NDDA/CDFA
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
• 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
• 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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