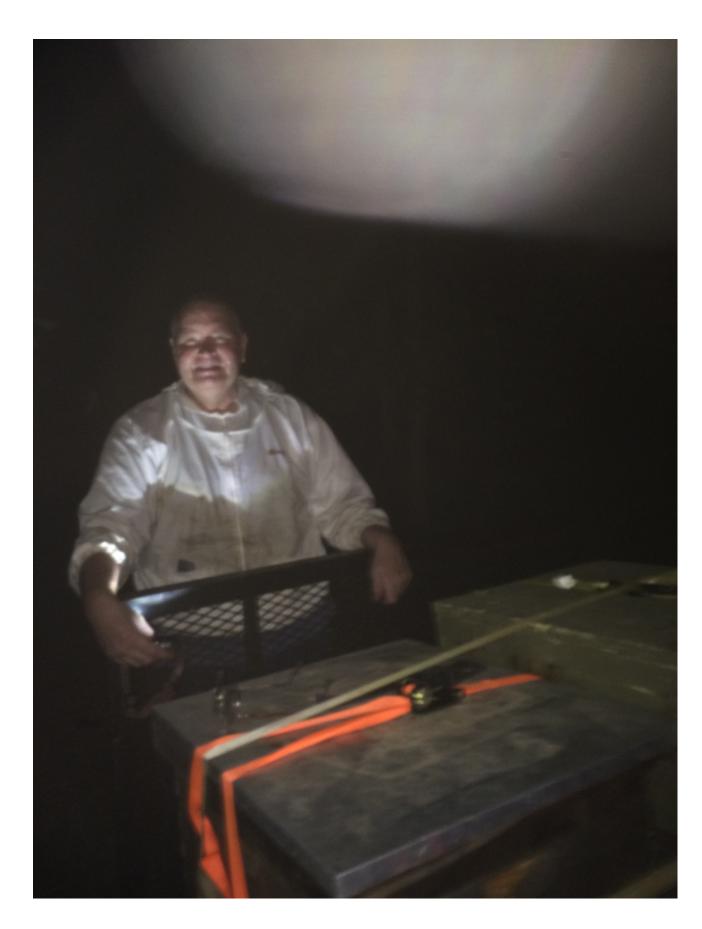




Large Farms Use Migratory Pollination



Migratory pollination is usually single-crop pollination where hives are moved into the crop during the bloom and removed immediately following bloom. Wildflowers and competing nectar sources are eliminated.

Small Farms are Different



On a small farm, there is usually a diversity of crops blooming within close proximity. Simultaneous blooms, including wildflowers, might compete for honey bee pollination.



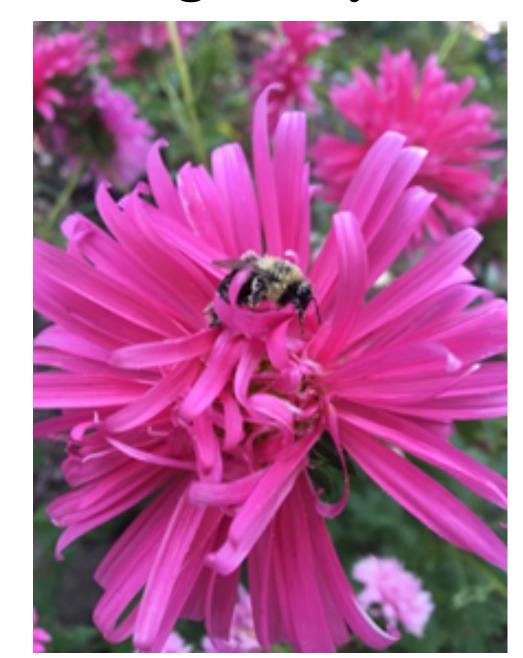
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Pollination Guidelines for Small Farms

Principles of Stationary Pollination on a Small Farm

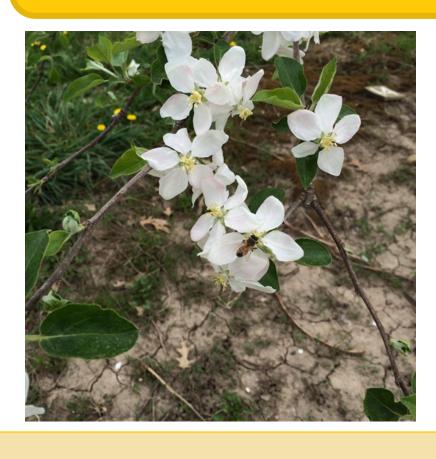


Strong honey bee hives forage many crops.



The diversity of crops and blooming flowers that is typical of a small farm might also attract native bees. Honey bees and native bees working together shown to be a very effective pollination solution.

Benefits of Stationary Pollination



- pollination
- year)



Maggie Wachter and Rachel Coventry

Season-long, multi-crop

Less stress for bees • Multifloral honey (in a good

Beekeeping Tips for Small Farmers

- from pesticide drift as possible.

Cold Climate Winter Hive Preparation



reflective insulation to further minimize wind. Insulate under the hive cover, then add a layer of canvas to absorb condensation.

Mice

Starvation Check for honey stores and include a candy board for extra food.



Mites: Treating mites helps bees fight pests and diseases.

Second Nature Honey Urbana, IL

• Orient hives close to the target crop, but as far away • Register your apiary on DRIFTWATCH.org

Wind and Moisture Add fence, windbreak or move hives to a protected area. Add

> Install a mouse guard before temperatures drop.







