

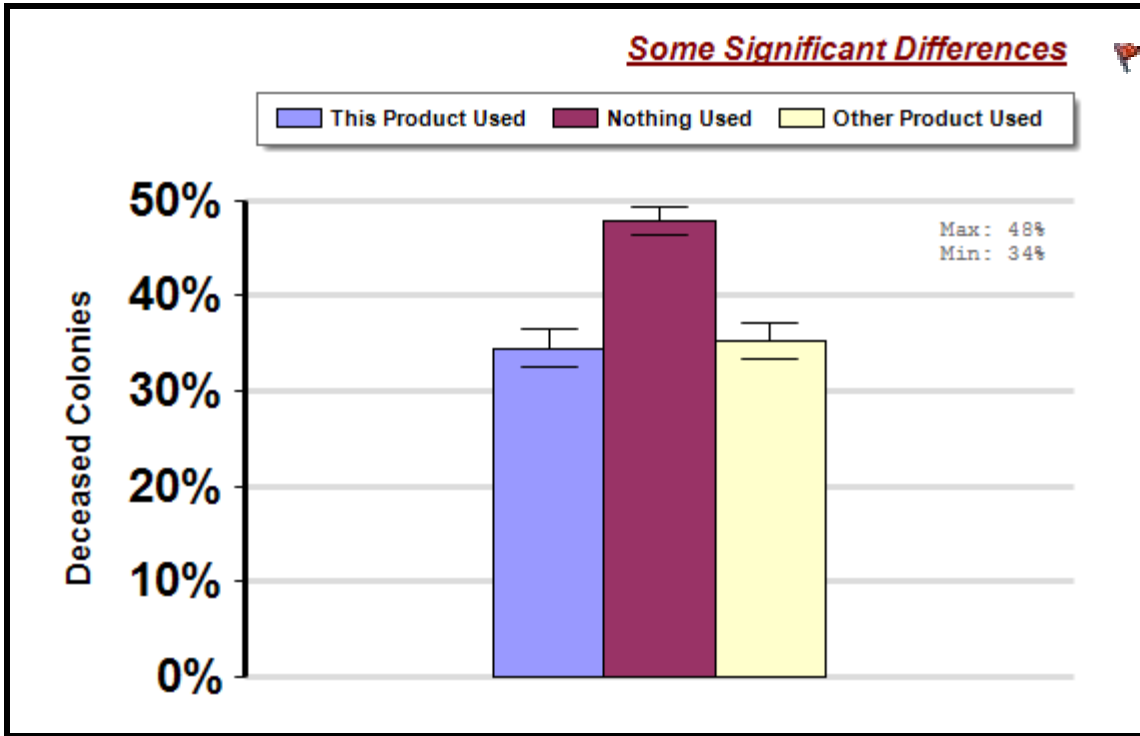


# Formic Acid Use

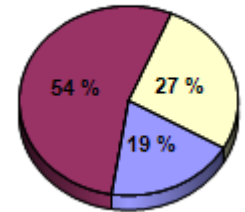
A comparison of average winter colony mortality rates after treatment with Formic acid, treatment with other products, or no treatment with a known Varroa control product, between April 2014 and March 2015.

## Winter

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## Participant Ratio



## Interpretation

On average, beekeepers who treated colonies with Formic acid experienced significantly lower winter colony mortality than beekeepers who did not treat with a known Varroa mite control product, but no difference with beekeepers who treated with other products. Specifically, beekeepers who used Formic acid lost 27.8% fewer colonies than beekeepers who reported no treatment with a known Varroa control product.

## Survey Question

Which, if any of the following, did you apply to a majority of your colonies between April, 2014 and March, 2015?

-Formic Acid

	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, Upper] CI
Formic acid Used	927	102,436	110.5	30.0	34.5 [32.4, 36.5]
Nothing Used	2,605	19,715	7.6	0.7	47.7 [46.3, 49.2]
Other Product Used	1,304	260,587	199.8	55.8	35.2 [33.4, 37.1]

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## Comments About This Data

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