

Pollinating the 2007 Farm Bill

Coevolution Institute (CoE) Conference Position on Pollinator Provisions

Topic	House	Senate	CoE Position
Pollinator & Pollinator Habitat Conservation	<p>Sec. 2105, pollinator habitat one of factors in EQIP incentive payments.</p> <p>Sec. 11315(e), Secretary shall establish priority & provide incentives for habitat and BMP's for native and managed pollinators in all conservation programs, except Farmland Protection.</p>	<p>Sec. 2311(a), pollinator habitat in CRP purpose.</p> <p>Sec. 2311(f), pollinators in CRP balance of natural resource purposes.</p> <p>Sec. 2311(j), pollinator habitat may be taken into consideration in accepting CRP contract offers.</p> <p>Sec. 2341, Purpose of CSP includes helping producers comply with any pollinator habitat requirements.</p> <p>Sec. 2341, managed pollinators included in def of livestock eligible for conservation assistance.</p> <p>Sec. 2351, pollinators incl in EQIP purposes.</p>	<p>CoE supports retaining the specific program pollinator enhancements in each bill.</p> <p>CoE strongly supports the 'overarching' House provision requiring consideration of pollinator habitat & BMP's in all conservation pgms [except Farmland Protection].</p>
Pollinator Research	<p>Sec. 11315(b), findings re importance of managed and native pollinators and research needs and funding.</p> <p>Sec. 11315(c), authorizations of appropriations--\$3</p>	<p>Sec. 7102 (46), CCD & pollinator research program high priority, eligible for R&E grants—including survey re bee colony production & health; factors on CCD and other threats to health of</p>	<p>CoE supports (1) Findings in House bill [at least as report language in final conference report.]; range of pollinator rsch & extension topics in both bills; (3) House position re authorizations, though CoE</p>

	<p>million/yr, 2008-12, USDA bee labs; \$2.5 million/yr, 2008-9, honey & native bee research at other USDA facilities; \$1.75 million/yr, 2007-10, CCD research; \$10 million/yr, 2008-12, CSREES extension & rsch grants re range of issues affecting honey bees & native pollinators; and (\$2.25 million/yr, 2008-12, APHIS honey bee pest & pathogen surveillance pgm.</p> <p>(Sec. 11315(d), USDA annual report to congress re status of bee studies.</p>	<p>honey bees & other pollinators [incl parasites & pathogens, sublethal effects of pesticides]; mitigative & preventative measures to improve native managed pollinator health; and habitat conservation & BMP's to promote health of honey bees & native pollinators.</p> <p>Silent on funding, authorizations.</p>	<p>continues to urge inclusion of mandatory funding at some level; and (4) House position re reports to congress.</p>
Specialty Crop Pollination Research	<p>Sec. 7411, "specialty crop pollination" research eligible for funding in competitive research program.</p> <p>\$215 million mandatory funding over 5 years & \$100 million annual authorization for specialty crop research.</p>	<p>Sec. 7211 (7), "methods of improving the supply and effectiveness of pollination for specialty crop production;"</p> <p>\$215 million mandatory funding over 5 years & \$100 million annual authorization for specialty crop research. \$16 million mandatory annual funding for specialty crop research.</p>	<p>Both provisions essentially identical, supported by CoE.</p> <p>CoE supports House position re funding authorization for specialty crop rsch.</p>
Report & Supporting Language	<p>House Ag Cmte Report notes provision making pollinator habitat eligible for EQIP incentive pmts, and encourages USDA to clarify</p>	<p>Senate Ag Summary on Conservation Title incl reference to pollinator habitat added as eligible for EQIP funding; pollinator</p>	<p>CoE encourages such additional clarifying and supporting language in the final conference report.</p>

	that habitat, other conservation measures benefiting managed and native pollinators eligible for cost-share & incentive pmts, and encourage such practices [overtaken by Sec. 11315 stat. language].	habitat added to CRP purposes; and 'buffers that shield fields or livestock can be managed for native pollinators' cited as example of wildlife & ag working together.	
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