

**2012:**



March 14, **2012** - Mass honeybee deaths now occurring worldwide, says UN : (NaturalNews) For several decades, colony collapse disorder (CCD) -- a mysterious condition where entire bee colonies die for seemingly no obvious reason -- has been inflicting bee populations across both Europe and the US. But scientists from the United Nations (UN) say the phenomenon is now a global crisis, afflicting bees across China, Japan, and Africa, as well as in other places.

[http://www.naturalnews.com/031694\\_honeybees\\_decline.html#ixzz2fAFaat5x](http://www.naturalnews.com/031694_honeybees_decline.html#ixzz2fAFaat5x)



April 13, **2012** - Mass Bees falling dead in Canyon Country California

<http://www.signalscv.com/archives/63579/>



May 17, **2012** - Mass Bee deaths - "Staggering losses" reported in Minnesota, Nebraska and Ohio USA

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/heather-pilatic/bee-kills-in-the-corn-belt\\_b\\_1520757.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/heather-pilatic/bee-kills-in-the-corn-belt_b_1520757.html)



May 31, **2012**- Survey by USDA and Collaborators Reports Fewer Winter Honey Bee Losses

WASHINGTON--Total losses of managed honey bee colonies from all causes were 21.9 percent nationwide for the 2011/2012 winter, according to the annual survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Bee Informed Partnership and the Apiary Inspectors of America. This represents a substantial drop in mortality compared to the previous five years, when winter losses of around 30 percent have been reported. Previous surveys found total colony losses of 30 percent in the winter of 2010/2011, 34 percent in 2009/2010, 29 percent in 2008/2009, 36 percent in 2007/2008 and 32 percent in 2006/2007.

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2012/120531.htm>



June 20, **2012** - 750 Bee Hives poisoned killing thousands of Bees in New South Wales Australia

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/animals/thousands-of-bees-killed-as-750-hives-poisoned-20120619-2014z.html>



July 11, **2012** - 15 Million Bees Killed In Suspected Poisoning In China

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/07/11/bees-poisoned-china\\_n\\_1665705.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/07/11/bees-poisoned-china_n_1665705.html)



Oct. 2, **2012** - China's Apple Farmers Forced to Do Bees' Work

Evidence from around the world points to falling and increasingly unpredictable yields of insect-pollinated crops, particularly in the areas with the most intensive farming. Where crops are grown in vast fields, there are not enough insects to go around. If insecticides are sprayed too frequently, then vital pollinators cannot survive. The most dramatic example comes from the apple and pear orchards of south west China, where wild bees have been eradicated by excessive pesticide use and a lack of natural habitat. In recent years, farmers have been forced to hand-pollinate their trees, carrying pots of pollen and paintbrushes with which to individually pollinate every flower, and using their children to climb up to the highest blossoms. This is clearly just possible for this high-value crop, but there are not enough humans in the world to pollinate all of our crops by hand.

<http://chinadigitaltimes.net/2012/10/chinas-apple-farmers-forced-to-do-bees-work/>



Oct. 3, **2012**- Varroa mite wreaks havoc in Swiss bee colonies

“Swiss beekeepers are hoping for a cold autumn and spring after last year's mild temperatures turned honeycombs into honeyed tombs – mostly because of the Varroa mite, which feeds on healthy bees. The past few years have been tough for bee colonies almost everywhere. For example, colony collapse disorder was a massive problem in the United States in 2007. But this year has proven disastrous for honeybees and their keepers in Switzerland. A study of a thousand Swiss hives shows that 50 per cent of the bees did not survive the winter of 2011-2012.”

[http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/swiss\\_news/Varroa\\_mite\\_wreaks\\_havoc\\_in\\_Swiss\\_bee\\_colonies.html?cid=33633216](http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/swiss_news/Varroa_mite_wreaks_havoc_in_Swiss_bee_colonies.html?cid=33633216)



October 4, **2012** - Numerous Honeybee colonies dead from mosquito spraying in Massachusetts, America

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/x1711842590/Buzz-kill-Beverly-beekeepers-upset-over-mosquito-spraying#axzz28QuvCVID>



October 31, **2012** - 25 Bee Hives containing 1 MILLION Bees were destroyed by hurricane Sandy in New York, America

<http://grist.org/news/sandy-wipes-out-biggest-beekeeping-operation-in-new-york-city/>