

# Would could farmers do for beekeepers?

Prairie strips & beekeeping

# Prairie strips- CP43

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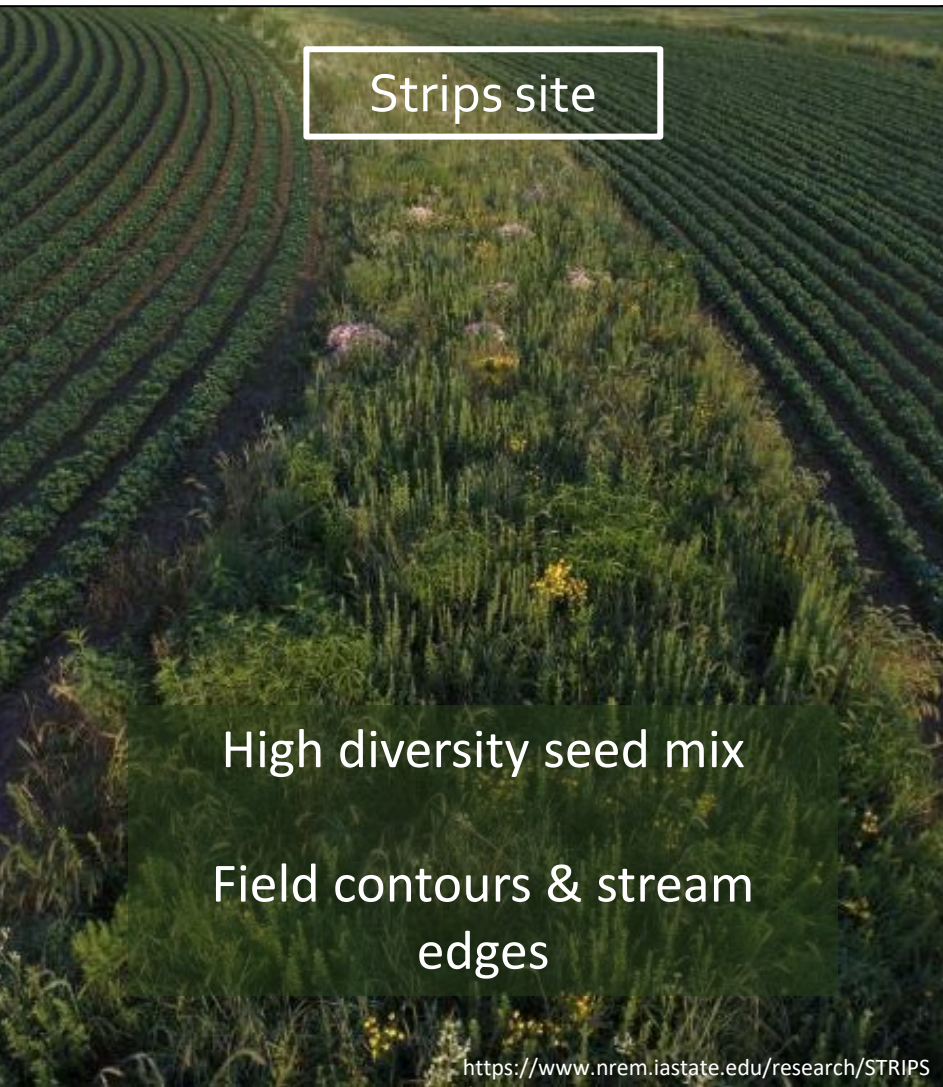
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# How good are prairie strips for honey bees?





Honey bees kept at control and prairie strips sites in 2017, 2018, & 2019.





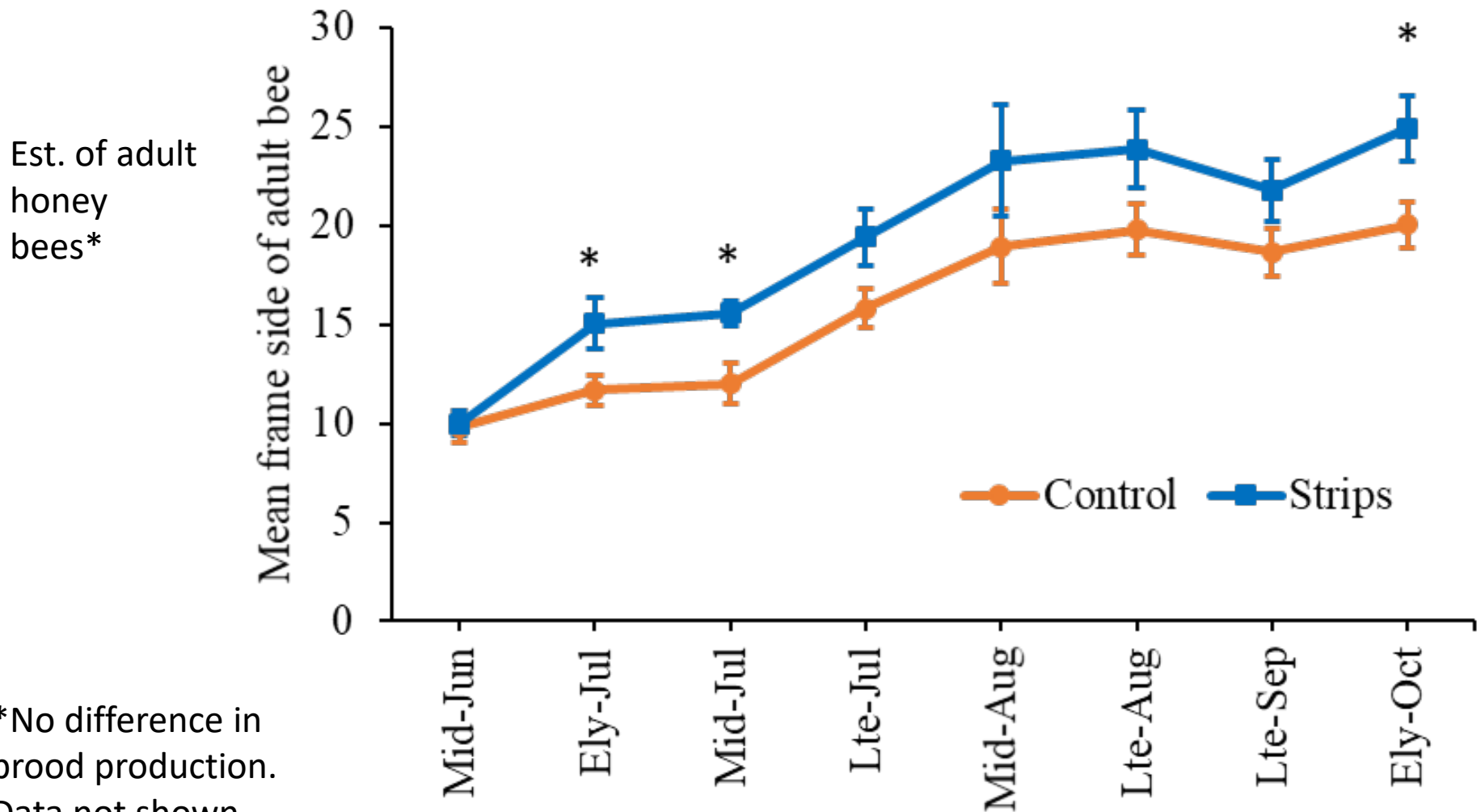




Boxes added to allow colonies to grow, while measuring honey bee health.

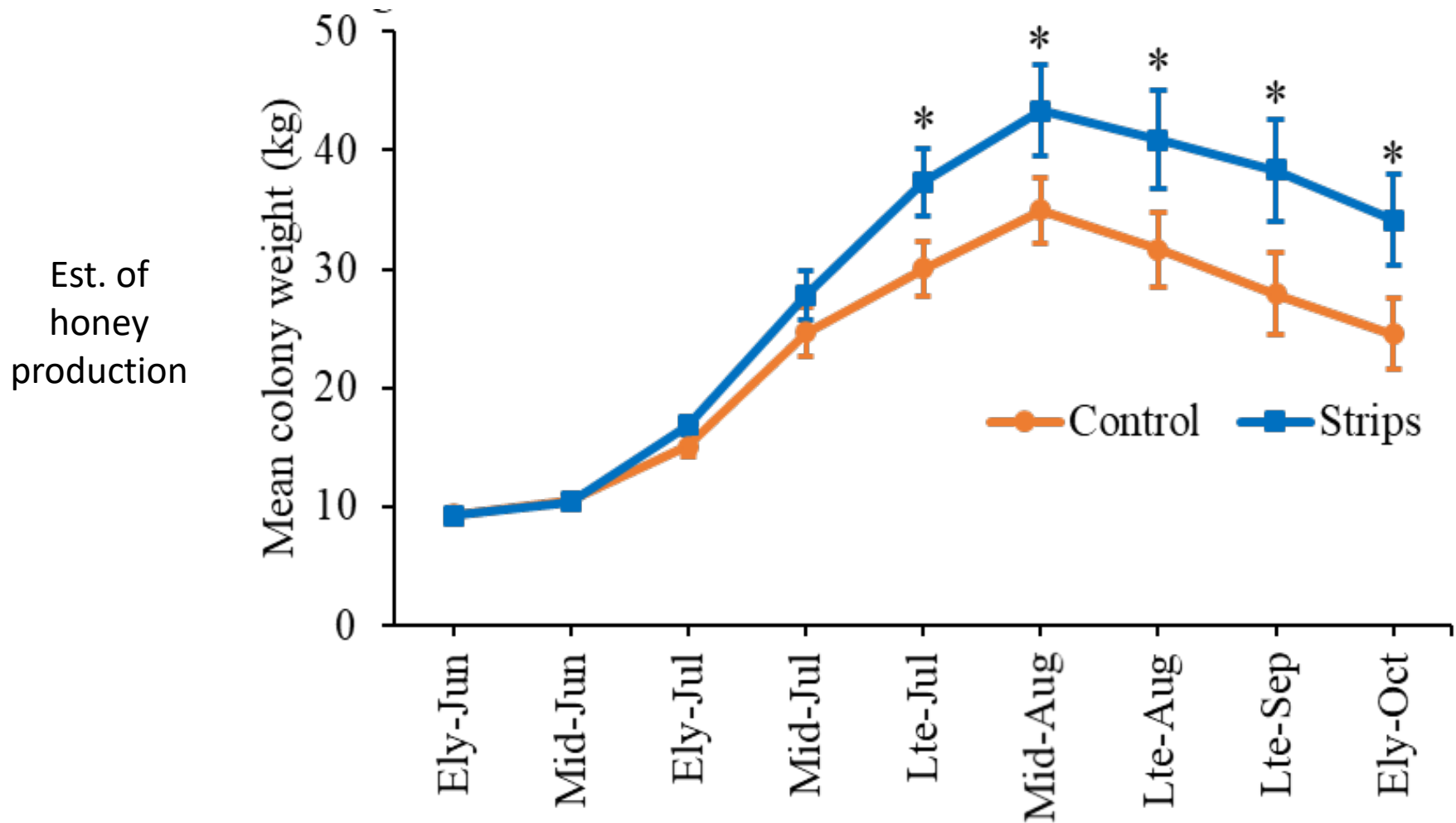


# Larger honey bee populations with prairie strips





# Honey bees colonies gained more weight with strips





# More honey with prairie strips



**Bee hives at a control site,  
August 2019.**



**Bee hives in a prairie strip,  
August 2019.**  
*Note extra box on each colony.*





# Bee Friendly Farming



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# What is Bee Friendly Farming?

Bee Friendly Farming Certified (BFF) is a second-party-verified certification program from the 501(c) 3, award-winning nonprofit Pollinator Partnership, whose 25 year history has allowed it to grow into the largest non-profit focused exclusively on pollinator issues in the world.



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# Can this benefit you?

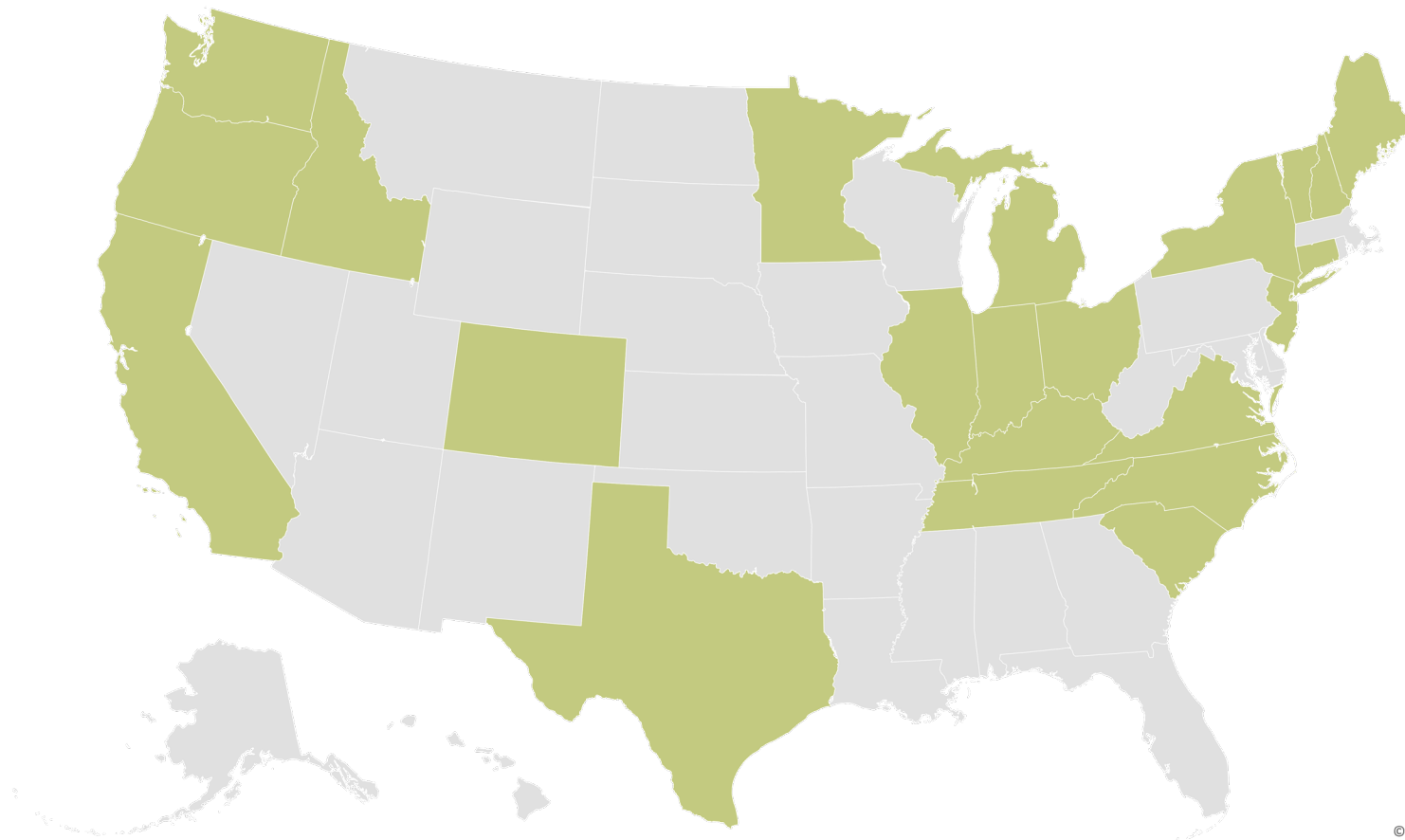
These practices provide numerous agronomic, ecological, and social benefits

- Habitat and cover crops improve soil health, water retention, and carbon sequestration
- IPM reduces inputs and pest pressure
- Meet sustainability requirements from buyers
- Be a part of the industry wide movement
- Use of BFF Logo on packaging and marketing material





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