

seeds for bees®



Project Apis m.

Guidelines and Enrollment

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.

Guidelines

- Enrollment is open from June 1st through August 31st, 2022. Seed availability is limited and growers are encouraged to apply early.
- 1st year Seeds for Bees enrollees are eligible for a \$2,500 discount off their total seed purchase.
- 2nd year enrollees are eligible for a \$1,500 discount off their total seed purchase.
- Shipping is free for all orders throughout the enrollee's participation in Seeds for Bees. Growers located within 50 miles of seed distributor are requested to pick up their seed if possible, so more donations can go directly to growers for free seed.
- A limited number of new enrollees will be accepted each year based on available funding.
- Required reading: [Almond Board of California's Cover Crop BMPs](#), [Almond Board of California's Honey Bee BMPs for California Almonds](#), and [Seeds for Bees planting guidelines](#).
- Project Apis m. has sole discretion for final enrollment decisions.
- Project Apis m. has the right to refuse any applicant at any time.

Enrollment

To enroll in the SFB program enrollees must:

- Be a farmer or grower of crops in California.
- Complete an [application online](#) or contact Rory Crowley to apply.
- Grow honey bee pollinated crops (including seed production), nuts, or fruits.
 - Growers of wind pollinated crops may be considered for enrollment based on additional information provided in grower's application.
- Plant a minimum of 2 acres of cover crops.
- Agree to submit 2 photos per year and complete a short annual survey.
- A short phone consultation with the Seeds for Bees program manager is required as the last step to finalize a participant's enrollment if accepted.

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Contact Us

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

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