



Pollinator Acute Risk Mitigation - Update

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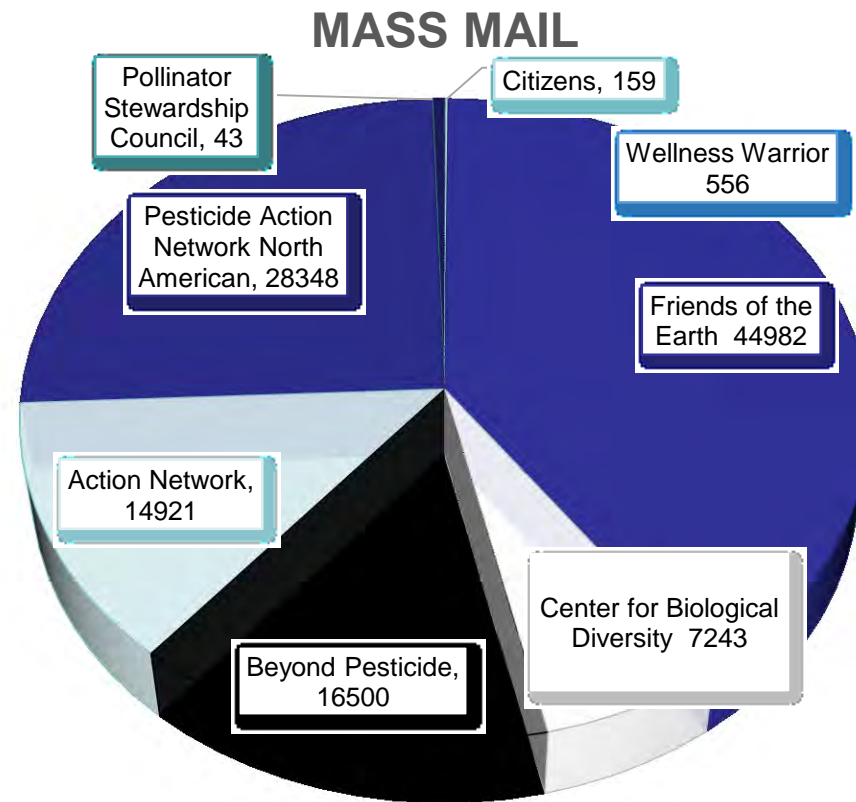
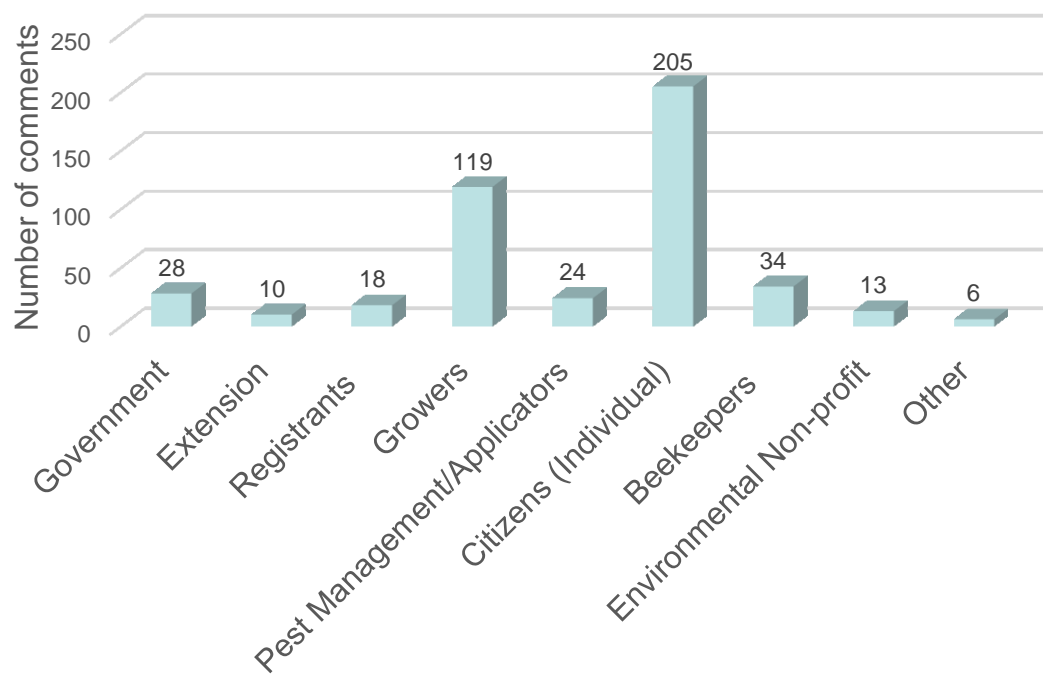
EPA's Proposal to Mitigate Exposure to Bees from Acutely Toxic Pesticide Products

- Published May 29, 2015; extended comment period closed August 28, 2015
- Prohibits the liquid or dust **foliar** application of **acutely toxic** products (LD50 < 11µg ai/bee) **during bloom** for sites with **bees onsite under contract**, unless the application is made in accordance with a government-declared public health response
- Encourages the development of Managed Pollinator Protection Plans (MP3s) by states and tribes
- Requested comment on the label restrictions, MP3s, and areas of uncertainty
- 113,209 comments, 457 unique comments, 112,752 mass mailers



Overview of Comments

- 113,209 comments received
 - 457 unique comments
 - 112,752 comments from mass mail campaigns





Major Themes from the Comments

- Lack of flexibility
- Potential impacts to crop producers
- Refining with a quantitative risk approach to identify scope
- Refining with RT25 information
- Focus on contract scenario vs other exposure scenarios
- General support for MP3s



Refining the Policy

- Refining the policy based on evaluation of comments and Impact Assessments conducted by EPA
 - Quantitative risk metric for determining scope
 - Incorporation of RT25 data, continued work to improve testing
 - Options for high impact pest/crop scenarios
 - Addressing environmental hazard language
 - Implementation factors



Next Steps

- Publish final policy December/January timeframe
- Begin implementation in early 2017
- For more information on EPA's pollinator protection efforts, visit:
<http://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection>