

Watermelon

Common Pests:

Cucumber Beetles Aphids
Two-Spotted Spider Mites

Natural Enemies of Pests:

Minute Pirate Bug Green Lacewing
Damsel Bug Assassin Bug
Spined Soldier Bug Hover Flies
Parasitic Wasps & Flies Spiders

Essential Pollinators:

Honey Bees Bumblebees
Long Horned Bees Sweat Bees

313

Indiana Farms

6,240

Acres Harvested



Indiana Native Pollen/Nectar Plants that Help Support Pollinators and other Beneficials:

SPRING-SUMMER

- 1 Milkweeds (*Asclepias* spp.)
- 2 New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)
- 3 Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

SUMMER

- 4 Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
- 5 Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum* spp.)
- 6 Coneflowers (*Echinacea* spp.)

SUMMER-FALL

- 7 Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)
- 8 Boneset (*Eupatorium* spp.)
- 9 Goldenrods (*Solidago* spp.)

Photos-Top to Bottom, Watermelon fruit, Bumblebee a visiting a turtlehead flower, close up of a cucumber flower, Bumblebee on a goldenrod

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