

Practice or Metric		Your Selection
<b>Bee Health and Pollination Subsection</b>		
<b>Best Management Practices Guide</b>		
BP-01	Was the operation aware of the Almond Board's guide, 'Honey Bee Best Management Practices for California Almonds'? <i>If you answered 'No,' then skip to question BP-04.</i>	Yes
	<b>BP-02.</b> Were practices in the guide specific to the internal farm operation used?	Yes
	<b>BP-03.</b> Were practices in the guide relevant to the farm's role in communication and coordination with parties throughout the pollination and pest management communication chain used?	Yes
<b>Agreements with Beekeepers</b>		
BP-04	Were commercial bees used for pollination on the orchard? <i>If you answered 'No,' then skip to question BP-14.</i>	Yes
BP-05	Was a pollination agreement executed with the beekeeper? <i>If you answered 'No,' then skip to question BP-08.</i>	No
	<b>BP-06.</b> Was the pollination agreement executed with the beekeeper documented?	
	<b>BP-07.</b> Did the agreement stipulate hive strength, potential pesticide applications, and hive removal date? <i>Answer "Yes" if all items were included in the agreement.</i>	
BP-08	Were hives placed at sites not susceptible to pesticide drift from outside sources?	Yes
BP-09	Did the operation ensure that the beekeeper registered locations of the hives with the county agricultural commissioner's office?	No
BP-10	Was an inspection completed by the beekeeper, or third party consultant, to ensure expectations for hive strength were met (two hives per acre having an average of eight frames of bees, with six-frame minimum strength is common)?	Yes
BP-11	Were arrangements made with the beekeeper about which pesticides could be applied if daytime applications were necessary while hives were present, and, if an application(s) was necessary, was the beekeeper provided with 48-hour advance notice?	Not applicable
BP-12	Was notification given to the person responsible for pesticide recommendations, as well as the applicator, which and when during the day, pesticides could be applied while hives were present?	Yes
BP-13	Were beekeepers advised to remove hives based on timing recommended by the University of California (about 90% of latest blooming variety is at petal fall)?	No
<b>Pollinator Risk Mitigation</b>		
BP-14	Before applying pesticides to the orchard during bloom, were beekeepers with hives on nearby properties notified using an appropriate communication method (e.g., through the County Ag Commissioner, BeeWhere, CalAgPermits, etc.)? <i>Answer 'Not Applicable' if you do not spray anything during bloom.</i>	No
BP-15	Did the operation ensure that pesticides with label cautions "highly toxic to bees," "toxic to bees," "residual times," or "extended residual toxicity" were not used during bloom? <i>Answer 'Yes' if no pesticides are applied during bloom.</i>	Yes
BP-16	Except for possibly Bacillus thuringiensis, did the operation ensure that insecticides (including tank mixes with fungicides) were not applied during bloom? <i>Answer 'Yes' if no pesticides are applied during bloom.</i>	Yes
BP-17	During bloom, were necessary fungicides (or Bacillus thuringiensis) applied in the late afternoon or evening when bees and pollen were not present?	Yes
BP-18	Was abundant potable water, free from contamination, provided for bees?	Yes

<b>BP-19</b>	Were water sources for pollinator bees covered before or replaced after pesticide applications?	Yes
<b>BP-20</b>	Was the orchard manager familiar with common symptoms of honey bee exposure to pesticides?	Yes
<b>BP-21</b>	If incidences of possible pesticide-related bee incidences were observed, were they immediately reported to the county agricultural commissioner's office?	Not applicable
<b>BP-22</b>	Before applying pesticides to the orchard anytime of the year, were beekeepers with hives on nearby properties notified using an appropriate communication method (e.g., through the County Ag Commissioner, BeeWhere, CalAgPermits, etc.)?	No
<b>Alternative Forage for Pollinators</b>		
<b>BP-23</b>	Were hedgerows of flowering shrubs, such as coyote brush, maintained along at least some edges of the farm to provide alternative nutrition sources for managed and native pollinators and pest natural enemies?	No
<b>BP-24</b>	Was vegetation maintained on or adjacent to the farm that provided pollen and nectar sources for pollinator bees before and/or after almond bloom (includes nutritional ground cover)? <i>If you answered 'No' or 'Not Applicable', then skip to question BP-27.</i>	Yes
	<b>BP-25.</b> Have natural habitat areas or set aside plantings with flowering plants and/or nesting habitat for managed and native pollinators been established or maintained in unfarmed areas on or within 2 miles of the orchard?	No
	<b>BP-26.</b> Has cover crop recommended for providing forage to pollinators (e.g., mustards, clovers, vetch and/or wildflowers) been planted in an adjacent, neighboring field within 2 miles of the orchard?	No
<b>BP-27</b>	Was the combined acreage of hedgerows and other vegetation types, such as natural habitat areas, set aside plantings, and/or adjacent cover crops, equivalent to at least 3% of the orchard planted area?	Yes