

# An Intervention into the Colony Collapse: The Plight of the Humble Bee



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Angela McDonnell presents facts and figures about the honeybees that started dying off at unusually and mysteriously high rates worldwide during the past decade. Scientists have labeled this phenomenon "colony collapse disorder" and looked at many possible causes. Honeybees add at least \$15 billion in crop value through pollination in the U.S. alone, and if colony losses continue, these pollination demands may not be met and crops could wither. To protect the U.S. food supply, Penn State Master Gardeners and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania recommend easy and reasonable steps that everyone should take to protect honeybees and provide habitat for the non-stinging, native mason bees that are even more efficient pollinators than the honeybee.

Angela McDonnell is a retired R.N. who went from nurturing people to nurturing plants. She became a Penn State Master Gardener upon retiring from an administrator position in a 150-bed personal care facility. She is the President of Weeders and Seeders Garden Club in Ligonier and continues to serve on various committees. Angela was Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania District VI Director and GCFP Awards Chair in 2011-2013.

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