



A Pesticide Decision-Making Guide to Protect Pollinators in *Tree Fruit Orchards*

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Choosing lower-risk pesticides for pollinators in New York orchards


Growers recognize the vital role of pollination and understand that managing pests while protecting pollinators can be a balancing act. Both components are essential for a successful harvest, yet they can sometimes be in conflict with one another. Pollinators (mostly bees) are busy pollinating orchard blossoms at the same time growers need to be managing specific pests and diseases. The impact of pesticides on pollinator health has been an active area of research in recent years, including work conducted in New York orchards and elsewhere. The results from this research are clear: Pesticides can be a threat to pollinators, but there is variation in risk, due in part to grower management practices. This guide summarizes known impacts of pesticides on bees in a clear, concise, easy-to-use format. Our goal is to provide information to growers so they can develop an effective Integrated Pest *and* Pollinator Management program.

Pesticide risk to pollinators comes from a combination of **exposure** and **effects**. Pollinators may be **exposed** to pesticides in several ways: through contact with direct sprays, puddle water, guttation droplets, extrafloral nectaries, pollen and nectar from treated crops and surrounding wildflowers, and residues in soil (for ground nesting bees). Pesticides have an **effect** on pollinators if exposure is sufficient to cause lethal or sub-lethal impacts. Recently, an understanding of the interactions between pesticides on bee health has brought focus on active ingredients that *synergize*, meaning that the combined toxicity is greater than the



A native *Andrena* species grooming cherry pollen from its face.

sum of the toxicity of each pesticide applied separately. Pesticide risk studies find that **synergies** among different pesticides can increase the toxicity of some pesticides up to 1000-fold. While some synergies are intentional and make a higher efficacy formulation, many synergies can lead to unintentional combined effects that can substantially increase pesticide risk to bees. These are beyond the scope of EPA label guidelines.

In summary, 48 of the 140 chemicals listed in this guide have been shown to synergize with other agrochemicals in tank mixes, formulations, or on plant or soil surfaces. These chemicals include some fungicides, neonicotinoids, pyrethroids, carbamates, organophosphates, piperonyl butoxide and some adjuvants. Synergisms are noted with a  in **Table 2, 'Synergies and acute, chronic, and sublethal toxicities for honey bees and other pollinators.'**

This guide summarizes reported pesticide effects as of October 2018. The guide presents the most up-to-date information about the impacts of fungicides, insecticides, microbicides, and growth regulators on bees that pollinate tree fruits. New York is home to 416 species of bees, and over 120 species are known to be important for NYS apple pollination, with several of those species also visiting other tree fruits. It is well documented that bee species can respond differently to active ingredients. However, there are so many bee species, each differing with respect to physiology, sociality, nesting habits, foraging habits, and ability to tolerate pesticides, that it is unrealistic to determine how every use of every pesticide will affect each species. Therefore, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses acute toxicity to honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) as a proxy for the potential adverse effects of a pesticide on bees in general, but will at times take studies on other bee species into account as appropriate. In addition to presenting these EPA toxicity ratings, this guide specifically highlights the chemical combinations that produce synergistic effects on bee pollinators. Furthermore, we expand on EPA standards to include reports of sublethal effects (e.g., reduced reproductive output) in honey bees as well as acute, chronic, and sublethal effects on bumble bee and solitary bee species that support agricultural pollination.

This guide is intended to be used as a decision-making tool. The primary goal of this guide is to help growers understand and compare the acute toxicity and synergistic effects of different pesticides on pollinators. The majority of registered products for New York orchard management are included and assigned a score of “highly toxic”, “moderately toxic”, or “practically non-toxic”. Growers can easily compare the toxicity ratings of various pesticides to help them choose a product that is effective against target pests but poses minimal risk to bees. The [Pollinator Network @ Cornell](#) will update this guide as new research becomes available. This guide is intended to be a companion to the *Cornell Pest Management Guidelines for Commercial Tree Fruit Production*.



Honey bee



Mining bee



Cellophane bee


How to use this guide

This guide consists of a series of tables that summarize all the known products and their associated active ingredients used in orchard production. It also includes miticides that are used by beekeepers in New York. Growers and applicators can most effectively use this guide by following three steps:

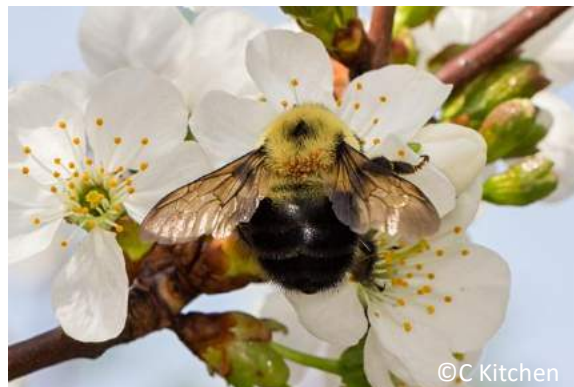
1. Locate specific pesticide products in **Table 1** to determine the product's active ingredients.
2. Go to **Table 2** to find active ingredient toxicity ratings and known synergisms.
3. When possible, choose to apply products that are effective on target pests but least toxic to bees and do not synergize with other products used.

Table 1: Product formulations and their active ingredients lists most but not all registered tree fruit pesticides alphabetically by product name so it's easy to find the associated active ingredient. If a product name is not in this product formulation list, please be aware that the active ingredient is always listed on the product label. Information on toxicity and synergy is organized by active ingredient in **Table 2**.



Table 2: Synergies and acute, chronic, and sublethal toxicities for honey bees and other pollinators lists all the active ingredients alphabetically, noting EPA honey bee acute toxicity ratings, ability to synergize, and sublethal effects or impacts to non-honey bee pollinators. Pesticides are grouped according to class: A) fungicides, antibiotics, and inert ingredients, and B) insecticides (including insect growth regulators) and adjuvants. In the 3rd to 5th columns of **Table 2**, the EPA's acute toxicity ratings for adult honey bees are reported with the symbol  if a synergy has been documented. Notes on the active ingredients that cause synergistic interactions, as well as information on sublethal impacts or impacts to other bee species is outlined in the 6th column. Timing of spray is typically noted on the label, and we encourage applicators to use the most conservative timing when a potentially synergistic combination must be used.

While this guide has highlighted all laboratory and field experiments that have measured synergies between active ingredients, and the sublethal, chronic, and developmental impacts of pesticides to honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) and other bee species, it is not an exhaustive list of all product formulations or all pesticides used in agriculture. The toxicity ratings in columns 3-5 of this guide refer to current registration standards set forth by the EPA based on acute toxicity of pesticides to adult honey bees. Where additional considerations for other bee species, chronic toxicity, sublethal toxicity, or larval or pupal toxicity are known from scientific literature, we have included these risks in the '**Pesticide synergies, sublethal effects, and toxicity to pollinators other than the honey bee**' column in **Table 2**.



Bombus impatiens on a cherry flower.

Understanding the terms in this guide

Pesticide toxicity (i.e. acute toxicity)

Acute toxicity is the dose or concentration of an active ingredient that it takes to kill 50% of bees that come into contact with it within 48 hours. The lethal dose of an ingredient is referred to as the LD₅₀ value. Acute pesticide toxicity is grouped into three categories:

highly toxic (LD₅₀ < 2 µg/bee),
moderately toxic (LD₅₀ 2 - 10.99 µg/bee)
practically non-toxic (LD₅₀ > 11 µg/bee)

The EPA is currently working to adjust their registration standards to address risk, which consolidates toxicity data with exposure predicted from field application rates. These risk rankings will be available in a few years and, when they are, will be included or referenced in a future edition of this guide.

Synergistic Interactions



Traditionally, pesticide toxicity evaluates one active ingredient at a time. With our growing understanding of the multitude of pesticides bees come into contact with simultaneously, we now know that to understand the overall risk posed to bees in the environment, we need to measure how mixtures of pesticides interact with one another. Some pesticides commonly used in orchard management have been identified as synergists (see Table 2). Certain classes of fungicides and adjuvants are commonly reported to synergize with insecticides to create greater than expected effects on bees. For instance, the combination of DMI fungicides (e.g. myclobutanil, difenoconazole, propiconazole) with some pyrethroids or neonicotinoids have been found to create these effects. This guide highlights active ingredients that are known synergists and the mixtures that should be avoided whenever possible to mitigate risk to bees. This information is especially helpful when planning tank mixes and spray regimes. Keep in mind that the conditions for synergy can vary depending on formulation, weather, and time since application of an active ingredient. While we understand that tank mixing is a cost-effective and time-saving practice, we encourage pesticide applicators to identify and avoid certain pesticide combinations that are likely to cause synergisms, noted in Table 2.

Systemic Pesticides

“Systemic” pesticides are able to protect the entire plant instead of one isolated part of the plant. The pesticide is translocated within the plant from the point of soil uptake to the

petals, leaves, stem, roots, pollen and nectar to protect the plant from a variety of pests. Unfortunately, this also means that these pesticides can be present in pollen, nectar, and guttation droplets for days or weeks, which can result in exposure to pollinators. The most common systemic pesticides are the



The life cycle of a solitary ground nesting bee. Bees can be exposed to pesticides in soil and in the pollen and nectar they consume as larvae.

Photos by Laura Russo.

neonicotinoids (acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, nitenpyram, thiacloprid, thiamethoxam) and fipronil, a phenylpyrazole insecticide. A real conundrum we face is that some systemic pesticides are only in NY because they are seed coatings on other crops planted in other fields that bees forage in at the same time as apple bloom, increasing the potential for synergy. Some neonicotinoids can persist in the soil for years and be taken up by nearby plants at any time creating a high likelihood for bee exposure and potential to synergize with other pesticides.

Adjuvants and/or inert ingredients

Adjuvants are chemicals added to a pesticide spray mix to improve performance. Inert ingredients are chemicals in a pesticide product formulation aside from the active ingredient(s). We have included some of these chemicals in Table 2 because recent findings have demonstrated that they are highly toxic to bees (for example, N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone and organosilicones). The literature on this topic is young, therefore we do not highlight it in this guide.

Tying it all together: adopting an Integrated Pest *and* Pollinator Management (IPPM) approach to protect pollinators

Growers and pesticide applicators have already made marked adjustments for the protection of bees by following pesticide label guidelines. Pesticide labels inform users about bee precautions in a “Bee Advisory Box”, in the “Directions for Use” section, and/or in the “Environmental Hazards Statement” section of the product label. These precautions include information about the time, temperature, and wind speeds under which pesticides can be safely applied, and may specify additional requirements for reducing drift. Whether growers work closely with a county extension educator, a crop consultant, or a distributor, they must always read the pesticide label carefully.



Spraying in low-wind conditions can reduce drift, especially when using a typical airblast sprayer.

When reading the label, always note the crops for which the pesticide is registered, the proper mixing rate, the proper method of application, and the proper timing (e.g., weather conditions, time of day, stage of bloom) for minimizing negative impacts on non-target organisms and humans. Take note of the active ingredient name(s). Also note the compatibility of the pesticide with other products that will be applied at the same time or in the same tank mix. Applicators should verify that the product is currently registered in their region of New York by searching the products listed in the New York State Pesticide

Administration Database (NYSPAD): <http://www.dec.ny.gov/nyspad/>. If applicators are using this guide in another state, they should check their state's pesticide registration database or the National Pesticide Information Retrieval System (NPIRS) to determine which pesticides are registered for their use: <http://npirspublic.ceris.purdue.edu/state/>.

An integrated pest and pollinator management approach requires growers to be aware of their pest populations through scouting early and often, to use non-chemical methods to delay the need for chemical applications, and when pesticides are warranted, to choose products that are effective and pose the lowest risk to bees and other non-target organisms.

IPPM: Putting the "Pollinator" in IPM:

- 1) Read the entire product label to find pollinator protection guidelines during application, and follow label directions.
- 2) Select pesticides that are effective against target pests, but least toxic to bees.
- 3) Avoid using pesticides or tank mixing pesticides and adjuvants that are noted in this guide to synergize with each other.
- 4) Choose sprayer nozzles and settings that reduce drift. Follow label directions regarding wind speed and temperature inversions to avoid drift to areas of potential bee habitat at field edges.
- 5) Unless the product label notes otherwise, avoid applying insecticides when high humidity at low temperatures are forecasted following application. *Dew is common under these conditions, which allows residues to remain toxic up to twice as long.*
- 6) Prevent bees from visiting the orchard floor while pesticides are being applied by frequently mowing broadleaf weeds (e.g., dandelions). Leaving flowers on the orchard floor can expose bees to pesticides.
- 7) Follow label directions to reduce contamination of surface waters (e.g., irrigation ditches, retention ponds, creeks, etc). Bees actively collect water and mud from these sources.
- 8) Develop a communication strategy to alert nearby beekeepers at least 24 hours in advance of applying a highly toxic pesticide. Consider using a written pollination contract with beekeepers who provide pollination services to discuss an IPPM plan in advance. An example template can be found in Appendix A of this guide.



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Bees visit plants in field edges even when a crop is not in bloom



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Mowing dandelions and other flowering weeds in orchard lanes can protect bees from pesticides exposure.

Table 1. Product formulations and their active ingredients



Product Name	Active ingredient	Product Name	Active ingredient	Product Name	Active ingredient
Fungicides, antibiotics and inert ingredients		Elatus	benzovindiflupyr	Polyram 80 DF	metiram
Abamectin (ingredient in)	N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)	Elevate	fenhexamid	Presidio*	fluopicolide
Abound	azoxystrobin	Empress Intrinsic	pyraclostrobin	Pristine fungicide	boscalid + pyraclostrobin
Academy	difenoconazole + fludioxonil	Encartis	boscalid + chlorothalonil	Procure*	triflumizole*
Acadia	azoxystrobin	Endura	boscalid	Propi Max	propiconazole
Actigard	acibenzolar-s-methyl	Equus products	chlorothalonil	Pure Spray	mineral oil
Aframe	azoxystrobin	Ethos§	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>	Quadris Ridomil	azoxystrobin +
Agricure	potassium bicarbonate	Exilis plus	N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	Gold SL	mefenoxam
Agri-mycin	streptomycin	Exponent	piperonyl butoxide	Quadris F	azoxystrobin
AgriTin*	triphenyltin hydroxide*	Ferbam	ferbam	Quadris Opti	azoxystrobin +
Alamo	propiconazole	Fireline	oxytetracycline		chlorothalonil
Aliette	fosetyl-al	Firewall	streptomycin	Quadris Top	azoxystrobin +
Alsa*	propiconazole	Flint	trifloxystrobin		difenoconazole
Amistar	difenoconazole	Flint Extra	trifloxystrobin	Quali-Pro	mefenoxam
Aprovia	benzovindiflupyr	Fontelis	penthiopyrad	Quash	metconazole
AproviaTop	benzovindiflupyr + difenoconazole	Fortix	flutriafol	Quilt	azoxystrobin +
Ardent (ingredient in)	N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)	Fortuna	mancozeb		propiconazole
Azoxystar	azoxystrobin	Freshgard	imazalil	QuiltXcel	azoxystrobin +
Badge SC & X2§	copper oxychloride + copper hydroxide	Fungafior	imazalil		propiconazole
Banner Maxx	propiconazole	Fungazil	imazalil	Quintec	quinoxifen
Biocover	mineral oil	Fungisol	debacarb	Rally 40 WSP	myclobutanil
Bonide complete fruit tree spray	captan	Gem 500 SC	trifloxystrobin	Ranman 400SC	cyazofamid
Bonide Fruit Tree & Plant Guard	boscalid+pyraclostrobin+ lambda-cyhalothrin	Glacial Spray	mineral oil	Regalia	reynoutria
Bordeaux§	copper sulfate	Heritage	azoxystrobin	Revitalize§	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>
BravoUltrax	chlorothalonil	Incognito 4.5F	thiophanate-methyl	Rhyme	flutriafol
Bromazil	imazalil	Indar2F	fenbuconazole	Rovral 4 F*	iprodione
Bumper 250 EC*	propiconazole	Initiate	chlorothalonil	Scala	pyrimethanil
BVA	mineral oil	InspireSuper	difenoconazole + cyprodinil	Scholar	fludioxonil
C.O.C.S.	copper oxychloride + copper sulfate	Iprodione2F Select*	iprodione	Serenade§	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>
Cabrio EG	pyraclostrobin	Kaligreen	potassium bicarbonate	Sonata§	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>
Camelot O§	copper octanoate	Kasumin 2L	kasugamycin	Sonoma 20 EW AG	myclobutanil
Cannonball	fludioxonil	Kestrel Mex*	propiconazole	Sonoma 40 WSP	myclobutanil
Captan 50 WP	captan	Kocide§	copper hydroxide	Sovran	kresoxim-methyl
Captan 80 WDG	captan	Kodiak§	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Streptrol	streptomycin
Captex 4L	captan	Liquid Copper	copper octanoate	SubdueGR	mefenoxam- nonbearing
CaptEvate	fenhexamid + captan	Products§		Sulfur	sulfur
Catamaran	chlorothalonil + potassium phosphite	Luna Sensation†	fluopyram + trifloxystrobin	SuperTin*	triphenyltin hydroxide*
Cease§	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Luna Tranquility†	fluopyram + pyrimethanil	Syllit FL	dodine
Champ§	copper hydroxide	ManKocide	mancozeb + copper hydroxide	Tartan	trifloxystrobin
Cherokee	propiconazole	Mantis	propiconazole	Temprano (ingredient in)	N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)
Civitas Turf	mineral oil	Manzate Flowable*	mancozeb	Terraguard*	triflumizole*
Contans	<i>Coniothyrium minitans</i>	Manzate Max T&O	mancozeb	Tilt	propiconazole
Crystalline BASF*	pyraclostrobin	Manzate ProStick	mancozeb	Topguard†	flutriafol
Cueva§	copper octanoate	Marazo	propiconazole	Topguard EQ†	azoxystrobin+flutriafol
Cuproxif Ultra§	copper sulfate	Mastercop§	copper sulfate	Topsin M	thiophanate-methyl
Cuproxat§	copper sulfate	Menara	propiconazole	Tourney	metconazole
Curzate 60 DF	cymoxanil	Merivon Xemium*†	fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin	Triathlon§	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>
Damoil	mineral oil	Meteor*	iprodione	Ultra Flourish	mefenoxam
Decco Pyr. 400 SC	pyrimethanil	MilStop	potassium bicarbonate	Vanguard WG	cyprodinil
Deccozil	imazalil	MoncoatMZ	flutolanil + mancozeb	Vault§	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>
Decree	fenhexamid	Monterey§	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>	Velum Prime*†	fluopyram
Dithane	mancozeb	Mural	benzovindiflupyr	Vivando	metrafenone
Double Nickel§	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>	MycoShield	oxytetracycline	Warden RTA	mefenoxam + fludioxonil
Echo 90 DF & Lite	chlorothalonil	Natria§	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Ziram	ziram
Eclipse Turf	iprodione	Nevado*	iprodione	Zoro (ingredient in)	N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)
EFOG-160-PYR storage	pyrimethanil	Omni	mineral oil	Products with insecticide and fungicide mixtures	
		Oreon	PCNB (quintozene or pentachloronitrobenzene)	Bonide fruit tree & plant guard	Boscalid + Pyraclostrobin + Lambda-cyhalothrin
		Ortho Elements Garden§	copper octanoate	Insecticides, Insect growth regulators and adjuvants	
		PBO-8	piperonyl butoxide	Abamex	abamectin
		Penbotec 400 SC	pyrimethanil	Aceto*†	bifenthrin
		Penncozeb	mancozeb	Acramite	bifenazate

Table 1. Product formulations and their active ingredients (continued)




Product Name	Active ingredient	Product Name	Active ingredient	Product Name	Active ingredient
Actara**†	thiamethoxam	Endigo**†	thiamethoxam + lambda-cyhalothrin	Perlan	benzyladenine + gibberellins
Activator90	polyethoxylated nonylphenol (N-90)	Entrust SC§	spinosad	Phase	organosilicone surfactant
Admire Pro*	imidacloprid	Envidor**†	spirodiclofen	Platinum 75 SG**†	thiamethoxam
Advise 4*	imidacloprid	Epi-Mek	abamectin	Portal	fenpyroximate
Agree WG§	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	Esteem	pyriproxyfen	Pounce 25 WP*	permethrin
Agri-Flex**†	abamectin + thiamethoxam	Exirel**† (Dupont)	cyantraniliprole	Proclaim*	emamectin benzoate
Agri-Mek*	abamectin	Falgro	gibberellic acid	Pro-Gibb	gibberellic acid
Altacor**†	chlorantraniliprole	Fanfare*	bifenthrin	ProGibb 4%	gibberellic acid
Ammo	cypermethrin	Fascination	benzyladenine + gibberellins	Promalin	benzyladenine + gibberellins
Annihilate*	methomyl	Flagship**†	thiamethoxam	Provide 10% SG	gibberellic acid
Apistan	<i>tau</i> -fluvalinate	Flonicamid 50WG	flonicamid	Provoke*	imidacloprid
Apollo	clofentezine	Floramite	bifenazate	Pure Spray§	horticultural oil
Applaud IGR	buprofezin	Fyfanon	malathion	Pybuthrin	piperonyl butoxide
Aquaflow	<i>tau</i> -fluvalinate	GameStop§	kaolin	Pycana	pyrethrin
Arvida	acetamiprid	Gauche 480	imidacloprid	PyGanic§	pyrethrin
Asana XL*	esfenvalerate	Gauche 600	imidacloprid	Pyrenone	pyrethrin
Assail	acetamiprid	Gauche XT	imidacloprid	Radiant SC	spinetoram
Avaunt	indoxacarb	GibGro	gibberellic acid	Regent	fipronil
Aza-Direct§	azadirachtin	Gladiator*	zeta-cypermethrin + avermectin	Regulaid	non-ionic surfactant
AzaGuard§	azadirachtin	Gnatrol§	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subspecies and proteins	Return**†	oxamyl
Azatin§	azadirachtin	Hero*	bifenthrin + piperonyl butoxide	Rimon*	novaluron
Azomar	acetamiprid	Imidan*	phosmet	Safer§	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subspecies and proteins
Banter	bifenazate	Induce	non-ionic surfactant	Safer§	insecticidal soap
Baythroid XL*	beta-cyfluthrin	Intrepid**†	methoxyfenozide	Savey	hexythiazox
Baythroid*	cyfluthrin	IntruderMax	acetamiprid	Seduce Insect Bait§	spinosad
Beleaf products	flonicamid	Javelin§	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subspecies and proteins	Serenade	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>
Belt SC**†	flubendiamide	JMS Stylet§	horticultural oil	Sevin	carbaryl
Besiege**†	chlorantraniliprole + lambda-cyhalothrin	Justice	acetamiprid	ShuttleO	acequinocyl
Bifenture*	bifenthrin	Kanemite	acequinocyl	Silencer*	lambda-cyhalothrin
BioBit§	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subspecies and proteins	Kopa§	insecticidal soap	Silicone	organosilicone surfactant
Bonideoil§	horticultural oil	Lannate products*	methomyl	Silkin	organosilicone surfactant
Brigade 10WSB*	bifenthrin	Leverage 360*	beta-cyfluthrin + imidacloprid	Silt	organosilicone surfactant
Brigade 2EC*	bifenthrin	Leverage 2.7*	cyfluthrin + imidacloprid*	SpinTor 2SC§	spinosad
Buprofezin 65% WP	buprofezin	Leverage products	imidacloprid	Spirotetramat	spirotetramat
Butacide	piperonyl butoxide	LI-700	non-ionic surfactant	240SC*	
Calypso 4	thiacloprid	Lorsban*	chlorpyrifos	Steward	indoxacarb
Flowable**†		M1-LV*	methomyl	Subtilex NG	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>
Carbaryl 4L	carbaryl	Macho 2 & 4	imidacloprid	SuffOil-X§	horticultural oil
Cease	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Magister	fenazaquin	Sultrus*	beta-cyfluthrin
Centaur**†	buprofezin	Magus	fenazaquin	Sunspray	horticultural oil
Collate*	ethephon	Mavrik	<i>tau</i> -fluvalinate	Supracide	methidathion
Companion	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Molt-X§	azadirachtin	Surround 95 WP§	kaolin
Confirm**†	tebufenozide	Movento*	spirotetramat	Talus 70DF**†	buprofezin
Corrida 29SL*	methomyl	M-pede§	insecticidal soap	Thuricide§	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subspecies and proteins
Counter Lock-n-Load*	terbufos	Mustang & Mustang MAXX* N-90	piperonyl butoxide & zeta-cypermethrin	Tombstone*	cyfluthrin
Counter 15G	terbufos		polyethoxylated nonylphenol (N-90)	Tourismo**†	flubendiamide
Smartbox*		Nealta	cyflumetofen	Triact 70§	azadirachtin
Crossfire	polyethoxylated nonylphenol (N-90)	Neemix§	azadirachtin	Trilogy§	azadirachtin
Damoil	horticultural oil	Nexter†	pyridaben	Tundra*	bifenthrin
Danitol*	fenpropathrin	N-Large	gibberellic acid	Typy	benzyladenine + gibberellins
Delegate WG	spinetoram	Novagib	gibberellic acid	Ultra-Fine	horticultural oil
Demand SC, EZ & G	lambda-cyhalothrin	Nudrin**†	methomyl	Vendex*	fenbutatin-oxide
Des-X§	insecticidal soap	NuFarm Abamectin	abamectin	Ventas**†	oxamyl
Diazinon*	diazinon	Omni	acetamiprid	Verve*	ethephon
Dimethoate*	dimethoate	Onager	hexythiazox	Voliam Flexi**†	thiamethoxam + chlorantraniliprole
Dimilin**†	diflubenzuron	Pedestal*	novaluron	Warrior II Zeon**†Δ	lambda-cyhalothrin
DiPel DF§	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subspecies and proteins	Perimeter	<i>tau</i> -fluvalinate	Xentari§	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subspecies and proteins
Drexel carbaryl	carbaryl			Zeal	etoxazole
Durivo**†	thiamethoxam + chlorantraniliprole			ZetaGuard LBT	zeta-cypermethrin + PBO
				Zoro	abamectin

Table 2. Pesticide synergies and acute, chronic, and sublethal toxicities for honey bees and other pollinators

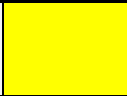




Key to table abbreviation, symbols, and colors




- * - Restricted-use pesticide
- † - Not for use in Nassau and Suffolk counties of New York
- § - Meets USDA organic standards
-  - Identifies a chemical that at least one study has shown synergy with other active ingredients or products.
-  - Identifies a formulation containing more than one active ingredient, at least one of which has been shown to synergize with other chemicals







EPA standard toxicity ratings: acute oral and/or contact toxicity to the honey bee (*Apis mellifera*)




-  - **Highly toxic** (acute LD₅₀ < 2µg/bee)
-  - **Moderately toxic** (acute LD₅₀ 2 - 10.99µg/bee)
-  - **Practically non-toxic** (acute LD₅₀ >11 µg/bee)





Fungicides, antibiotics and inert ingredients





Active Ingredient <i>Chemical group</i> <i>[Resistance code]</i>	New York Trade Name Examples	High toxicity	Moderate toxicity	Practically non-toxic	Synergies, sublethal effects, and toxicity to bee species other than the honey bee
acibenzolar-S-methyl <i>benzothiadiazole [P01]</i>	Actigard				
azoxystrobin <i>QoI-methoxy-acrylate</i> <i>fungicide [11]</i>	Quadris F, Abound, Acadia, Aframe, Heritage				azoxystrobin (Quadris) synergizes with iprodione (2SE Select) ¹ . No synergy detected with thiacloprid ² .
azoxystrobin + difenoconazole <i>QoI-methoxy-acrylate +</i> <i>DMI-triazole fungicide [11+3]</i>	Quadris Top				See azoxystrobin and difenoconazole separately for synergy information.
azoxystrobin + flutriafol <i>QoI-methoxy-acrylate +</i> <i>DMI-triazole fungicide [11+3]</i>	TopguardEQ				
azoxystrobin + propiconazole <i>QoI-methoxy-acrylate +</i> <i>DMI-triazole fungicides [11+3]</i>	Quilt, Quilt Xcel				See azoxystrobin and propiconazole separately for synergy information.




Active Ingredient <i>Chemical group</i> <i>[Resistance code]</i>	New York Trade Name Examples	High toxicity	Moderate toxicity	Practically non-toxic	Synergies, sublethal effects, and toxicity to bee species other than the honey bee
<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> <i>Microbial disruptor of pathogen produced by natural bacterium [44]</i>	Double Nickel\$, Ethos\$, Monterey\$, Revitalize\$, Triathlon\$, Vault\$				
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> <i>Microbial disruptor of pathogen, toxin produced by natural bacterium [44]</i>	Cease\$, Kodiak\$, Natria\$, Serenade\$, Sonata\$, etc.				The wet application of <i>B. subtilis</i> strain QST713 (Serenade) reduced honey bee brood production and was highly toxic to the bumble bee (<i>Bombus terrestris</i>) ³ . Tests on the dry application of <i>B. subtilis</i> strain QST713 (Serenade) and strain QRD132 (Serenade) did not significantly impact <i>Bombus impatiens</i> ⁴ or honey bees ⁵ .
<i>benzovindiflupyr</i> <i>SDHI-pyrazole-4-carboxamide fungicide [7]</i>	Aprovia*, Elatus*, Mural*				A new product for bitterrot.
<i>boscalid</i> <i>SDHI-pyridine-carboxamide fungicide [7]</i>	Endura (grape)				Synergizes with clothianidin and thiamethoxam ⁶ .
<i>boscalid + pyraclostrobin</i> <i>SDHI-pyridine-carboxamide + QoI- methoxy-carboxamide fungicides [7+11]</i>	Coronet, Pristine				boscalid+pyraclostrobin (Pristine) synergizes with chlorpyrifos ⁷ reducing queen emergence, with iprodione (2SE Select) increasing honey bee mortality ¹ , and with iprodione (Rovral) negatively impacting solitary bee species nesting behavior ⁸ .
<i>boscalid + pyraclostrobin + lambda-cyhalothrin</i> <i>SDHI-pyridine-carboxamide + QoI-methoxy-carboxamide fungicides + a pyrethroid insecticide [7+11+3A]</i>	Bonide Fruit Tree and Plant Guard				See boscalid, pyraclostrobin and lambda-cyhalothrin separately for synergy information.
<i>captan</i> <i>phthalimide fungicide [M4]</i>	Captan 50 WP, Captan, 80 WDG, Captan 4L				Studies have found captan to increase honey bee brood mortality at a moderately toxic level ^{9,10} and alter larval feeding capacity ¹¹ . A study conducted by the USDA Bee Lab in Weslaco, TX found that the inert ingredients mixed with captan make it highly toxic ¹² . Other laboratory studies report captan to be highly toxic to mason bees ¹³ and leafcutter bees ^{14,15} but practically non-toxic to bumble bees at recommended field rates ¹⁶ .


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chlorothalonil <i>chloronitrile fungicide [M5]</i>	Bravo ZN, Bravo Ultrex, Echo Products, Equus, Initiate				Synergizes with alpha-cypermethrin and lambda-cyhalothrin ¹⁷ and the beekeeping miticides <i>tau</i> -fluvalinate, coumaphos ^{18,19} , and Thymol ¹⁸ . Also synergizes with the thiophanate-methyl product Cerconil®. Chlorothalonil exhibits cumulative oral toxicity in honey bee larvae reared on field relevant doses for 6 days ¹⁹ and increases honey bee and bumble bee susceptibility to <i>Nosema</i> infection ^{20,21} & entombed pollen inside the honey bee hive ²⁰ .
copper hydroxide <i>inorganic fungicide/bactericide [M1]</i>	Kocide\$, Champ\$				
copper octanoate <i>inorganic fungicide/bactericide [M1]</i>	Camelot O\$, Cueva\$, Liquid copper Products\$, Ortho Elements Garden\$				
copper oxychloride/ copper hydroxide <i>inorganic fungicide/bactericide [M1]</i>	Badge SC & X2\$				copper oxychloride synergizes with imidacloprid ²² .
copper oxychloride/copper sulfate <i>inorganic fungicide/bactericide [M1]</i>	C.O.C.S.				copper oxychloride synergizes with imidacloprid ²² .
copper sulfate <i>inorganic fungicide/bactericide [M1]</i>	Bordeaux\$, Cuprofix Ultra\$, Cuproxtat\$, Mastercop\$				Highly toxic to a stingless bee species via oral exposure ²³ .
cyprodinil <i>anilino-pyrimidine fungicide, [9]</i>	Vanguard WG				Moderate toxicity when it synergizes with thiacloprid ² .
difenoconazole <i>DMI-triazole fungicide [3]</i>	Quadris-Top, Amistar, etc.				Synergizes with deltamethrin ²⁴ and the <i>tau</i> -fluvalinate ²⁵ product MAVRIK inducing hypothermia in honey bees.
difenoconazole + fludioxonil <i>DMI-triazole + phenylpyrroles fungicides [3+12]</i>	Academy				See difenoconazole and fludioxonil separately for synergy information.

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difenoconazole + cyprodinil <i>DMI-triazole + anilino-pyrimidine fungicides [3+9]</i>	Inspire Super				See difenoconazole and cyprodinil separately for synergy information.
dodine <i>guanidine fungicide [U12]</i>	Syllit FL				
fenbuconazole <i>DMI-triazole fungicide [3]</i>	Indar 2F				Synergizes with <i>tau</i> -fluvalinate ¹⁸ making it highly toxic to honey bees. At a field relevant dose the fenbuconazole product, Indar 2F, synergizes with acetamiprid ²⁷ in a solitary bee, doubling the toxicity of acetamiprid, making it borderline highly toxic (LD ₅₀ 2.1).
fenhexamid <i>SBI-KRI hydroxylanilide fungicide [17]</i>	Decree, Elevate				
fenhexamid + captan <i>SBI-KRI hydroxylanilides + phthalimide [17+M4]</i>	CaptEstate				See captan separately for toxicity notes.
ferbam <i>dithiocarbamate fungicide [M3]</i>	Ferbam granuflo				
fludioxonil <i>phenylpyrroles fungicide [12]</i>	Cannonball, Scholar				Impacts honey bee learning behavior ²⁸ .
fluopicolide <i>acylpicolide fungicide [U]</i>	Presidio* for landscape fruit trees				
fluopyram <i>pyridinyl-ethyl-benzamide fungicide [7]</i>	Velum Prime*+, Broadform*+				
fluopyram + pyrimethanil <i>Pyridinyl-ethyl-benzamide + anilino-pyrimidine fungicides [7+9]</i>	Luna Tranquility*+				
flutriafol <i>DMI-triazole fungicide [3]</i>	Rhyme+				Synergizes with lambda-cyhalothrin ^{29,30} making lambda-cyhalothrin 3 times more toxic. Although EPA classifies this pesticide as low toxicity to honey bees, the European Food Safety Authority has determined it exhibits moderate toxicity when the a.i. is consumed by bees ³¹ .


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fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin <i>SDHI-pyrazole-4-carboxamide + methoxy-carboxamide fungicides [7+11]</i>	Merivon Xemium*†				See pyraclostrobin separately for synergy information.
fosetyl-Al <i>Aluminum tris (O-ethylphosphonate) fungicide [P07(33)]</i>	Aliette WDG				
imazalil <i>DMI-imidazole fungicide [3]</i>	Fungaflor, Freshgard, Fungazil				Synergizes with cypermethrin, fipronil, and thiamethoxam in bumble bees ³² and lambda-cyhalothrin in honey bees ³⁰ .
iprodione <i>dicarboxamide fungicide [2]</i>	Meteor*, 26GT*, Nevado*, Rovral 4 F*, Iprodione 2F Select*				Synergizes with the product Pristine (pyraclostrobin+boscalid) ⁸ . A product formulation, Compass SC (iprodione + thiophanate methyl), was found to synergize with the varroacide, Mavrik (<i>tau</i> -fluvalinate) ³³ and decrease the repellency of honey bees to cypermethrin ¹⁷ thereby increasing their exposure. One study reports high toxicity to honey bee larvae ¹⁰ and another study reports sublethal effects on some solitary bees ⁸ .
kasugamycin <i>antibiotic [24]</i>	Kasumin 2L				
kresoxim-methyl <i>QoI-oximino-acetate fungicide [11]</i>	Sovran*†				
mandipropamid + difenoconazole <i>CAA mandelic acid amides + DMI- triazole fungicides [40+3]</i>	Revus Top				See difenoconazole separately for synergy information.
mancozeb <i>dithiocarbamate fungicide [M3]</i>	Dithane*, Koverall*, Manzate, Penncozeb*				When combined with alpha-cypermethrin or lambda-cyhalothrin studies found a 2-4 fold decrease in the contact toxicities ¹⁷ of these two insecticides. Synergy not detected with thiacloprid ² .
mancozeb + copper hydroxide <i>dithiocarbamate fungicide + inorganic fungicide/bactericide [M3+M1]</i>	ManKocide*				See mancozeb separately for synergy information.

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mefenoxam (metalaxyl-M) <i>phenylamide acylalanine</i> <i>insect growth regulator [4]</i>	Quali-Pro Mefenoxam, Ultra Flourish				
metconazole <i>DMI- triazole[3]</i>	Quash, Tourney				Synergy with <i>Tau</i> -fluvalinate ¹⁸ causing a 3-4 fold increase in contact toxicity of this miticide.
metiram <i>dithiocarbamate fungicide</i> <i>[M3]</i>	Polyram 80DF				
metrafenone <i>benzophenone fungicide [50]</i>	Vivando				
myclobutanil <i>DMI-triazole fungicide [3]</i>	Rally 40 WSP, Sonoma 20 EW AG, Sonoma 40 WSP				Synergizes with clothianidin, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam ³⁴ , lambda-cyhalothrin ^{30,35} , <i>Tau</i> -fluvalinate ¹⁸ via oral and/or contact exposure in honey bees. Synergy with lambda-cyhalothrin also affects bumble bees feeding on pollen ³⁵ . Synergy is not detected with thiacloprid ³⁴ .
mineral oil <i>Horticultural Spray</i>	Biocover, BVA, Damoil, Civitas Turf, Glacial Spray, PureSpray, Omni				
N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) <i>inert ingredient often used in pesticide formulations as a co-solvent</i>	NMP is in abamectin 0.15EC, Ardent 0.15, Exilis plus, Temprano, Zoro				This inert ingredient is highly toxic to honey bee larvae ¹⁹ .
oxytetracycline <i>tetracycline antibiotic</i>	Fireline, MycoShield				One study found a synergy with <i>Tau</i> -fluvinate ³⁶ while another study did not show synergy with <i>tau</i> -fluvalinate ¹⁸ .
penthiopyrad <i>pyrazole-4-carboxamide fungicide [7]</i>	Fontelis				
piperonyl butoxide <i>synergist</i>	Exponent, PBO-8, and various pyrethrum products				Synergizes with acetamiprid ³⁷ , coumaphos ^{38,18} , Cyfluthrin ³⁹ , fenpyroximate ¹⁸ , lambda cyhalothrin ^{29,39} , permethrin ⁴⁰ , <i>tau</i> -fluvalinate ^{38,18} , and thiacloprid ³⁷ as well as imidacloprid and the product Advise ^{37,41} .



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potassium bicarbonate <i>Inorganic salt</i>	Agricure, Kaligreen, MilStop				
propiconazole <i>DMI-triazole fungicide [3]</i>	Alamo*, Alsa*, Propi Max, Bumper 250EC*, Cherokee, Kestrel Mex*, Menara, Marazo, Tilt, Mantis, Banner Maxx				Synergizes with alpha-cypermethrin ³⁰ , acetamiprid, imidacloprid, thiacloprid ^{37,34} , lambda cyhalothrin ^{30,17} , <i>Tau</i> -fluvalinate ¹⁸ , and thiamethoxam ³⁴ in honey bees. One study determined that propiconazole reduced the toxicity of thiacloprid ³⁴ . Synergizes with clothianidin in honey bees, bumble bees and some solitary bees ⁴² however another study demonstrated only additive effects of clothianidin ⁴³ . propiconazole alone decreases bumble bee reproduction ⁴⁴ .
pyraclostrobin <i>QoI-methoxy-carboxamide fungicide [11]</i>	Crystalline BASF* products, Cabrio EG, Empress Intrinsic				Synergizes with fenpyroximate and the beekeeping miticide <i>Tau</i> -fluvalinate ¹⁸ . The pyraclostrobin+boscalid product Pristine synergizes with iprodione (2SE Select) ¹ and negatively impacts nesting success of some solitary bees ⁸ and reproductive success ⁴⁵ and immunity in honey bees ⁷ . When combined with fipronil honey bee larval feeding decreases ⁴⁶ .
pyrimethanil <i>anilino-pyrimidine fungicide [9]</i>	Decco Pyr. 400 SC, Scala, Penbotec 400 SC, EFOG-160				
quinoxifen <i>azanaphthalene aryloxyquinoline fungicide [13]</i>	Quintec				
reynoutria <i>Botanical extract of Reynoutria sacchalinensis</i>	Regalia				
streptomycin <i>antibiotic [25]</i>	Agri-mycin*, Streptrol, Firewall				
sulfur <i>Inorganic natural element [M2]</i>	Sulfur, <i>Some products §</i>				Moderate oral toxicity can remain up to 7 days ⁴⁷ .
thiophanate-methyl <i>thiophanate fungicide [1]</i>	Topsin M, Incognito 4.5F				Synergizes with <i>tau</i> -fluvalinate ^{17,18} , flumethrin, and lambda-cyhalothrin ¹⁷ becoming highly toxic to honey bees. Synergizes with product formulations containing the single active ingredients imidacloprid, deltamethrin and chlorothalonil ⁴⁸ to become highly toxic to honey bees and other bees when consumed.




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trifloxystrobin <i>methoxy-carboxamide fungicide [11]</i>	Flint, Flint Extra, Gem 500SC,				
triflumizole <i>imidazole fungicide [3]</i>	Procure*, Terraguard*				Synergizes with acetamiprid, imidacloprid, and thiacloprid ³⁷ .
ziram <i>dithio-carbamate fungicide [M3]</i>	Ziram				Larval mortality in laboratory studies ¹⁰ .






Mixtures of fungicides and insecticides




Active Ingredient <i>Chemical group [Resistance code]</i>	New York Trade Name Examples	High toxicity	Moderate toxicity	Practically non-toxic	Synergies, sublethal effects, and toxicity to bee species other than the honey bee
boscalid + pyraclostrobin + lambda-cyhalothrin <i>SDHI-pyridine-carboxamide + QoI-methoxy-carboxamide fungicides + a pyrethroid insecticide [7+11+3A]</i>	Bonide Fruit Tree and Plant Guard				See boscalid, pyraclostrobin and lambda-cyhalothrin separately for synergy information.

Insecticides (including insect growth regulators) and adjuvants



Active Ingredient <i>Chemical group [Resistance code]</i>	New York Trade Name Examples	High toxicity	Moderate toxicity	Practically non-toxic	Synergies, sublethal effects, and toxicity to bee species other than the honey bee
abamectin /avermectin <i>avermectin insecticide [6]</i>	Agri-Mek*, Abamex, Epi-Mek*, NuFarm abamectin*, Zoro*				The abamectin formulation (Vertimec®) which includes unknown inert ingredients produces a synergistic response that was 709 times/1870 times more toxic to honey bees/Melipona bees than the active ingredient, abamectin alone ⁴⁹ . Highly toxic both topically and orally to honey bees ⁵⁰ and arrests reproduction in bumble bees ⁵¹ . Other non-honey bee species exhibits moderate to high toxicity via contact and oral exposure, respectively ⁵² .
abamectin + thiamethoxam <i>avermectin + nitro-neonicotinoid insecticide [6+4A]</i>	Agri-Flex**†				See abamectin separately for toxicity information and thiamethoxam separately for synergy information.
acequinocyl <i>quinolone insecticide [20B]</i>	Kanemite, Shuttle O				Topical and oral exposure arrests bumble bee reproduction ⁵¹ .






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acetamiprid <i>cyano-neonicotinoid insecticide [4A]</i>	Assail, Arvida, Azomar, Justice, Omni, Intruder Max,				Synergizes with piperonyl butoxide (PBO), S,S,S-tributylphosphorotrithioate (DEF), triflumizole ³⁷ , propiconazole ^{37,35} , and the fenbuconazole product (Indar2) ²⁷ making these highly toxic mixtures. Synergy with propiconazole ³⁵ and fenbuconazole (Indar2) ²⁷ is also present in bumble bees and mason bees respectively.
azadirachtin <i>Naturally occurring tetranortriterpenoid</i> <i>Insect growth regulator [UN]</i>	Aza-Direct\$, AzaGuard\$, Molt-X\$, Neemix\$, Azatin\$, Triact 70\$, Trilogy\$				Oral exposure at field relevant dose causes honey bee larval mortality and sublethal effects on adult body size ⁵³⁻⁵⁵ . Oral exposure below, at, and above a field relevant dose causes bumble bee worker mortality and sublethal effects on reproduction and body mass ⁵⁶ .
Bacillus subtilis <i>Microbial disruptor of insect midgut membranes [11A]</i>	Cease, Companion, Serenade (Max, Opti, ASO, Soil), Subtilex NG				<i>B. subtilis</i> is toxic to bumble bee species (<i>B. terrestris</i>) ³ and exhibits sublethal effects on reproduction in <i>Bombus impatiens</i> ⁴ .
Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies and proteins <i>Microbial disruptor of insect midgut membranes [11A]</i>	BioBit\$, DiPel DF\$, Gnatrol\$, Javelin\$, Monterey\$, Safer\$, Thuricide\$, Xentari\$				Negative sublethal impacts on honey bee physiology ⁵⁷ .
benzyladenine + gibberellins <i>Insect growth regulators</i>	Perlan, Promalin, Fascination				
beta-Cyfluthrin <i>pyrethroid insecticide [3A]</i>	Baythroid XL*, Sultrus*, Tempo SC*				The parent chemical, cyfluthrin synergizes with piperonyl butoxide ³⁹ becoming 30 times more toxic to honey bees. It also impacts honey bee behavior ³⁹ and is highly toxic topically and orally to bumble bees ^{35,58}
beta-Cyfluthrin + imidacloprid <i>pyrethroid + cyano-neonicotinoid insecticide [3A+4A]</i>	Leverage 360*				See cyfluthrin and imidacloprid separately for synergy and toxicity information.
bifenazate <i>Insect growth regulator [20D]</i>	Acramite, Banter, Floramite				Moderate and High toxicity, topically and orally, relatively to bumble bees including sublethal effects at just $\frac{1}{10}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ MFRC ⁵¹ . Honey bee mortality increased 5 times, 10 days after exposure ⁵⁹ .






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bifenthrin <i>pyrethroid insecticide [3A]</i>	Aceto*†, Bifenture*, Brigade WSB*†, Brigade EC*†, Fanfare*, Tundra EC*				Synergizes with the miticide Apistan (Tau-fluvalinate) ⁶⁰ . Highly toxic to bumble bees ^{60,35} however typically bifenthrin residue not frequently found in pollen and nectar ³⁵ .
bifenthrin + zeta-cypermethrin w/ piperonyl butoxide <i>pyrethroid insecticide + synergist [3A+synergist]</i>	Hero*				See bifenthrin, zeta-cypermethrin and piperonyl butoxide separately for other synergy information. Piperonyl butoxide is a well known synergist with pyrethroids like bifenthrin. Highly toxic to bumble bees ^{60,35} .
buprofezin <i>Insect growth regulator [16]</i>	Applaud IGR*†, buprofezin 65% WP*†, Centaur*†,				The product formulation <i>buprofezin 65% WP</i> exhibits moderate toxicity ⁴⁹ .
carbaryl <i>carbamate insecticide [1A]</i>	Sevin Carbaryl, Drexel Carbaryl, Carbaryl 4L				Toxic to bee species other than the honey bee ⁶¹ . Used as a thinner at petal fall it impacts the bee community that typically are still visiting petal-less flowers.
chlorantraniliprole <i>anthranilic diamide insecticide [28]</i>	Altacor*†				Suppresses reproduction in worker bumble bees ⁶² . Synergy not detected with propiconazole in honey bees ⁶³ .
chlorantraniliprole + lambda-cyhalothrin <i>anthranilic diamide + pyrethroid insecticide [28+3A]</i>	Besiege*†				See chlorantraniliprole and lambda-cyhalothrin separately for synergy and toxicity information.
chlorpyrifos <i>organophosphate insecticide [1B]</i>	Lorsban*				Synergizes with propiconazole ⁶⁴ doubling the toxicity. When combined with the product formulation Pristine (pyraclostrobin + boscalid) it reduces honey bee queen emergence ⁷ . Highly toxic to bumble bees ^{65,66,35} , solitary bees ⁵² and chronically lethal to honey bee larvae ¹⁹ .
chlorpyrifos + bifenthrin <i>organophosphate + pyrethroid insecticide [1B+3A]</i>	Tundra Supreme*†				See bifenthrin and chlorpyrifos separately for synergy information.
clofentezine <i>tetrazine ovicide/miticide, an insect growth inhibitor [10A]</i>	Apollo				
cyantraniliprole <i>anthranilic diamide insecticide [28]</i>	Dupont Exirel*†				


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cyflumetofen <i>beta-ketonitrile miticide [25A]</i>	Nealta				
cyfluthrin <i>pyrethroid insecticide [3A]</i>	Baythroid*, Tombstone*				Synergizes with piperonyl butoxide ³⁹ becoming 30 times more toxic to honey bees. It also impacts honey bee behavior ³⁹ and is highly toxic topically and orally to bumble bees ^{35,58}
cyfluthrin + imidacloprid* <i>pyrethroid + nitro-neonicotinoid insecticide [3A+4A]</i>	Leverage2.7*, Leverage 360*				See cyfluthrin and imidacloprid separately for synergy information.
cypermethrin <i>pyrethroid insecticide [3A]</i>	Ammo, Fastac				Synergizes with imazalil in at least one bumble bee species ³² . <i>Alpha</i> -cypermethrin, an isomer of cypermethrin, synergizes with chlorothalonil (Bravo SC®, 500g/l), propiconazole (Tilt EC, 250g/l), and prochloraz (Sportak EW®, 450 g/l), and increases toxicity of carbendazim (Derosal WG® 80%), iprodione + thiophanate methyl (Compass SC® 15.5%/15.5%) and other triazoles including Tebuconazole (Folicur EW®, 250 g/l) and difenoconazole (Plover EC®, 250 g/l). Both cypermethrin and Zeta-cypermethrin are highly toxic to solitary bees ⁶⁷ . cypermethrin increases Chronic Paralysis Virus (CPV) infection ⁶⁸ .
diazinon <i>organophosphate insecticide [1B]</i>	Diazinon*				Highly toxic to bumble bees and some solitary bees as well as honey bees ^{69,61} .
diflubenzuron <i>Insect growth regulator [7C]</i>	Dimilin*†				Has shown sublethal effects on larvae and fertility of adult honey bees ^{70–75} ; but see ⁷⁶ .
dimethoate <i>organophosphate insecticide [1B]</i>	Drexel Dimethoate*				Highly toxic to bumble bees and some solitary bees ^{77,13} .
emamectin benzoate <i>avermectin insecticide [6]</i>	Proclaim*Δ				
esfenvalerate <i>pyrethroid insecticide [3A]</i>	Asana XL*				Highly toxic to bumble bees ^{52,35} and exhibits sublethal effects on megachilid bees ⁷⁸ .
ethephon <i>Insect growth regulator</i>	Collate*, Verve*				
etoxazole <i>etoxazole insecticide [10B]</i>	Zeal				Highly toxic to bumble bees when consumed ^{51,57} .
fenazaquin <i>pyridazine insecticide [21A]</i>	Magister, Magus				Low toxicity to bumble bees ⁵⁸

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Fenbutatin-oxide organotin insecticide [12B]	Vendex*				
fenoxycarb (EXPIRED) Insect growth regulator [7B]					Reduces reproduction and the size of winter honey bee colonies ⁷⁴ .
fenpropathrin pyrethroid insecticide [3A]	Danitol 2.4**				Highly toxic to bumble bees and some solitary bees ⁷⁹ .
fenpyroximate pyridazine insecticide [21A]	Portal				Synergizes with enzyme inhibitors piperonyl butoxide (PBO) and S,S,S-tributylphosphorotrithioate (DEF), fungicides including prochloraz, pyraclostrobin and beekeeping miticides amitraz ¹⁸ , and Oxalic acid making these mixes highly toxic. And in the cases of the beekeeping miticides <i>tau</i> -fluvalinate and coumaphos ¹⁸ borderline high toxicity (LD ₅₀ 2.04-2.4). Although EPA has reported that this active ingredient is practically non-toxic, one study measured moderate toxicity to honey bees ¹⁸ .
fipronil phenylpyrazoles [2B]	Regent				Synergizes with imazalil to be lethal to bumble bees at 24 hrs but the toxicity subsides by 48 hrs ³² . fipronil is associated with increased <i>Nosema</i> infection ⁸⁰
flonicamid flonicamid insecticide [29]	Beleaf 50SG, Flonicamid 50WG				
flubendiamide anthranilic diamide insecticide [28]	Belt SC*†, Tourismo*†				Moderate toxicity when applied topically to honey bees has been reported in laboratory and semi-field conditions ⁸¹ . <i>Megachile rotundata</i> ⁸² and <i>Bombus impatiens</i> ⁸³ were not impacted by the flubendiamide product formulation, Belt SC®.
gibberellic acid Insect growth regulator	Falgro, Novagib, GibGro, N-Large, Pro-Gibb 4%\$, Pro-Vide 10%SG				Also used as a supplement in the honey bee diet ⁸⁴ .
hexythiazox thiazolidine insecticide [10A]	Hexygon, Savey, Onager				
horticultural oil	Damoiil, PureSpray\$, Sunspray, JMS Stylet\$, SuffOil-X\$, Ultra-Fine, Bonide oil\$				Products with Thymol, Menthol, and Rosemary can be highly toxic, especially when bees are already stressed ⁸⁵⁻⁸⁸). Bees are temporarily inactivated by direct contact with oil sprays; death may occur ⁸⁹ .

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imidacloprid <i>neonicotinoid insecticide [4A]</i>	Advise 4*, Admire Pro Protectant*, Leverage products, Macho 2* & 4*, Provoke*				Synergizes with piperonyl butoxide ^{37,41} , propiconazole ³⁷ , triflumizole ³⁷ , The imidacloprid product Advise 2FL® synergized with Vydate 3.77 CLV® (oxamyl), Transform 5G® (Sulfloxaflor), and Domark ME® (Tetraconazole) ⁴¹ . Highly toxic to bumble bees ⁹⁰ . May impact groundnesting bees in general ⁹¹ .
indoxacarb <i>oxadiazine insecticide [22A]</i>	Avaunt				High toxicity even at field-realistic doses ^{81,92} .
insecticidal Soap <i>Repellant</i>	M-pede\$, Des-X\$, Kopa\$, Safer\$				
kaolin <i>Repellant</i>	Surround WP\$				
lambda-cyhalothrin <i>pyrethroid insecticide [3A]</i>	Demand SC* & EZ* & G*, Silencer*, Warrior II with Zeon*				Synergizes with flutriafol ²⁹ , imazalil, myclobutanil, propiconazole ³⁰ , prochloraz ^{29,30,93} , and piperonyl butoxide ^{29,39} making them 16x. Highly toxic to bumble bees ⁷⁹ and some solitary bees ^{79,94} .
malathion <i>organophosphate insecticide [1B]</i>	Fyfanon				Highly toxic to bumble bees and some solitary bees ⁹⁵ .
methidathion <i>organophosphate insecticide [1B]</i>	Supracide				Realistic field exposure moderately toxic ³⁵ .
methomyl <i>carbamate insecticide [1A]</i>	Annihilate*, Corrida 29SL*, Lannate*, Lannate LV, M1-LV*, Nudrin*				Moderately to Highly toxic to bumble bees ^{96,58} .
methoxyfenozide <i>diacylhydrazine insecticide [18] an insect growth regulator</i>	Intrepid*†				Acute and chronic effects to honey bee larvae and adults over time ⁵⁹ .
non-ionic surfactant	Regulaid, LI-700, Induce				
novaluron <i>benzoylureas insecticide [15]</i>	Pedestal*, Rimon*				Sublethal impacts on egg and larvae of honey bees ⁹⁷ , some bumble bees ^{91,98} and leafcutter bees ^{91,99} .

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organosilicone surfactant <i>adjuvant</i>	Phase, Silt, Silkin, Silicone				Increases susceptibility of bees to disease, resulting in exponentially increased mortality ^{70,100} .
oxamyl <i>carbamate insecticide [1A]</i>	Return*†, Ventas*†				The oxamyl product Vydate 3.7CLV® synergizes with imidacloprid product (Advise2FL®) ⁴¹ . No effects on bumble bees ⁵⁷ .
permethrin <i>pyrethroid insecticide [3A]</i>	Pounce 25 WP*				Synergizes with piperonyl butoxide ⁴⁰ . Highly toxic to bumble bees ^{79,101} and solitary bees ^{79,102} .
phosmet <i>organophosphate insecticide [1B]</i>	Imidan*				Highly toxic to some solitary bees ⁷⁹ . Often high residues in pollen samples ³⁵ .
piperonyl butoxide (PBO) <i>synergist</i>	<i>Ingredient in</i> Mustang MAXX*, Butacide, Pybuthrin, and Ambush				Synergizes with acetamiprid ³⁷ , coumaphos ¹⁸ , cyfluthrin ³⁹ , fenpyroximate ¹⁸ , lambda cyhalothrin ^{29,93} , permethrin ^{40,29,38} , prochloraz ^{29,93} , tau-fluvalinate ^{18,39} , and thiacloprid ³⁷ making highly or more highly toxic including coumaphos ¹⁸ which became moderately toxic with PBO. While PBO synergizes with imidacloprid to be just 1.7x more toxic, its combination with the <i>imidacloprid</i> product Advise® increased toxicity 5.2 - fold ⁴¹ .
polyethoxylated Nonylphenol (N-90) <i>adjuvant</i>	N-90, Activator 90, Crossfire				Sublethal effects on behavior of the honey bee in response to the product Activator-90 ⁷⁰ as well as to managed solitary bee species when used alone and in the case of Grow-More® N-90, in combination with Rovral 4F® (iprodione) and Pristine® (pyraclostrobin + boscalid) which ultimately decreases reproductive output ⁸ .
pyrethrin <i>pyrethrin insecticide [3A]</i>	PyGanic\$, Pycana, Pyrenone				Synthetic forms synergize with multiple pesticide ingredients. See pyrethroids. Some formulations found to decrease honey bee body temperature ¹⁰³ .
pyridaben <i>pyridazine insecticide [21A]</i>	Nexter†				
pyriproxyfen <i>Insect growth regulator [7C]</i>	Esteem				Exhibits sublethal impacts on honey bee larvae, adult behavior, and survival ^{59,104} as well as bumble bee larvae ¹⁰⁵ .
spinetoram <i>spinosin insecticide [5]</i>	Delegate WG, Radiant SC				
spinosad <i>spinosin insecticide [5]</i>	Entrust SC\$, Seduce\$, SpinTor 2SC\$, Conserve SC Turf Ornamental				Moderate contact and high oral acute toxicity to bumble bees ^{106,91} as well as sublethal foraging effects ¹⁰⁷ on bumble bees. One non- <i>Apis</i> bee species experienced moderate contact toxicity ⁹¹ while three other species experienced high contact toxicity ^{91,108,23} .

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spiroticlofen <i>tetronic acid insecticide [23]</i>	Envidor**†				Although EPA classifies spiroticlofen as low toxicity, one study finds moderate toxicity to adult honey bees ¹⁰⁹ . Chronic exposure significantly reduced honey bee ¹¹⁰ and bumble bee reproduction and colony strength ⁵¹ .
spirotetramat <i>tetramic acid insecticide [23]</i>	Movento*, Spirotetramat 240 SC*				Moderate acute toxicity and High chronic oral toxicity and sublethal reproductive effects to bumble bees ^{111,4} . Moderately toxic to honey bee larvae in laboratory studies with does above field recommendations ¹¹² .
tau-fluvalinate (beekeeping) <i>pyrethroid insecticide [3A] a beekeeping miticide.</i>	Apistan, Aquaflow, Perimeter, Mavrik				Synergizes with boscalid ¹⁸ , chlorothalonil ^{19,18} , fenbuconazole, metconazole, myclobutanil, prochloraz, propiconazole ¹⁸ , piperonyl butoxide ^{39,18} as well as beekeeping miticides coumaphos ^{38,18} , Thymol, amitraz, fenpyroximate, and oxalic acid ¹⁸ . Highly toxic to honey bee larvae ¹⁹ . One study on the <i>tau</i> -fluvalinate product Mavrik® and the difenoconazole+carbendazim product ERIA® resulted in no lethal nor sublethal effects on bees ²⁵ .
tebufenozide <i>Insect growth regulator[7c]</i>	Confirm**†				Exhibits sublethal effects on honey bee behavior and learning ^{73,70} .
thiacloprid *This product is suspended, please dispose. <i>cyano-neonicotinoid insecticide [4A]</i>	Calypso 4 Flowable**†				Synergizes with cyprodinil ² , piperonyl butoxide ³⁷ , triflumizole and propiconazole ^{39,noted in 29} and is associated with increased <i>Nosema</i> infection in honey bees ⁸⁰ . However one study found no synergy when mixed with tebuconazole, propiconazole or myclobutanil ³⁴ . Field relevant exposure is lethal to bumble bee colonies ¹¹³ .
thiamethoxam <i>nitro-neonicotinoid insecticide [4A]</i>	Actara**†, Flagship**†, Platinum 75 SG**†, Cruiser FS				Synergizes with boscalid ⁶ , propiconazole ^{33,34} , myclobutanil ³⁴ , and tebuconazole ³⁴ . Synergizes with imazalil in both honey bees and bumble bees ³² . Highly toxic to bumble bees ^{114,115} and some solitary bees ¹¹⁶ . Synergistic effect on honeybee mortality when co-exposed to thiamethoxam and Chronic Bee Paralysis Virus ¹¹⁷ .
thiamethoxam + fludioxonil + mefenoxam	Adage ST, Cruiser MAXX				
thiamethoxam + chlorantraniliprole <i>nitro-neonicotinoid + anthranilic diamide insecticide [4A+28]</i>	Voliam Flexi**†, Durivo**†				See thiamethoxam and chlorantraniliprole separately for synergy and toxicity information.
thiamethoxam + lambda-cyhalothrin <i>nitro-neonicotinoid + pyrethroid insecticide [4A+3A]</i>	Endigo**†				See thiamethoxam and lambda-cyhalothrin separately for synergy information.

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zeta-cypermethrin pyrethroid insecticide [3A]	Mustang MAXX*				See cypermethrin separately for synergy information. Zeta-cypermethrin is highly toxic to solitary bees ⁶⁷ .
zeta-cypermethrin + avermectin pyrethroid + avermectin insecticides [3+6]	Gladiator*				See (zeta)-cypermethrin and avermectin separately for synergy and toxicity information.



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Sample Pollination Services Contract

This sample contract is provided as a service and is not a substitute for legal advice.

This agreement dated _____ is made between the following parties:

Beekeeper's name:

Grower's name:

CONTACT INFORMATION		
	Beekeeper	Grower
Mailing address:		
Phone number(s):		
Emergency phone number:		
Email address:		

The parties agree to the following terms

CROP AND COLONY OVERVIEW			
This agreement involves the 20 _____ growing season			
Crop to be pollinated by honey bee colonies. This agreement is for crop varieties that are in flower.			
Address and/or GPS coordinates of orchard/field where the hives will be placed			
Date of colony placement*		Date of colony removal*	
* If actual flowering dates differ from dates above, the grower will provide _____ hours notice to the beekeeper regarding when colonies should be placed and removed			
No. of hives rented		Price of a standard hive rental	\$
Total anticipated rental price	\$	Date(s) on which the rental fee is payable to the beekeeper	
Describe in detail or illustrate the colony placement in the orchard			
The grower will provide right of entry at all times to beekeepers visiting the property so that s/he can manage colonies		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Before services are provided, the beekeeper will locate a holding yard to place colonies in the event that they require movement to avoid a pesticide spray		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
A water source will be provided to the honey bee colonies by the following party		<input type="checkbox"/> Beekeeper <input type="checkbox"/> Grower <input type="checkbox"/> No water will be provided	
The grower and beekeeper agree to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, including pesticide label restrictions designed to protect bees.			

The **beekeeper** agrees to provide colonies of the following standards:

COLONY STATUS OF A STANDARD HIVE	
Colony configuration (2 deeps, 1 deep, etc.)	
Minimum frames of bees in each hive	
Minimum frames of brood in each hive	
Pounds of food stores	lbs
Presence of a laying queen	
Colonies are free of American Foulbrood	
The beekeeper agrees to open and demonstrate the health and status of colonies randomly selected by the grower at least one (1) time following placement of the hives and thereafter as reasonably requested by the grower.	
The beekeeper will maintain colonies in good pollinating condition by providing feed, medication, and mite treatments as needed	

The **grower** agrees to the following responsibilities:

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES
The grower will provide a suitable place(s) for the hives that are accessible by truck or other vehicles
The grower will hold the beekeeper harmless from any and all claims of injury or property damage arising from beekeeper's performance of this contract, including but not limited to, claims arising from bee stings to animals or people, and claims for field or crop damage or loss resulting from the use of beekeepers vehicle(s).

MINIMIZING RISK OF PESTICIDE EXPOSURE			
The following pesticides or agricultural chemicals are mutually agreed to be used while the bees are on the crop:			
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
7.		8.	
9.		10.	
The beekeeper will be notified of an application of a pesticide in this above list		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The beekeeper will be notified at the emergency contact (number/email address) provided above of an application of a pesticide that is not included in this above list		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The number of hours notice the grower agrees to give the beekeeper before a pesticide is applied to a crop (e.g., 48 hrs)		hrs	
If a pesticide not included in the above list will be applied during pollination, the grower shall assume the costs to move the colonies away from and back to the crop. State the cost of moving colonies		\$	
The grower will compensate the beekeeper for any colonies that died from acute pesticide poisoning events while present or within one month of pollinating this crop. Cause of death must be verified by the state apiculturist, state inspector, or Department of Environmental Conservation. State the cost of compensation per colony		\$	
The grower will dispose of all pesticide products in a manner that bees will not be able to contact it while searching for a source of water			

Additional agreements:

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS
Prior to placing colonies for pollination, either party can terminate this contract should events occur beyond his/her control that prevent him or her from fulfilling the obligations as outlined (e.g., unexpected colony deaths, unexpected damage or disease of crops, etc.).
If disputes arise that cannot be resolved through communication or small claims court, they will be settled by arbitration. Either party may request arbitration by providing written notice to the other at the contact information provided above by certified mail, return receipt requested. Within 10 days of receipt of such written request, each party will select one arbitrator and the two arbitrators will select a third. After reviewing the case, the decision of any two arbitrators will be binding. Cost of arbitration will be equally divided between the two parties. This contract shall be governed by New York law.

Signature of beekeeper: _____

Date: _____

Signature of grower: _____

Date: _____