



# 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 providing benefits to growers. 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 April 1st through August 31st, 2023.
- Seed availability is limited and growers are encouraged to apply early.
- 1st year enrollees are eligible for a \$2,500 discount off their seed purchase.
- 2nd year enrollees are eligible for a \$1,500 discount off their seed purchase.
- Shipping is always free for all Seeds for Bees orders. *Growers located within 50 miles of seed distribution sites are asked to pick up seeds if possible. This allows more donations to go directly towards free seeds for growers!*
- 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 BMP's for California Almonds](#)
  - [Seeds for Bees planting guidelines](#)
  - [Seeds for Bees Management Quick Guide](#).
- 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 Seeds For Bees program enrollees must:

- Reside and grow commercial crops in California
- Grow honey bee pollinated crops (including seed production), nuts, or fruits.
  - Growers of wind pollinated crops may be considered and should apply.
  - NEW: Beekeepers with commercial bee yards in California may apply.
- Complete an application or contact Stetcyn Maldonado to apply.
- Plant a minimum of 4 acres of cover crops.
- Agree to submit 2 photos per year and complete a short annual survey.
- Participate in a short phone consultation with a Seeds for Bees program manager.  
*This is required as the last step to finalize enrollment.*



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## Contact Us

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

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