

## **2007 Farm Bill Horticulture and Organic Title: Providing New Resources for Fruit and Vegetable Producers**

- **Continues support for Beekeepers and prioritizes research on Colony Collapse Disorder**

2007 Farm Bill:

- Supports beekeepers by extending the honey marketing loan.
- Requires USDA to continue research to identify causes and solutions to address Colony Collapse Disorder in honey bees.

Program Basics:

- Honey prices are supported through marketing loans that provide interim financing and additional income support if market prices fall below 60 cents per pound.
- Colony collapse disorder (CCD) is characterized by the sudden die-off of honey bee colonies. The cause of CCD has not been determined and is a cause of concern for beekeepers and farmers who rely on bees to pollinate their crops.

### **Subtitle A—Honey and Bees**

2 SEC. 10001. ANNUAL REPORT ON RESPONSE TO HONEY BEE

3 COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER.

4 The Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to Con5  
gress an annual report describing the progress made by  
6 the Department of Agriculture in investigating the cause  
7 or causes of honey bee colony collapse and in finding appropriate  
strategies to reduce colony loss.

## **TITLE VII—RESEARCH**

### **Subtitle A—General Provisions**

### **Subtitle C—Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990**

SEC. 7305. HIGH-PRIORITY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

2 AREAS.

3 Section 1672(e) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva4  
tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(e)) is amend5  
ed by adding the following:

“(50) COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER PRO5  
GRAM.—Research and extension grants may be made  
6 to survey and collect data of honey bee colony pro7  
duction and health; research various factors possibly  
8 contributing to or associated with colony collapse  
9 disorder; and develop mitigative and preventative  
10 measures to improve bee health.