



## **Improve New York State Apiary Program**

Whereas, beekeepers throughout the state are opposed to any mandatory registration to require traceability of hives and their beekeepers, citing: lack of transparency by Albany, lack of services, misuse of information, and adding fees to an already costly profession;

And whereas, the current registration form states that by registering, you will be notified of bee health developments, but these have not been forthcoming from Albany;

And whereas, what is needed is to form a consensus among beekeepers of what would constitute an acceptable Apiary Program.

**Resolution:** The members of NOFA-NY call upon Governor Cuomo and Agriculture Commissioner Ball to improve the Apiary Program in the following ways:

1. Keep hive and apiary registration voluntary in NYS.
2. Provide notification and communication of county spraying for mosquitoes, use of bee toxic substances for tick abatement, and outbreaks of honey bee disease such as American Foulbrood, for all beekeepers and the general public.

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<https://www.nofany.org/take-action/policy-resolutions>