

Scientists warn of severe honeybee losses in 2025

Researchers at Washington State University projected that honeybee colonies in the U.S. could decline by up to 70% this year.

Honey bee colony losses reach 'crisis' levels this year

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The heavy scale of honey bee colony losses this year could have significant repercussions to pollination-dependent crops, including fruits and vegetables. (Courtesy photo, Washington State University)

Commercial beekeepers suffered colony losses of 62% between June and February, according to a nationwide survey.

"This is unprecedented and a crisis," said Matt Mulica, facilitator of the Honey Bee Health Coalition.



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Millions of bees have died this year. It's "the worst bee loss in recorded history," one beekeeper says.



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