The global decline in the health of pollinators threatens natural ecosystem integrity and agricultural productivity. Here are the key actions that can be taken on agricultural lands to enhance pollinator habitat and mitigate practices that could harm pollinators.

Key actions that a farmer can take:
- Increase flower diversity
- Provide nest sites
- Reduce impact of mowing
- Reduce pesticides
- Communicate with beekeepers about pesticide applications
- Minimize mowing of roadsides, marginal lands, and lawns to retain flowers
- Plant flowering strips around and in orchards
- Provide nest blocks for cavity nesting bees
- Access to soil surface for ground nesting bees
- Retain native flowers, plants and trees that provide bloom all season
- Nest blocks provide habitat for cavity nesting bees
- Plant roadsides with flowers or flowering trees to provide food for pollinators
- Providing buffer strips or habitat near the farms can improve crop yield in pollinator-dependent crops
- Use dust deflectors and fluency agents on air seeder when planting treated seeds
- Maintain wetland buffers (including milkweed) that provide pollinator habitat
- Create pollinator habitat on marginal lands and around field edges
- Avoid insecticides when crop, cover crop or marginal lands are in bloom and consider Integrated Pest Management
- Retain some dead branches or logs for nesting resources
- Plant flowering strips around orchards
- Provide additional pollinator habitat near your home

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