



BFF CRITERIA CITATIONS

1. Offer forage providing good nutrition for bees on at least 3% of land. Forage can be temporary, including cover crops.
2. Provide bloom of different flowering plants throughout the growing season, especially in early spring and late autumn. There is no minimum land coverage for seasonal bloom.
3. Offer clean water for bees if managed pollinators are brought onto the property at any time during the growing season and if not inhibited by government mandated water restrictions. *
4. Provide permanent habitat for nesting through features such as hedgerows, natural brush, buffer strips, or bare ground.
5. Practice Integrated Pest Management (IPM); reduce or eliminate the use of chemicals.

*Growing season is defined as the period during which plant growth occurs and is not defined in terms of crop cycles or production. This spans early spring to late fall.

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