

“Honey Bees”

are fuzzy, with colors ranging from gold to brown and are attracted to flowers.



“Yellow Jackets”

are shiny, with sharply defined yellow and black markings and are attracted to meats and sweets.



“Wasps” are long and thin, with a variety of colors and markings. Some wasps feed on insects that are disruptive to crops.



Yellow jackets and wasps are prone to sting. Honey bees would rather not.

PESTICIDES

Use them carefully

When you use pesticides you could unintentionally harm and kill many honey bees.

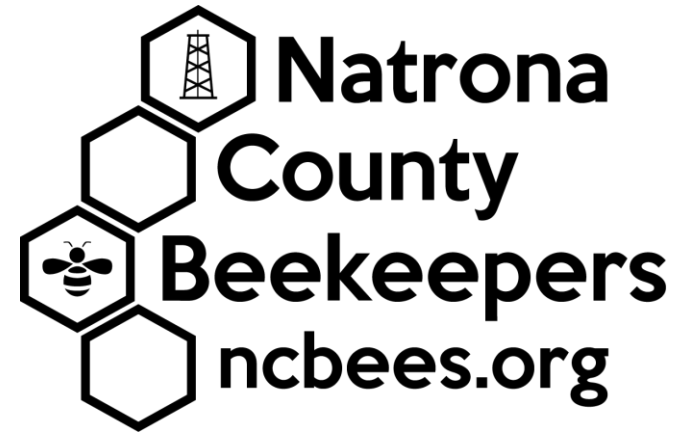


- ◆ Pesticides include herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, and fungicides.
- ◆ Apply before dawn or near sunset to avoid the daytime activity of bees.
- ◆ Avoid wind drift or runoff.
- ◆ Any questions? Contact your local extension office or conservation district for help.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have questions or concerns about honey bees or are looking for details about our meeting times and locations, please visit our web site or email us:

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THE HONEY BEE **important for all of us**

- ◆ **Our FOOD:** One out of every three bites of our food depends on honey bees.
- ◆ **Our FLOWERS:** Nearly 80% of all flowering plants need pollination for species survival.
- ◆ **Our GARDENS:** Crop/garden yields increase at least 30% with honey bees.



Products from Honey Bees you may already enjoy:
Honey Beeswax Pollen
Propolis Royal Jelly
Fruits, nuts and food provided by bee pollination.

THE HIVE **a home**



- ◆ A “hive” is where the colony lives.
- ◆ Local beekeepers want to provide a good home for honey bees by maintaining quality hives.
- ◆ **If you see a Hive:**
 - ◆ Observe from the side at a safe distance.
 - ◆ Appreciate the beauty and fascination of these busy pollinators at work.

To be Safe:

- ◆ Don’t stand, block, or walk in front of the entrance.
- ◆ Don’t disturb or harass the hive in any way.

THE SWARM **a good thing**

- ◆ Swarming is the process of colony reproduction, usually occurring in the spring.
- ◆ A swarm, after leaving the parent hive, will cluster on almost anything while scout bees look for a new home.
- ◆ Contrary to the depictions offered by movies and cartoons, bees are quite docile when in a swarm.



- ◆ Observe this wonder of nature and call NCBees or your local animal control, so a volunteer beekeeper can give the swarm a safe, new home.