

Bringing beekeepers and pesticide applicators together by tracking and safeguarding hive locations across California using innovative mapping tools.

## About BeeWhere

Bees contribute greatly to California's agriculture and the mapping of bee hives is critical to the health of both the bee and the state's agricultural sector.

California law requires beekeepers to register bees and provide movement notification with their local County Agricultural Commissioners. BeeWhere is a collaborative project from the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA), the California Association of Pest Control Advisors (CAPCA), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR). BeeWhere offers a dynamic, real-time GIS mapping system where beekeepers can mark hives with a simple pin drop on a map.

BeeWhere is more than just a platform for registration and GIS hive location tracking. BeeWhere integrates with Crop Management tools like Agrian and CDMS that are used by Pest Control Advisers (PCA), growers and licensed applicators in the state. These Crop Management tools will interface with BeeWhere to access the general number of hives within a mile of the site when a PCA is considering a pesticide for crop management and allow applicators to contact beekeepers for notification purposes.

## Why Should I Register

## The law states:

- Every beekeeper who moves bees into the state or comes into possession of an apiary must register with the appropriate County Agricultural Commissioner.
- Hives must be identified by displaying the owner's name, address, and phone number.
- Any apiary operator must notify the County Agricultural Commissioner if a colony of bees is relocated within the county.
- The County Agricultural Commissioner must be notified within 72 hours if a beekeeper relocates a colony of bees from one county to another.

Registering your beehives is the law. California law requires beekeepers to annually register bees with their local County Agricultural Commissioners and notify the county of any relocation movement. This registration enables communication efforts between beekeepers, pesticide applicators, and county agricultural commissioners to reduce pesticide incidents with bees. No one outside the agricultural commissioners has access to hive locations and is kept confidential.

As simple as marking your hive locations on a map!

No outside access to hive locations other than County Ag Commissioners

Only verified growers and applicators get access to beekeeper contact information

You choose method of contact and have option to remain anonymous



## Registration Made Simple

BeeWhere is a quick and free registration option for California and out-of-state beekeepers. All information provided by beekeepers through BeeWhere is carefully protected and held in confidence according to the provisions of California law. BeeWhere is supported by the California State Beekeepers Association, CAPCA, CACASA, the Almond Board of California and our other partners who are dedicated to the welfare of bees.

To register your bee hives, registrants will need to provide:

- Your home county or the county in which you will first place your bees
- Beekeeper Information (Name, Address, Phone, Email)
- Pesticide Applicators notification method. You can choose how to be contacted
- Payment of \$10 fee to your home registration county



All registered bee hive locations are stored securely within the California Agricultural Commissioners database system (CalAgPermits), adhering strictly to the provisions of the California Food and Agriculture Code Section 29041 and other applicable laws. Your bee hive locations are not shared with anyone outside the California Agricultural Commissioners staff. PCAs can request the number of colonies with a one-mile radius of a field where they are considering a pesticide application recommendation but receive no information about the locations or owners of those colonies. Pesticide applicators who must notify beekeepers of certain applications are provided contact information for notification purposes but also receive no information about specific colony locations.

There is a \$10 annual registration fee due at the time of registration to the local County Agricultural Commissioner. This fee is per beekeeper, regardless of the number of hives they own and is required by law. The registration fee can be paid by mail or in person by visiting your home Agricultural Commissioner's office. If you have already registered and paid your fee for 2019, your information will be automatically transferred to the Bee-Where program and your Agricultural Commissioners office will send you your new BeeWhere beekeeping ID and instructions shortly.