



Loss By Operation Size

Management Survey 2012

Winter

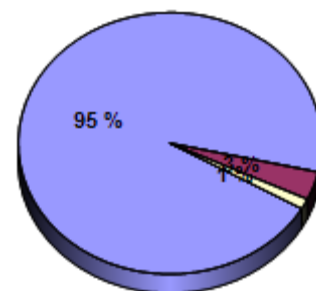
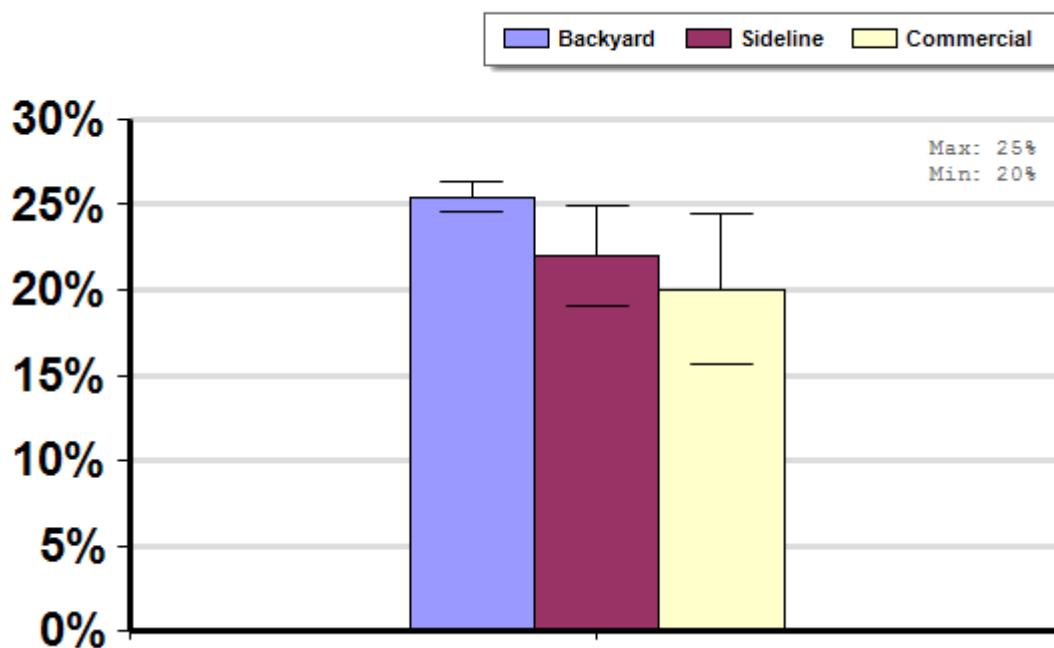
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Backyard beekeepers managed fewer than 50 colonies between April, 2011 and March, 2012. Sideline beekeepers managed between 51 and 500 colonies between April, 2011 and March, 2012. Commercial beekeepers managed more than 500 colonies between April, 2011 and March, 2012.

Some Significant Differences



Respondent Ratio



Interpretation

95% of respondents each of last 2 years have been backyard beekeepers. Backyard beekeepers lost more bees on average than sideline and commercial beekeepers for both survey years; only 2012 showed significant difference.

Survey Question

Several questions used

	Total Number of Respondents Providing Valid Responses	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Colony Loss			Total Colony Loss		
			Mean	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	Total	Lower CI	Upper CI
Backyard	4,572	29,511	25.5%	24.5%	26.4%	25.0%	24.3%	25.8%
Sideline	168	24,679	22.0%	19.0%	25.0%	21.6%	19.1%	24.5%
Commercial	62	242,470	20.1%	15.7%	24.4%	17.9%	14.7%	21.7%

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