

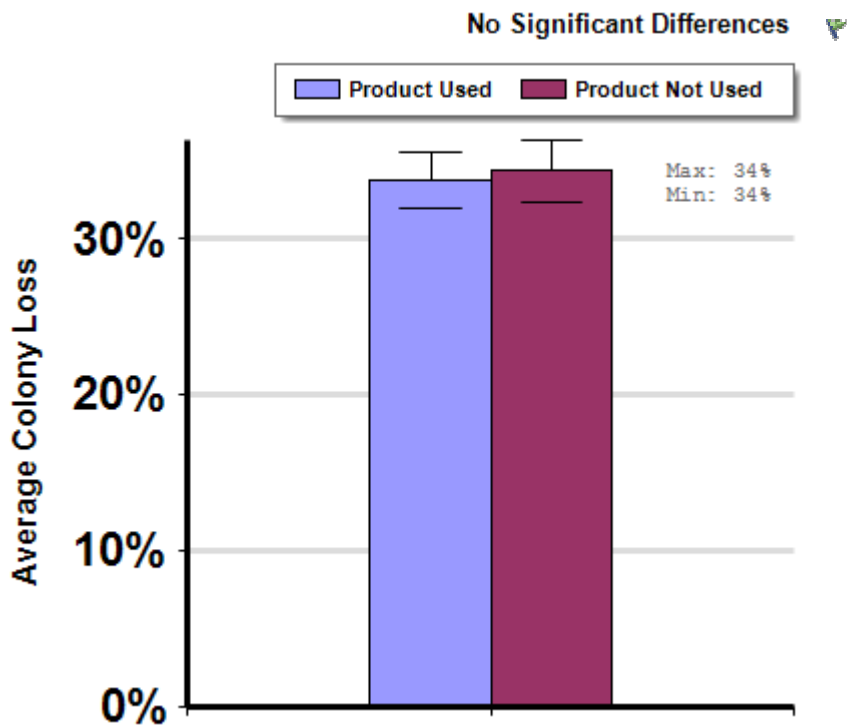


Protein Feed Use

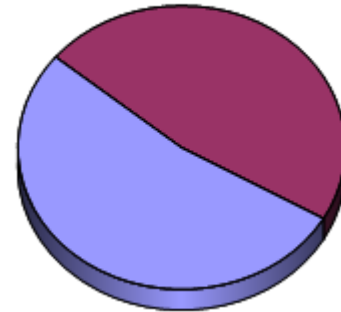
A comparison of winter mortality among those who indicated they did not feed and those who did feed a majority of their colonies, at least once between April 2010 and March 2011, with a protein feed. Protein feed included: Self-made protein feed containing pollen, Self-made protein feed without real pollen, Bee Pro, MegaBee, Global Patties, and other Commercial protein feed.

Winter

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Respondent Ratio



Interpretation

Beekeepers who reported feeding their colonies protein feed did not report losing more or fewer colonies than those who did not report feeding protein. A majority of beekeepers reported feeding their colonies protein.

Survey Question

24. For the products listed below, indicate which months you fed the product to a majority of your colonies.

- Self-made protein feed containing pollen
- Self-made protein feed without real pollen
- Bee Pro
- MegaBee
- Global Patties

25. Did you use any other feed products or types in a majority of your colonies that was not listed in question 24 above?

Various Commercial Protein Feeds

	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 Used	1,417	246,936	174.3	63.8	33.8	32.0	35.6
Product Not Used	1,272	20,721	16.3	6.2	34.4	32.3	36.4

Comments About This Data

We did not collect data on how much or how frequently different feeds were applied. These factors may have an impact on this products effectiveness and we plan to collect this information next year.

Relevant Links, References, and Citations

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