

MEASURING SUCCESS NATIONALLY

MANAGED POLLINATOR PROTECTION PLANS

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HOW DID WE GET TO HERE?

- The Impetus - Managed Pollinator Protection Plans
- Current Status of Plans
- Measuring Plan Success
- Looking Ahead

RESPONSE TO POLLINATOR ISSUES

- In June of 2014, a Presidential Memorandum was issued which directed a federal Interagency Task Force to create a “*Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators.*”
- Among other things, the memo specifically directed the EPA to **engage state lead agencies for pesticide regulation in developing state managed pollinator protection plans as a means of mitigating the risk of pesticides to honey bees and other managed pollinators...**
- As a result of the Presidential Directive, the “*National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and other Pollinators*” was released on May 19, 2015.
- SFIREG
 - *Final Guidance for State Lead Agencies for the Development and Implementation of Managed Pollinator Protection Plans (June 2015)*
 - *Potential measures for State Managed Pollinator Protection Plans (December 2015)*

STATUS OF STATE PLANS*

- Inventory all 50 States
- 44 or 88% of States have or intend to have a Plan
 - Various stages of development
- 23 or 52% of State Plans have been completed
 - 4 or 17% of completed Plans undergoing additional amendments at time of inventory

**AAPCO MP3 Inventory (January 2018)*

**- EPA'S DILEMMA -
MEASURING SUCCESS OF
SIMILAR BUT DIVERSE PLANS**



DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL ASSESSMENT

PPDC

- Charged with providing recommendations to EPA to use in evaluating the effectiveness of pollinator protection plans at a national level; and
- Developing a strategy to communicate that effectiveness to the public.
- Recommendation was presented and accepted by the full PPDC (November 2017).

STATES/TRIBES/ TERRITORIES

- AAPCO/SFIREG leadership provided initial input into recommended national assessment.
- Presented to Full SFIREG for comments and suggested revisions (June 2018).
- Revised national assessment forwarded to EPA for comment (January 2019).

PROPOSAL

- Utilizes Survey Instrument
- Outputs & Outcomes
- Aggregate Assessment
- Provides Flexibility

SURVEY INSTRUMENT

- Questions focus on:
 - Critical plan elements (reference *Guidance for State Lead Agencies for the Development and Implementation of Managed Pollinator Protection Plans [SFIREG, June 2015]*)
 - Other questions to gather information on state/tribal/territorial specific components that reflect the uniqueness of the jurisdiction
- Utilize AAPCO SFIREG to facilitate the distribution of the survey instrument
- Communicate the survey results to EPA



LOOKING AHEAD

- EPA will have the opportunity to comment on the AAPCO/SFIREG final survey instrument to measure the success of state/tribal/territorial pollinator protection plans:
 - Distribution
 - Timing
 - Frequency
 - Communication Strategy
- AAPCO/SFIREG will continue to assist EPA effort to determine the efficacy of managed pollinator protection plans.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Pollinator Protection
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<https://www.epa.gov/pesticides>

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COMMENTS...CONCERNS

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