What's Happening to our Honeybees?

Did you know that one of every three bites of food that we eat needs honey bees to pollinate the plants? Bees not only make honey - they fly from flower to flower, carrying pollen from one plant to another. That's called pollination. This pollen helps plants grow fruits or vegetables that we all need to eat. The problem is our bees are disappearing. Huge numbers of bee colonies (groups) are dying off. How will the plants that we depend on for food be pollinated?

pesticides!

Scientists have studied why bees are dying.

They have come up with 3 main reasons.

1. Land that is a healthy habitat for bees to live and pollinate is disappearing.

2. Pesticides (<u>like neonics</u>) sprayed on the bees and the plants can kill bees and other important insects.

3. Bacterias and viruses also cause disease.

Mere's how we can help.

We can create a <u>safe haven</u> for bees by creating pesticide free gardens and meadows.

We can work to protect forests and meadows.

We can write letters to our governmental leaders asking them to protect bees by stopping the use of some pesticides.

To learn more about how you can protect the Earth and its honeybees click on the links below.

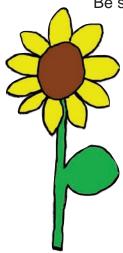
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