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American Honey Producers Association

**From the Backyard Beekeeper
to the
Commercial
Beekeeper**

**AHPA
works for our
industry**



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**1,500 Commercial, 10,000 Sideline,
200,000 Backyard Beekeepers in the U.S.**



- Current Membership of 550+
- Our Membership Produce Approximately 65 Million Pounds of Honey Per Year
- Our Membership Represents More than1 Million Colonies

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2016 AHPA Executive Board



Pictured left to right: Joe Sanroma, Executive Board Member; Kelvin Adey, Vice President; Randy Verhoek, Past President; Chris Hiatt, Executive Member; Darren Cox, President; Eric Silva, Attorney; Mark Jenson, Legislative Chair and Past President. Not pictured: Doug Hauke, Treasurer, Steven Coy, Executive Board Member; Ryan Cosyns, Executive Board Member, Chuck Kutik, Executive Board Member.

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AHPA Works For You

- Beekeepers were included in 2014 Farm Bill
 - Marketing Loan Program
 - Responsible for keeping it in the 2014 Farm bill, extended 5 years
 - ELAP in the 2008 Farm Bill to present
 - \$50 million in Emergency Assistance for producers of livestock, honeybees/and farm raised fish. It also included losses attributed to Pollinator Health Decline
- Increased funding for USDA Bee Labs
- Received \$1.3 million pesticide research funds
- Successfully lobbied the Department of Commerce to implement and continue the Anti-Dumping Order
- Instrumental in making section 18 for Amitraz possible in 2013






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USDA - ARS Bee Labs

Authorized in the 2014 Farm Bill

- \$10 Million for "Research and Extension"
- \$7.25 Million in additional funding to increase capacity and infrastructure to address CCD
- \$2.75 Million per year for 5 years to conduct a nationwide honeybee pest and pathogen surveillance program.
- Congress has made available significant amounts of this grant money for University and private sector research
- AHPA successfully lobbied for many years to hire ARS scientists at UC Davis ARS lab in California



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USDA-Agriculture Research Service

AHPA continues to guide ARS research priorities including direct meetings with high level USDA-ARS

Primary Topics

Pesticides

Management tools for bee pest

Viruses

Supplements


Genetics – resistance

Diets – Pollen & Nectar substitute


Nosema/Varroa

Plants that carry nutritional characteristics desired by honeybees

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2014 Farm Bill



- Senate & House versions
Marketing loan \$3 million per year for 10 years, total \$30 Million
- Lobbied Congress to extend ELAP
Passed in the Senate and the House
- Secured Federal Crop Insurance for an Apiculture Insurance Program
Insure losses of production and income due to weather conditions.
- Conservation Habitat for Honey Bees
 - Would require pollinator habitat be included as a program purpose of CRP, for the benefit of both native and managed honeybees

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We are working on H2A Worker concerns

AHPA hired Labor Attorney Leon Sequeira of Seyfarth Shaw Attorneys, LLP, to represent us before the Department of Labor.

Working with Congress (Senator Harkin) to give beekeepers a permanent exemption for the Migrant-Seasonal Ag Workers Protection Act (MSPA) as the Custom Grain Harvesters and Shepherders have.

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We Support a National Standard of Identity

Starting in March, 2006
Senator Charles Schumer, New York – Leading the charge on cracking down on “honey launderers” in China. Senator Schumer asked the FDA Commissioner for a Federal Standard that would halt import of adulterated and mislabeled (circumvented) honey from abroad.

15 Senators, led by Senator John Thune(SD) and Senator Bob Casey(PA) sent letters to FDA in support of our petition and Senator Schumer.

FDA Denied the Industry Petition, USDA is putting together a report to focus on the validity and usefulness to implement a national standard of identity for a re-evaluation to the FDA . AHPA is continuing efforts to implement a national standard of identity.



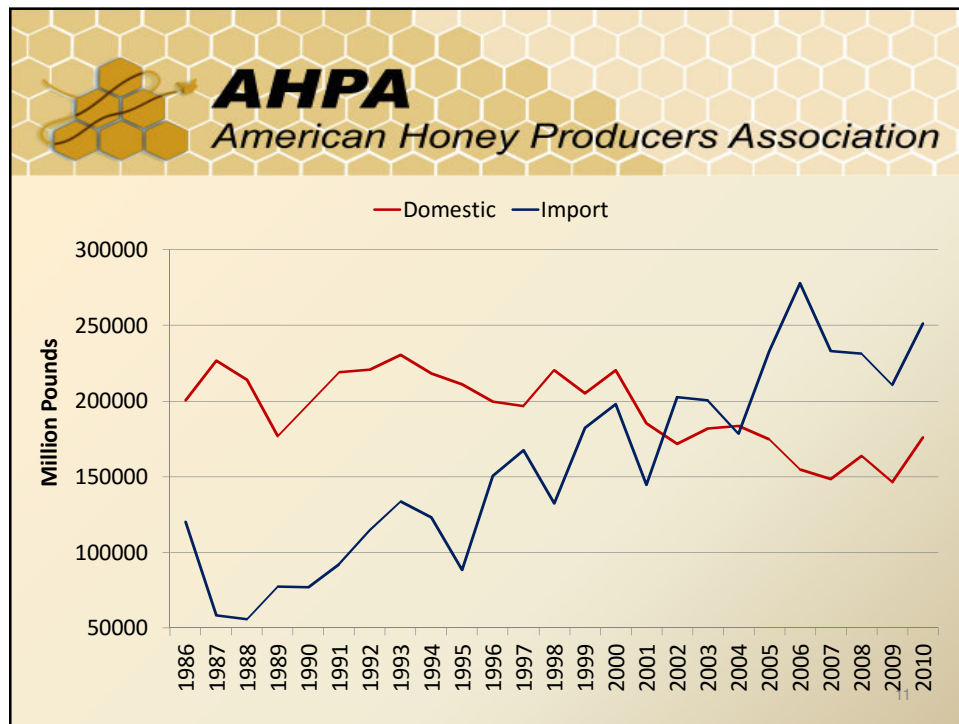

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U.S. Honey Market Review

In 1986 the National Honey Board reported:
62% of Honey Sales were Domestic
38% of Honey Sales were Imports

According to **2015** Statistics (Jan – Sept)
27% of Honey Sales were Domestic
73% of Honey Sales were Imports

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Imports


- 1995 – Anti-Dumping Petition
- 1995 – 2000 Suspension Agreement
- 2001 Anti-Dumping Order – China and Argentina

Customs Fraud

- 2001 Chinese Honey Imports 58.70 million lbs.
- 2011 Chinese Honey Imports 3.36 million lbs.
- 2001 Malaysia exported only 45,000 lbs. of honey
- 2010 Malaysia exported 37 million lbs. to the U.S.

2008 -2011 over 90 million pounds, per year, Of Chinese origin honey entered the U.S. without paying anti-dumping duties.

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Illegal Imports

In September 2015 Sue Honey and ABF declined to participate in investigating circumvented and adulterated honey in the United States with attorney Michael Coursey.

AHPA is the only national organization that is paying the cost of investigating these crimes against U.S. beekeepers.

It is estimated that 400 million pounds of imported honey arrived in the United States by last year.

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Homeland Security Investigations

- *AHPA retained Michael Coursey with the law firm of Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP to represent our members*
- *AHPA executive board has annual meetings with homeland security addressing concerns on adulterated honey as they are reported to us*
- *There are additional ongoing investigations that are being pursued by Homeland Security*
- *In 2016 we will be targeting honey packers and importers that are selling circumvented and adulterated honey*

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Pollinator Stewardship Council

The Pollinator Stewardship Council, formerly known as National Pollinator Defense Fund, was created by members of the AHPA to defend managed and native pollinators vital to a sustainable and affordable food supply from the adverse impacts of pesticides.

www.pollinatorstewardship.org



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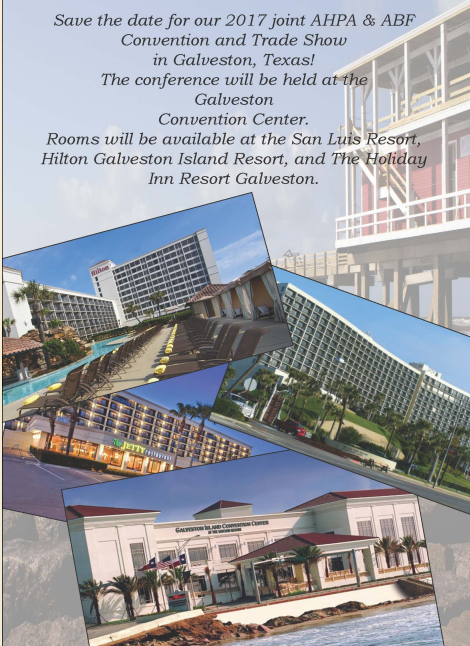
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Hilton Galveston Island Resort, and The Holiday
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