

Saving Lives, Bees and an Industry

We need honey advocates!







KANSAS STATE

Driving Forces

Honey bees provide about **82% of all pollination** in the U.S.



Economically Motivated Adulteration (EMA)

Need **independent certification program** to ensure authenticity of honey coupled with an effective communications program.



Foreign Threats

Honey **industry suffers** due to low-priced, foreign and adulterated honey. Need advocacy and policies to support domestic production.



Colony Losses

Challenges, from vectors to diseases, make managing colonies increasingly difficult. A united vision and focused research can turn this situation around!



Lifesaving Therapy

Improve the lives of active-duty members, veterans, farmers, and others in need of care through beekeeping. Advocate for this phenomenal, sometimes lifesaving therapy.



Workforce Development

Incorporate commercial beekeeping and applied learning in **training to grow workforce** and meet the national demands.



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Go to entomology.ksu.edu/honey

- Share contact info for future eUpdates
- Become a partner
- · Download resources and advocate

About Us

Centralizing effort to save lives, bees, and an industry.

Kansas State University, Valor Honey, the American Honey Producers Association, and other state agencies are building the American Honey Institute in Manhattan, KS.





Purpose

To serve as the hub for all endeavors in the production of honey and the sustainment of pollinators, a vital agricultural industry.

To build a network of educators, producers, and honey advocates across the U.S.



Lead, educate, inform, collaborate, conduct research, network, ensure product authenticity, develop and implement a wellness model.



In the U.S., we consume 700 million pounds of honey but only produce 125 million.



Education

Basic, advanced, commercial, master pathways



Research

Honey bee sustainability, honey authenticity





Certification

Authenticity testing, fully independent lab, standards



Well-Being Integrated therapy, resettlement



Communications

Honey bee sustainability, honey authenticity



You

Our success depends on advocates like you

Get Involved!

Your voice matters, and we would love to hear from you and keep you updated on our activities.





Facilities

Places to learn, heal, thrive (i.e., workforce development) and create "productive collisions".



People

Developing leaders, educators, and connectors through interdisciplinary activities and initiatives.



Certification & Policy

Equipment and processes to transform and standardize industry packing, distribution, and communication to buyers and consumers.



Awareness

From producer to consumer, creating advocacy to enhance pollinator security and profitable agricultural production systems.