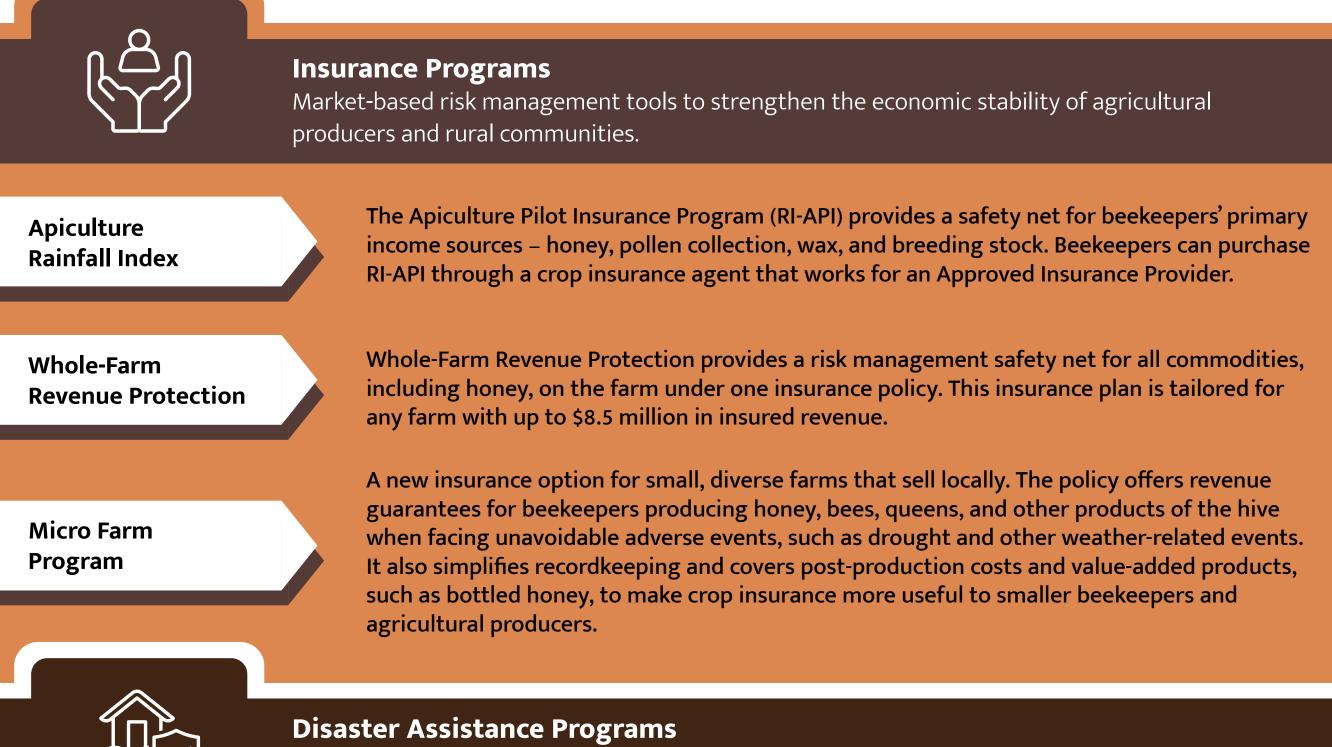
USDA PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT BEEKEEPERS

The following provides a summary of USDA insurance programs, disaster assistance programs, loan programs, and other resources for beekeepers.



Offers disaster assistance programs in instances where beekeepers have been hit hard by natural disaster events.

Emergency Livestock Assistance Program

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish program provides financial assistance to eligible honey bee producers for eligible adverse weather events and losses. Drought is not an eligible cause of loss for honey bee colony losses.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Loan Programs

Eligible beekeepers can quality for NAP financial assistance when losses incurred by natural disasters are not covered by other disaster assistance programs.

Farm Loan **Program (FLP)**

USDA offers a variety of direct and guaranteed loan programs for eligible beekeepers. See guide for more information.

Beekeepers whose primary business is honey production, qualify as a family farm, and demonstrate security and eligibility can be considered for FLP guaranteed loans, which can assist in building overwintering colony storage facilities.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program This program provides low-interest financing so producers can build or upgrade facilities to store commodities, including honey.

Microloan Programs

Operating and ownership loans to better serve the unique financial operating needs of new, niche, and small to mid-sized family operations.

Emergency **Loan Program**

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Loans

Nonresource Marketing **Assistance Loans Honey Program**

Emergency loans to help beekeepers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.

Direct and guaranteed loan programs, ownership loans, operating loans, and microloan programs for beginning farmers and ranchers, including beekeepers.

Marketing assistance loans provide interim financing at harvest time to help beekeepers meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows.



(LAMP)

Small Business

(SBIR) Program

Sustainable

Program





Diagnostic Testing

Bee Disease Diagnosis Service

A free USDA beekeeper service to identify diseases, pests, and foulbrood resistance.



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