



# Average Loss in operations with different Beekeeping Management Philosophies

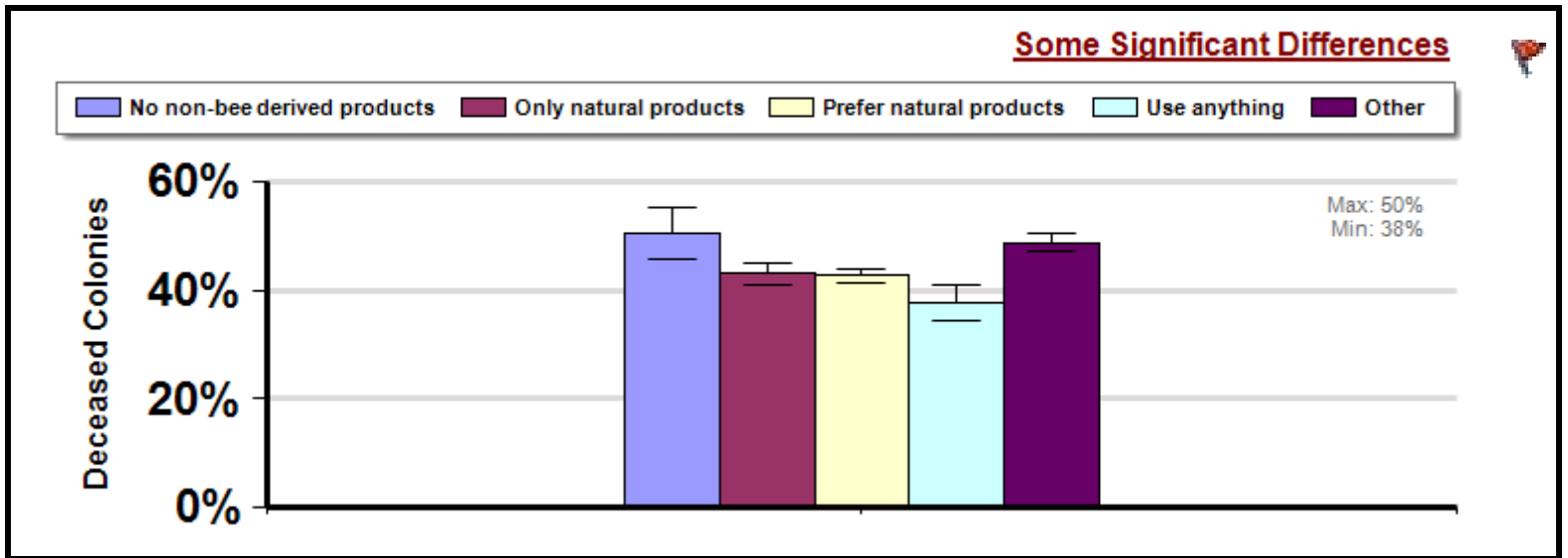
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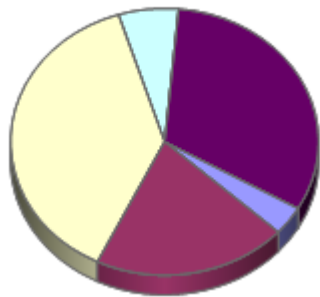
## Winter

Average winter loss suffered by beekeepers who had different beekeeping management philosophies between April and March.

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### Participant Ratio



### Interpretation

Beekeepers who choose to use only bee-derived products in their colonies lost more colonies than those who choose to use only natural products, prefer only natural products or who will use anything in their colonies.

### Survey Question

	Total Number of Respondents Providing Valid Responses	Total Number of Colonies Managed	Average Colony Loss	Percentage of respondents in different operation size classifications who indicated a particular management philosophy		
			Mean(%) [Lower, Upper] CI	Backyard	Sideline	Commercial
No non-bee derived products	250	2,462	50% [46%, 55%]	3.5%	4.2%	0.0%
Only natural products	1,466	20,108	43% [41%, 45%]	20.8%	15.9%	2.7%
Prefer natural products	2,730	227,128	43% [41%, 44%]	38.0%	36.4%	40.2%
Use anything	453	193,741	38% [35%, 41%]	5.7%	16.4%	25.9%
Other	2,294	139,480	49% [47%, 50%]	32.1%	27.1%	31.3%

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