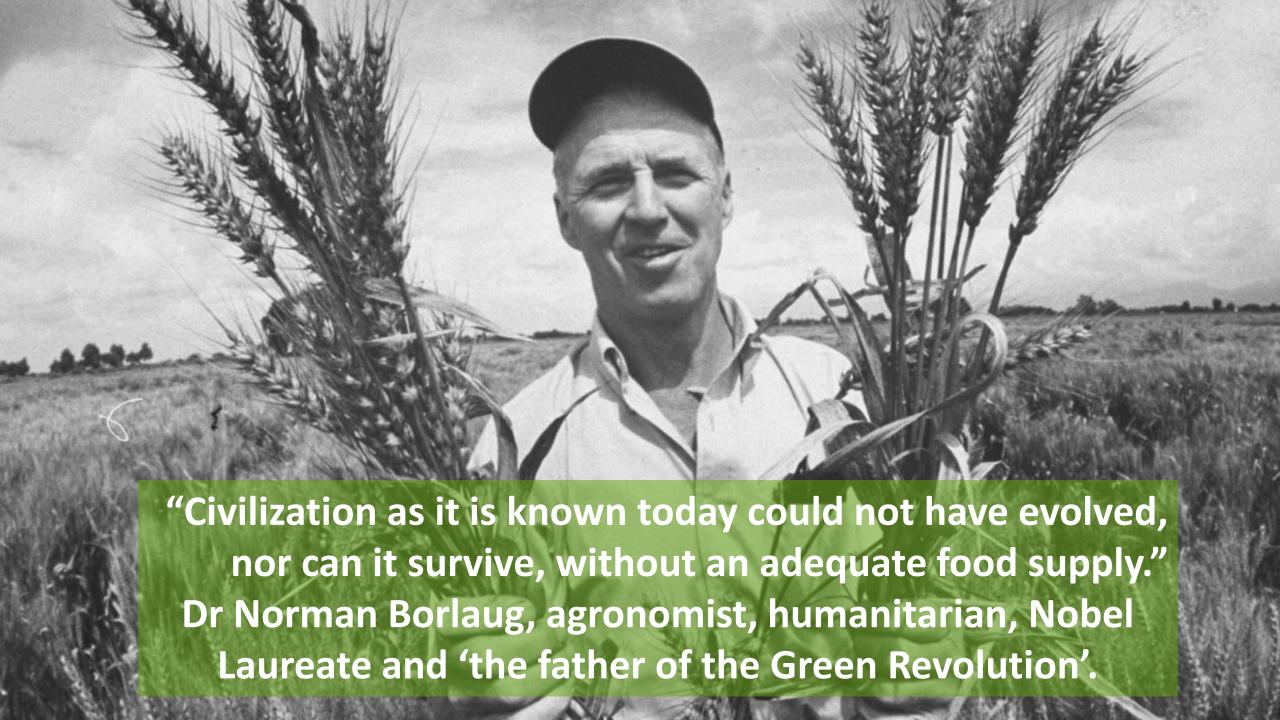


Finding the common ground between honey bees and agriculture



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Australian honey bee industry: 2014-15 survey results Jeremy van Dijk, Jay Gomboso and Caroline Levantis

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Table 1 Number of registered beekeepers and hives, by state, 2006-07 and 2015-16

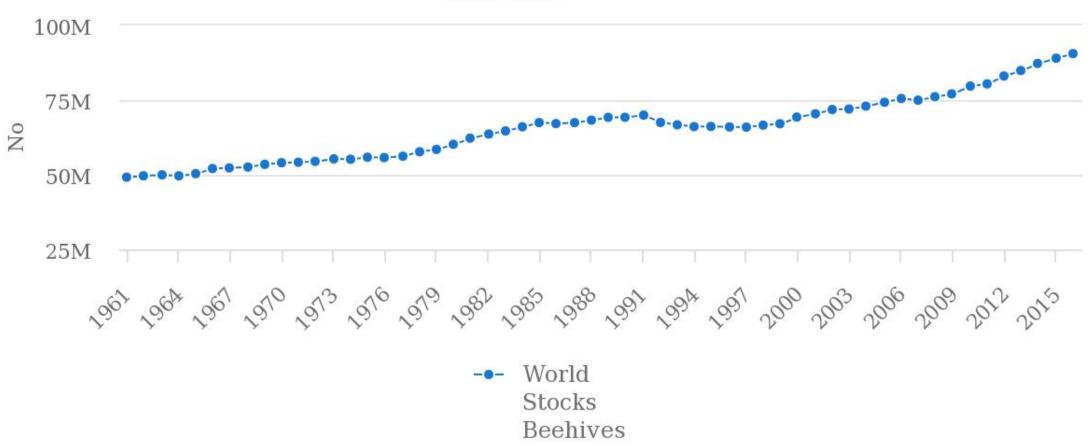
State	Year	Number of beekeepers	% of beekeepers	Number of hives	% of hives	Beekeepers with more than 50 hives
New South Wales	2006-07	3 060	31	236 200	41	660
	2015-16	4 250	32	192 900	43	490
Victoria	2006-07	2 140	22	99 300	17	340
	2015-16	3 030	23	68 200	15	220
Queensland	2006-07	3 110	31	127 100	22	370
	2015-16	2 820	21	73 700	16	230
South Australia	2006-07	720	7	67 300	12	190
	2015-16	1 180	9	61 000	14	170
Western Australia	2006-07	710	7	26 900	5	100
	2015-16	1 730	13	33 400	7	120
Tasmania	2006-07	160	2	13 900	2	30
	2015-16	190	1	16 400	4	40
Australia	2006-07	9 920	100	572 000	100	1 70
	2015-16	13 390	100	448 300	100	1 28

Sources: Department of Primary Industries (New South Wales); Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Victoria); Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (Queensland); Department of Primary Industries and Regions (South Australia); Department of Agriculture and Food (Western Australia); Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (Tasmania)



Production of Beehives in World + (Total)





Source: FAOSTAT (Jan 09, 2018)



Regulation of agricultural chemicals in Australia is currently nationally harmonised and world-renowned as best practice risk-based regulation and is overseen by the APVMA

Under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 (Cth) the APVMA is responsible for the regulation of all agricultural and veterinary chemicals in Australia

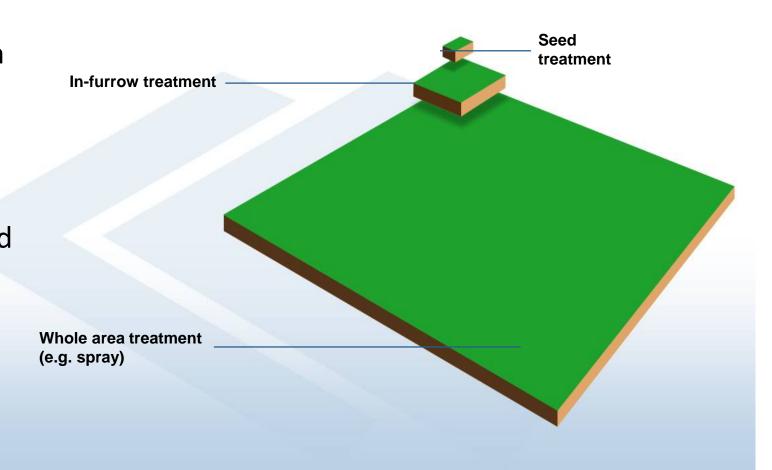




Modern Seed Treatments, such as neonicotinoids, have been used in Australia since **1990**

The area treated is significantly reduced relative to whole area sprays or in-furrow treatments

- Less impact on non-target organisms
- Compatible
 with Integrated
 Pest
 Management
 (IPM)
 approaches







STEP 1 - KNOWLEDGE

Key pests
Pest lifecycles
Natural enemies
Growing area



Review monitoring records,
Talking, listening, reading,
thinking
Consult & adapt

IPM model of continual improvement

STEP 2 - PREVENTION

Site selection
Variety
Time of planting & rotations
Water & nutrition management
Farm hygiene
Pest host management



STEP 4 - INTERVENTION

Mechanical controls
Biological controls
Chemical controls



STEP 3 - OBSERVATION

Crop monitoring
Pest prediction models
Pheromone traps
Yellow sticky traps







Research and Development

Management and Disposal of Obsolete Stocks













- The Seed Treatment Stewardship

 Y Guide filled a gap in best management practice guides in Australia.
- The strategy includes **four** specific stewardship and best practice guides.
- The strategy complements existing strategies for treated seed stewardship like those developed by Australian Seed Federation and the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation.







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Product registration holders should record, investigate and assess all adverse experiences involving veterinary medicines or agricultural chemicals and report them to us using the APVMA's adverse experience reporting forms Veterinarians and the general public are also encouraged to use these reporting methods.

- · Online-adverse experience reporting tool
- · Directly contacting the registration holder

We request a line listing of adverse experience reports classified as 'probable' or 'possible', with an indication of whether there was off-label use involved or not (see classification).

Registration holders should ensure:

- any adverse experience reports sent directly to any and all manufacturers of their products are recorded, investigated and assessed by an appropriately qualified representative
- all the information mentioned in the reporting forms is submitted to the APVMA within the suggested timeframes
- the report is
 - · signed by the registration holder or their legally responsible person or representative
 - submitted with a covering letter containing a brief overview of all the adverse experience reports included in
 the summary (for example, the number of products involved, the number of reports for each product, the
 types of reports—lack of efficacy, human safety, animal safety, crop safety, and environmental damage) and
 comments on any reports that should be highlighted
 - accompanied by a copy of the actual label text of the veterinary medicine or agricultural chemical product involved.

ZERO adverse experiences in relation to bees have been reported in recent years, according to the **APVMA**

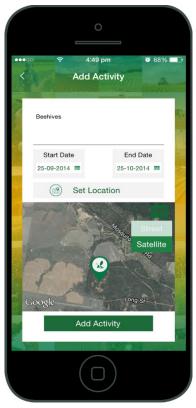




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