Annotated History of Apiary Registrations in Maryland
1977-2015

Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Beekeepers Registered
Honeybee Colonies Registered

1977 - 2,000 Beekeepers and Colonies Registered
1978 - Six claims of pesticide damage to 96 colonies
1983 - Severe winter loss reported
1990 - Varroa mite infestation, 94 sites in three counties, quarantined and treated
1995 - Varroa mite and HBTM* found statewide
1996 - 50% of colonies lost due to severe winter and mites
2001 - Small hive beetle first detected in MD; honey bees becoming resistant to HBTM*; 50% colony loss due to severe winter
2008 - Small hive beetle detected in 19 counties
2012 - Small hive beetle detected in all 23 counties with reports of larval damage in established colonies

1Source: MDA Annual Reports 1977-2015
*HBTM = Honey Bee Tracheal Mite

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