

## Why California Is in Desperate Need of Bees

Love isn't the only thing blooming around Valentine's Day. So are California's 800,000 acres of almond blossoms. But scientists warn there may simply not be enough honey bees available to pollinate this year's crop, which prompts an ominous question: "Is 2013 the year colony collapse disorder (CCD) begins to impact our food supply?"

Mysterious and worrisome bee losses have been on the radar since 2006, but this winter was especially hard on hives, and some experts, like UC Davis entomologist Eric Mussen, predict 2013 could end up as one of the worst honey production years on record.

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