

## Seeds for Bees Cover Crop Program

# 2017-2018 Impact Report

*Seeds for Bees* encourages the use of cover crops to increase the density, diversity, and duration of bee forage in California orchards, farms, and vineyards, while improving soil health. The seed mixes available through Seeds for Bees are designed to bloom at critical times of the year when natural forage is scarce but managed and native bees are active. Seeds for Bees serves the needs of bees, beekeepers, and growers, increasing sustainability of pollination and agriculture.



🍯 **140** California growers planted over **6,500** acres of cover crop.

🍯 **3** Seed mixes: PAm Mustard mix, PAm Clover mix, and Vetch.

🍯 **20** Counties in California were represented by enrollees.

🍯 More than **70%** of participants increased their engagement in honey bee Best Management Practices like improved pesticide application practices to protect pollinators and better communication with beekeepers.

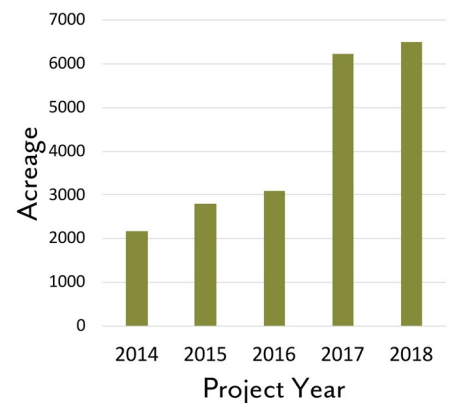
🍯 **Improved Bee Health, Organic Matter Content, Weed Control** and **Water Infiltration** were top benefits participants witnessed in their operations.

🍯 Over **85%** will include cover crops in future management plans.

*“The Seeds for Bees program is top notch and they have multiple seeds which help by putting organic matter back into the soil which in turn helps the microbiology and water retention of the soil. The team here at Sran Family Orchards highly recommends the Seeds for Bees Program and supports Project Apis m.”*

*- Jason Hickman, Sran Family Orchards*

Total Acres Planted:  
**20,795**



## Contact Us

Learn more about how planting cover crops can improve soil and honey bee health.

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