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“A Beekeeper’s Perspective on Pesticide Policy”

Steve Ellis, Barrett, Minnesota
NHBAB tour of the White House bees
Beekeeper Bayer Meeting
Good bees work easily
Bad bees are a lot of extra work
In summary, we hold that (1) a land possessor with actual knowledge or notice of foraging honey bees on the property comes under a duty of reasonable care in the application of pesticides;
My spray plane
NASS numbers of managed colonies of Honey Bees

Figure 1: U.S. Honey Bee Colonies (in millions)

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Cell Phones can impact bee operations
Pollination is a big business

“Bees are essential to the production of about one-third of US and world crops. Their benefits to US agriculture are estimated to be $40 billion per year.”

David Pimentel, College of Life Sciences, Cornell University, March 6, 2004
One Approach to Pesticide Policy
Pollinators are worth protecting.