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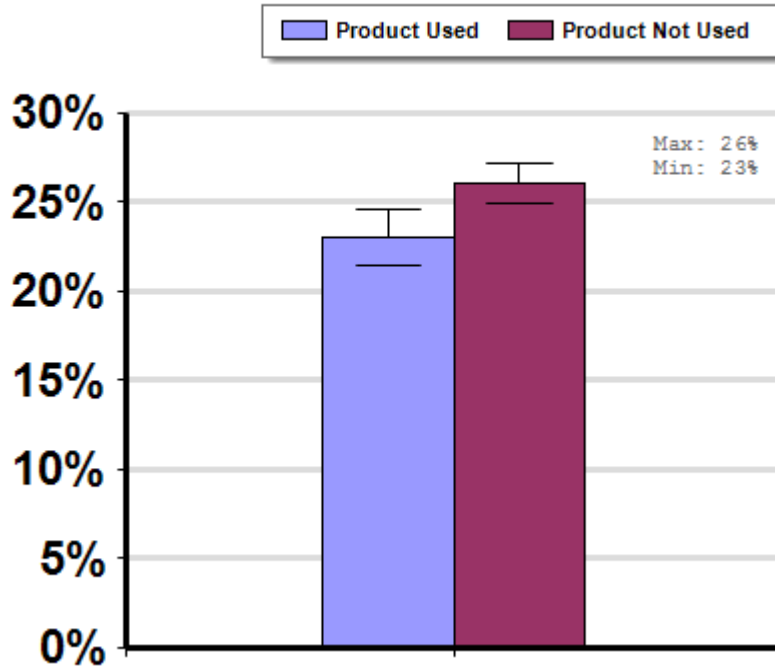
Honey-B-Healthy Use

Winter

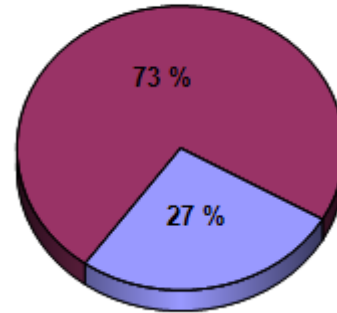
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A comparison of average winter colony mortality among beekeepers who reported they did or did not apply and/or feed Honey-B-Healthy to a majority of their colonies, at least once, between April, 2011 and March, 2012.

Some Significant Differences



Respondent Ratio



Interpretation

Beekeepers (27% of total respondents) who reported feeding with Honey-B-Healthy reported 3 fewer overwintering colony deaths per 100 managed colonies than those who did not report using a known feeding supplement. In other words, beekeepers who reported feeding colonies with Honey-B-Healthy lost 11.5% fewer colonies than those who did not report treating with any known feeding supplement.

Survey Question

Which, if any of the following, did you apply to a majority of your colonies between April 1, 2011 and March, 2012?
-Honey B Healthy

		Total Number of Respondents Providing Valid Responses	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Number of Colonies Managed		Average Colony Loss		
				Mean	Standard Error	Mean(%)	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
	Product Not Used	3,525	188,219	53.4	10.6	26.1	25.0	27.2
	Product Used	1,277	108,441	84.9	21.5	23.1	21.5	24.6

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Honey-B-Healthy Use By Region

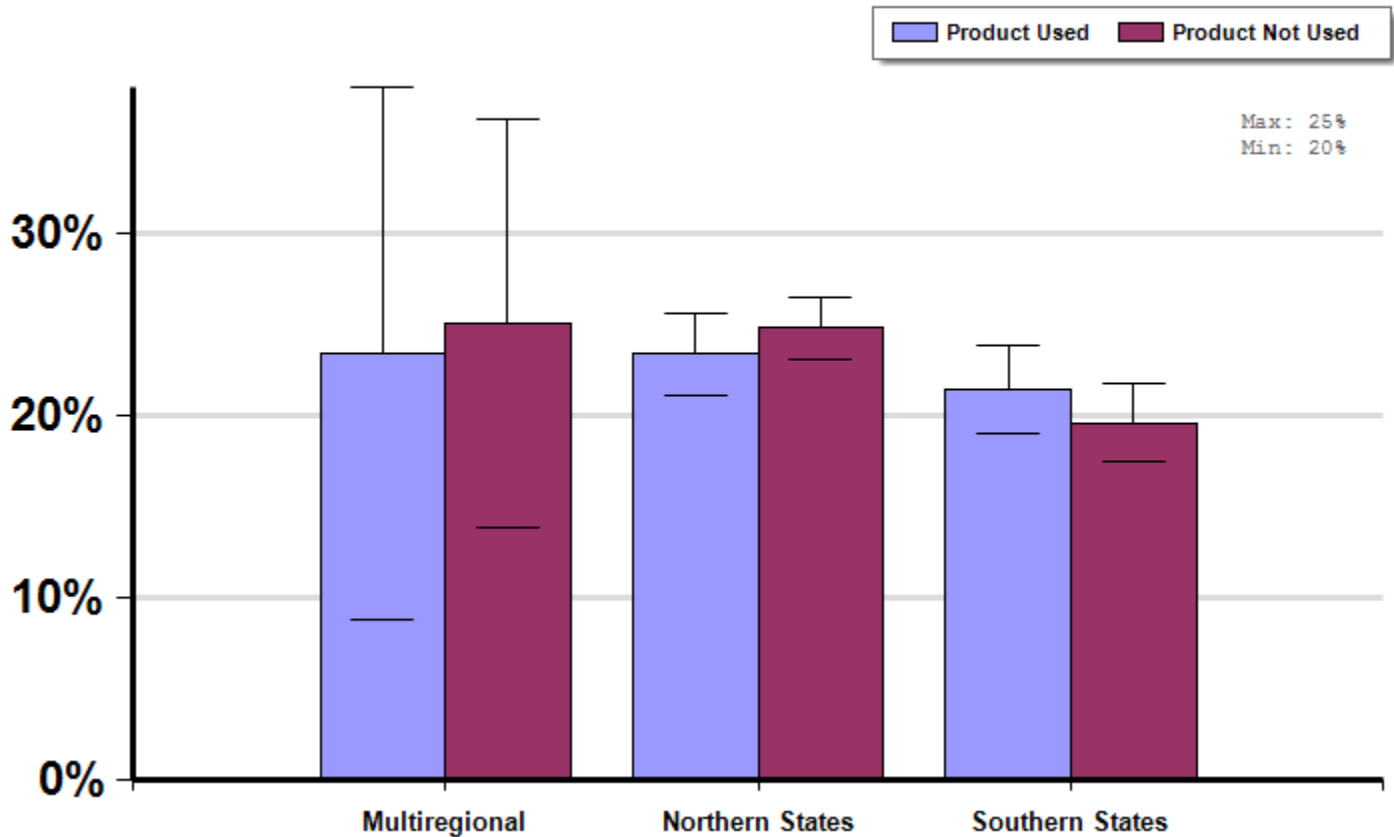
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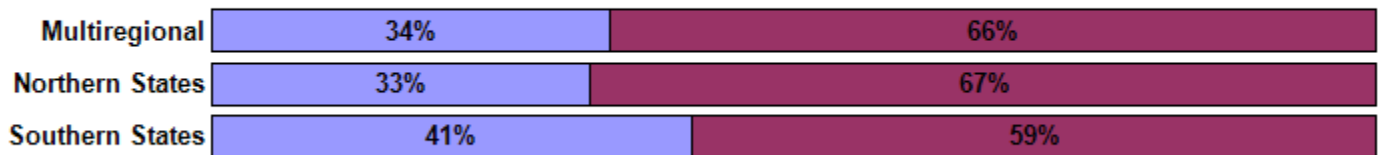
Report ID: 185-2012

A comparison of average winter colony mortality among beekeepers who reported they did or did not apply and/or feed Honey-B-Healthy to a majority of their colonies, at least once, between April, 2011 and March, 2012 by region of operation.

No Significant Differences (within regions)



Respondent Ratio



Interpretation

No differences between groups.

Survey Question

Which, if any of the following, did you apply to a majority of your colonies between April 1, 2011 and March, 2012?
-Honey B Healthy

		Total Number of Respondents Providing Valid Responses	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Number of Colonies Managed		Average Colony Loss		
				Mean	Standard Error	Mean(%)	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Multiregional	Product Used	13	24,411	1877.8	1259.9	23.4	8.8	38.0
	Product Not Used	25	16,918	676.7	597.7	25.0	13.8	36.2
Northern States	Product Used	640	31,439	49.1	21.5	23.3	21.1	25.5
	Product Not Used	1,327	65,660	49.5	18.7	24.8	23.0	26.5
Southern States	Product Used	467	18,542	39.7	13.0	21.4	19.0	23.8
	Product Not Used	666	16,302	24.5	11.4	19.6	17.4	21.7

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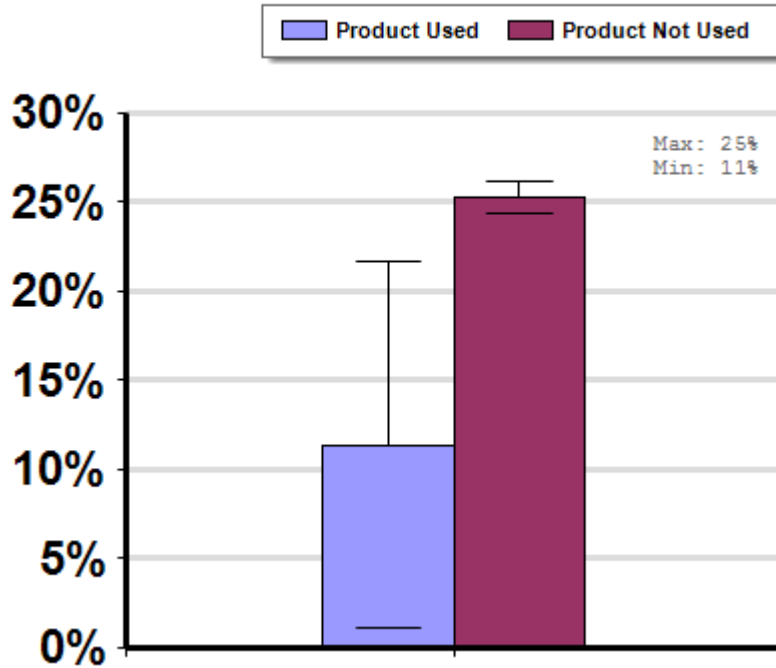
Vita Feed Green Use

Winter

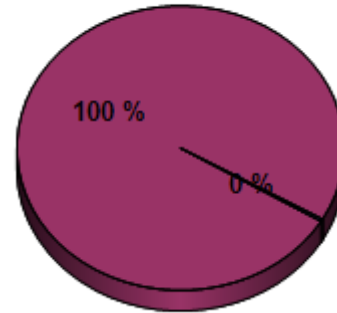
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A comparison of average winter colony mortality among beekeepers who reported they fed Vita Feed Green and those who reported they did not feed Vita Feed Green, at least once to majority of their colonies, between April, 2011 and March, 2012.

Some Significant Differences



Respondent Ratio



Interpretation

The very few (13 total less than 1%) of beekeepers who reported treating with Vita Feed Green reported 13.9 fewer overwintering colony deaths per 100 managed colonies than those who did not report using the product. In other words, beekeepers who reported feeding colonies with Vita Feed Green lost 55% fewer colonies than those who did not report using the product.

Survey Question

Which, if any of the following, did you apply to a majority of your colonies between April 1, 2011 and March, 2012?

-Vita Feed Green

		Total Number of Respondents Providing Valid Responses	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Number of Colonies Managed		Average Colony Loss		
				Mean	Standard Error	Mean(%)	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
	Product Not Used	4,789	296,513	61.9	9.7	25.3	24.4	26.2
	Product Used	13	147	11.3	4.1	11.4	1.1	21.7

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Vita Feed Gold Use

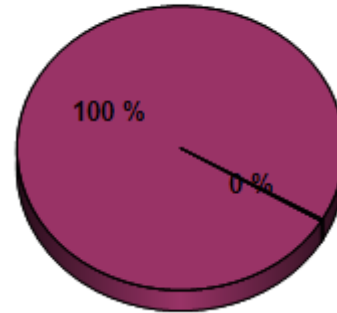
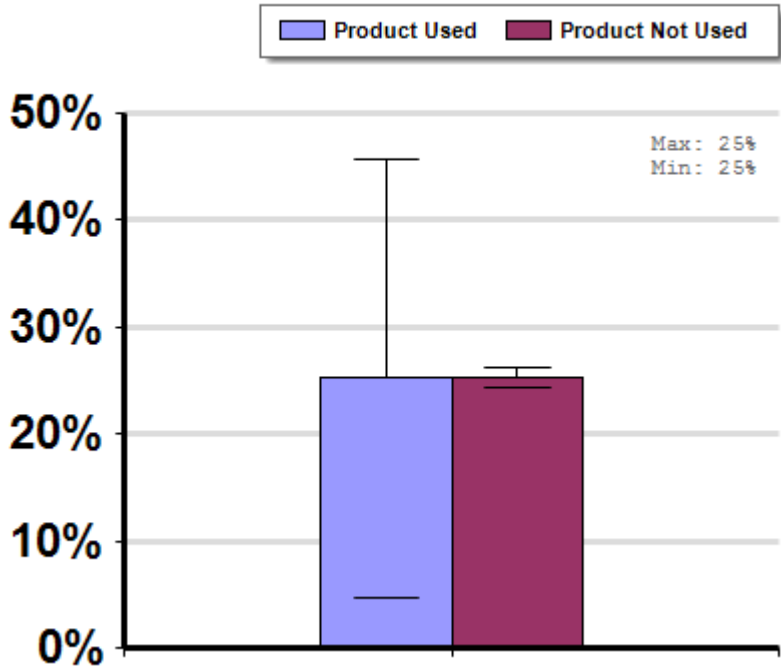
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Report ID: 173-2012

A comparison of average winter colony mortality among beekeepers who reported they fed and those who reported they did not feed Vita Feed Gold, at least once, to a majority of their colonies between April, 2011 and March, 2012.

No Significant Differences

Respondent Ratio



Interpretation

No differences detected between groups.

Survey Question

Which, if any of the following, did you apply to a majority of your colonies between April 1, 2011 and March, 2012?

-Vita Feed Gold

		Total Number of Respondents Providing Valid Responses	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Number of Colonies Managed		Average Colony Loss		
				Mean	Standard Error	Mean(%)	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
	Product Not Used	4,790	296,517	61.9	9.7	25.3	24.4	26.2
	Product Used	12	143	11.9	3.3	25.2	4.6	45.7

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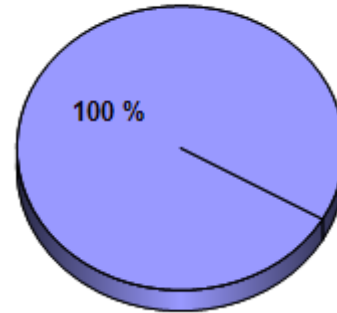
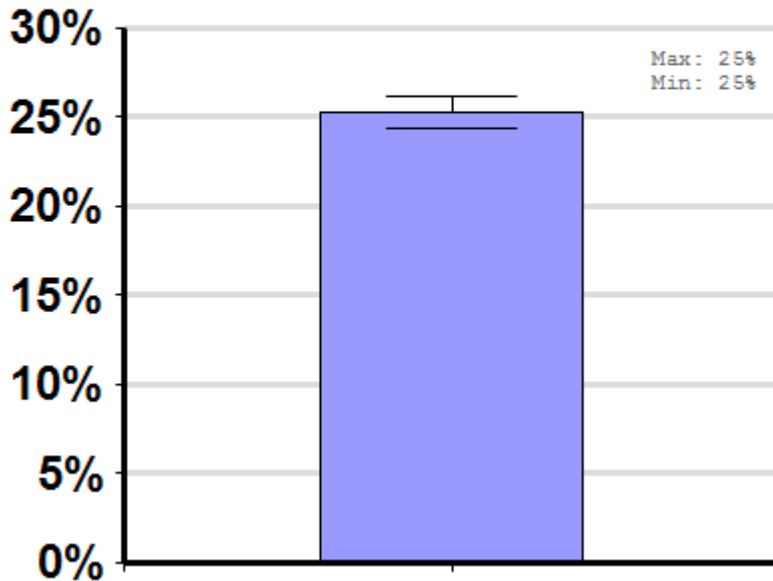
Winter

Report ID: 179-2012

A comparison of average winter colony mortality among beekeepers who reported they did not feed and those who reported they did feed ApiGo, at least once, to a majority of their colonies between April, 2011 and March, 2012.

No Significant Differences

Respondent Ratio



Interpretation

100% of respondents did not use Apigo.

Survey Question

Did you apply Apigo to a majority of your colonies between April, 2011 and March, 2012?

		Total Number of Respondents Providing Valid Responses	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Number of Colonies Managed		Average Colony Loss		
				Mean	Standard Error	Mean(%)	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
	Product Not Used	4,798	296,623	61.8	9.7	25.3	24.4	26.2

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