-state basis, and compare specific quarterly losses, additions and movements.

The results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. We plan to publish the results in the *Honey Bee Colonies Report* on August 3, 2020.

Thank you for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 1-888-424-7828.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Parsons  
Chair, Agricultural Statistics Board

Enclosure

### What should I do next?

Complete your survey in one of the following ways:



**Online** at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://agcounts.usda.gov). **Online reporting is fast, cost-effective, and secure.** All you need is the 17-digit survey code on the enclosed form to begin.



**By mail or fax.** Complete the survey questionnaire and mail it back in the envelope provided or fax it to (855) 415-3687.