



Certify Your Bee Friendly Farm ¹



The “*Bee Friendly Farming*” initiative² is an important means of raising consumer recognition and support for helping bees by (1) recognizing those who provide bee habitat, and/or (2) supporting bees by purchasing farm products and local honey bearing the “Bee Friendly Farmer” logo.

“Bee Friendly Farmer” is an inclusive term that is intended to recognize Bee Friendly anyone who supports bees directly or indirectly—farms, ranches, businesses, schools, local governments, nonprofits, gardeners and beekeepers.

Upon completing the 10 questions on this easy online application to certify your Bee Friendly Farm or other bee friendly habitat and paying a tax-deductible \$25 fee (renewed *annually*), you are on your way to helping contribute to increasing identified habitat that can support not only honey bees but native pollinators, too. **Annual certification fees are deposited in a special fund that will be used to provide cost-share assistance to growers planting additional forage for honey bees and other pollinators.** Once you are certified, you will receive our quarterly newsletter and Bee Friendly Farmer logos for your use, to help spread the word that our bees need plenty of year round sources of pollen and nectar to stay healthy. To plant for bees, you can access a “pollinator toolkit” of links to resources for bee-beneficial plantings at <http://www.pfspbees.org/developments.htm>.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Bee Friendly “Farm” Physical Location:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Mailing Address, if Different from the Above:

Address: _____

Address2: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

¹ Need Help? Call 707-321-4711 or e-mail k.kellison@earthlink.net

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I am a "**Beekeeper**"—

- Beekeeper
- Hobbyist
- Sideliner
- Commercial beekeeper or manage solitary bees (mason, alkali, leafcutter)
- I have a year-round apiary on my land
- I provide access to a beekeeper to pasture his or her bees
- I plant or manage lands for bees (*examples-as a naturalist, restorationist, wildlife habitat manager or botanist*)

If you are a **Beekeeper**, you are done! Mail \$25 annual certification fee (Payable to PFSP) and your bee friendly certification to the address indicated at the end of this form.

2. Type of bee friendly farm operation you are certifying (check all that apply)

- Orchard
- Vineyard
- Vegetable operation
- Fruit operation, bee pollinated (berries, melons, etc.)
- Seed crops, bee pollinated
- Farm
- Ranch
- Landscaping management on my property
- Land planted, managed or restored for bees
- Other [briefly describe] _____

3. How do you currently provide forage for bees? Honey bees and native bees require a succession of flowering plants throughout the season, in particular late summer-fall. Check all that apply (minimum 2)

- Bee-attractive flowering perennials
- Berries
- Ground covers/cover crops (e.g., clovers, mustard, vetch)
- Restored native meadows, pollinator friendly wildlife plantings
- Bee-attractive native meadows, pollinator friendly wildlife plantings
- Flowering hedgerows
- Flowering trees that provide nectar/pollen
- Insectary garden (flowering plants grown to attract beneficial insects)
- "Weedy" areas not managed (allowed to flower)
- Other [briefly describe] _____

4. Please provide the plant names (common names are fine) on your property that provide pollen and nectar during each season. Go to <http://pfspsbees.org/CABeePlants.pdf> to see which plants are currently listed in the California ³ NRCS Pollinator Biology Tech notes (minimum of 2 plant varieties per season—10 plants total—required from Pollinator Tech notes plant list)

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
1) _____	1)_____	1)_____	1)_____
2) _____	2)_____	2)_____	2)_____
3) _____	3)_____	3)_____	3)_____

³ If you are not located in California, please use information about pollinator-beneficial plants provided by your State NRCS office.

5. Size of your operation (acres) _____
6. What percentage of your operation contains bee forage? (Minimum of 6 percent of your acreage, including natural areas on your property adjacent to cropland, to qualify for certification) _____
7. Describe how you provide nesting for bees. Check all that apply (Minimum requirement: 2)
 - Undisturbed (untilled) ground [*including bare soil, small cut banks and sand piles*]
 - Dead trees/snags
 - Native bee nesting boxes (for example for mason or leafcutter bees)
 - Apiaries (managed honey bees)
8. A safe, year-round, reliable source of water is needed by honey bees. Water supplies need to be protected from contamination by pesticides or other pollutants. Is substantial, safe and accessible water available for bees continuously during the dry summer months? Check all that apply (minimum requirement: 1)
 - River
 - Pond
 - Irrigation, rain water collection
 - Garden water features
 - Other
9. Best Management Practices (BMP) being used to minimize bee poisonings. Check all that apply (minimum requirement: 1)
 - I don't use any pesticides (insecticides, herbicides and fungicides).
 - I am an organic grower.
 - I use Integrated Pest Management (IPM), including—
 - When needed, I only spray at dusk or after dark when bees less active.
 - I never spray insecticides or fungicides on flowering plants, and I do not use pesticides with extended toxicity on plants that may come into bloom during the period of toxicity.
10. Other (check all that apply):
 - I grow crops that require bee pollination (List pollinated crops)—
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - I farm more than 3 insect pollinated crops per year.
 - I currently allow beekeepers to place their hives on my operation.
 - I would be willing to work with local beekeepers and allow them to place their hives on my operation. **Please contact me.**
 - I am interested in increasing bee forage and in learning more about possible assistance and incentives. ⁴ **Please contact me.**
 - There are natural areas adjacent to my operation where bees can forage.
 - I am aware of wild honey bee colonies on or near my operation.

For additional information or to return completed certification and tax-deductible \$25 annual certification fee payment (payable to Partners for Sustainable Pollination, *re annual BFF Certification Fee*):

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⁴ Pollinator Conservation Resource Center now includes links to native seed producers.