

**NDDA/CDFEA
PRE-INSPECTION
PROGRAM**

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- Background
 - Every vehicle entering CA gets inspected
 - Looking for invasive insects and noxious weeds, or medium that could harbor them
 - When something is found a photo is taken and sent to Sacramento to ID, if necessary DNA sample sent for confirmation
 - Bee trucks can be stuck in line for up to 10 hours in 80+ degree weather

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- Background
 - Causing problems at border inspection stations
 - Beekeepers experiencing losses due to heat/stress, making less per colony for pollination
 - Almond producers concerned they won't get enough bees to pollinate orchards
 - NDDA and CDFA agreed to pilot program to pre-inspect in ND

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- Program History
 - 2018
 - 5 days
 - 12 beekeepers
 - ~45,000 colonies certified
 - Truckers reporting 10 minute waits at border

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- Program History
 - 2019
 - Two inspection windows
 - 14 beekeepers
 - ~45,000 colonies certified
 - Truckers still reporting 10 minute waits at border

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- 2020 changes
 - NDDA now has inspection authority
 - CDFA inspectors are no longer necessary to certify colonies
 - No longer tied to inspection windows which adds a lot more flexibility
 - Still only able to certify colonies that are present for inspection
 - Want to try to develop system to inspect individual trucks for those that do not stockpile
 - Random spot checks may be done at CA border to ensure compliance and quality control

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- Inspection Process
 - Beekeepers contact NDDA to sign up
 - Need to know stockpile dates, locations, number of colonies, and CA destination
 - Only colonies present at the time of inspection are certified
 - Colonies can be in multiple locations
 - It may be possible to do multiple inspections if needed

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- Inspection Process
 - NDDA will send an inspector
 - Looking primarily at pallets
 - Inspect 20% of total certification



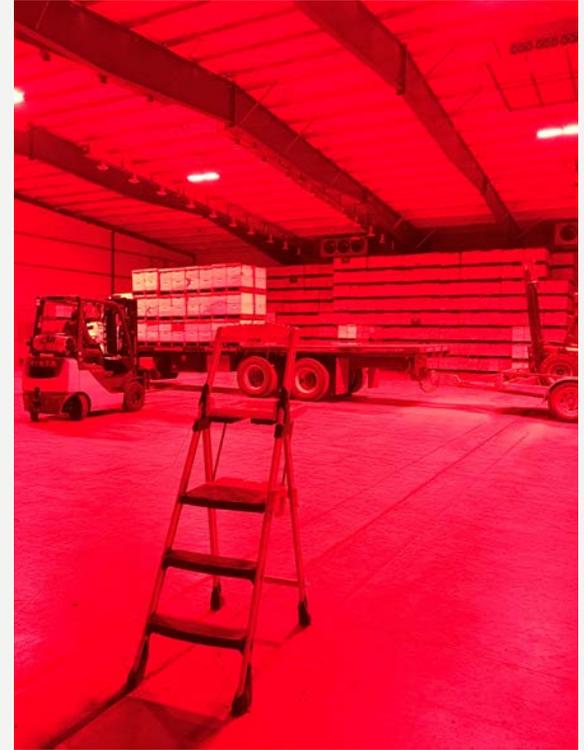
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Dirty Hives



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Clean Hives



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