

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) has drafted a Managed Pollinator Protection Plan outlining efforts to protect honeybees, improve hive health, improve habitat and facilitate communications between beekeepers, landowners and crop producers.

SDDA is asking for input to ensure the state's pollinator plan accurately reflects the best management ideas available. The draft plan can be found on the SDDA website at <http://sdda.sd.gov/ag-services/beekeeping-apiary-resources/pdf/SDPollinatorPlanSeptDRAFT.pdf>. Comments may be emailed to Ag Services division director Brandon Beshears at [brandon.beshears@state.sd.us](mailto:brandon.beshears@state.sd.us) or mailed to him at 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, S.D. 57501. Comment deadline is Nov. 10, 2016.