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Resolution No. 3 Support for the National Apiary Survey and Laboratory

The Central Plant Board in 2010 and 2011 provided resolutions in support of the National Honey Bee Survey. Honey bee health is an ever-increasing concern, and a commitment to continued survey and the development of tools and protocols for analysis of honey bee health, including honey, bees, pollen and wax for pests and pesticide residue, is highly desirable. Continuation of a coordinated, standardized survey is important for determining the health of the U.S. honey bee population and detecting new exotic and invasive honey bee pests. Further, the lack of widely accepted laboratory protocols for analyzing honey, bees, pollen and wax for pests and pesticide residues is a limiting factor when attempting to determine causes of honey bee health problems. The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture has released a policy statement for Domestic Bee Protection specifically identifying the need for ongoing, coordinated, nationwide bee health surveys.

RESOLVED: By the Central Plant Board at its 90th annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota on May 8, 2014 that USDA restore adequate funding for National Honey Bee Survey to determine apiary health in all states on an annual basis, beginning in 2015, and that USDA-ARS continue to develop, review, revise and support protocols and analytic methods for fast and effective identification of honey bee pests, pathogens and pesticide residues.

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