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## **Pollinator Protection Plan Development Meeting**

The Indiana Pesticide Review Board (IPRB) is the Governor-appointed pesticide policy board for the State of Indiana. The Board works with the public and the Office of Indiana State Chemist to develop guidance, policy, rules, and regulations for the safe and effective use of pesticides.

In response to activities currently occurring at the federal level, States have been asked by federal regulators and others to consider development of local solutions to aid in the protection of pollinators, including honeybees. To that end, the IPRB is hosting a kickoff meeting to initiate the process of developing a Pollinator Protection Plan for Indiana.

The goal of this meeting is to provide a forum to discuss the current status of bees and other pollinators in our state, as well as the positions and concerns of various related stakeholder groups, including pesticide applicators, beekeepers, farmers, conservation groups, and the general public. Members of these groups are being invited to take part in this meeting, as the knowledge and input they can provide will be invaluable to this process. At the meeting we will discuss a number of strategies aimed to protect pollinators and address emerging bee health and management issues, including:

- Reduce pesticide exposure and risk to pollinators
- Ensure positive dialogue between stakeholders
- Encourage robust apiary, agriculture, and horticulture industries
- Communicate the current state and federal requirements
- Create a proactive educational strategy for all stakeholders
- Initiate the Pollinator Protection Plan development process

The meeting will be held **March 31, 2015** at the Purdue University Beck Agricultural Center, 4540 US52, West Lafayette, Indiana, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There is no charge for attendance; however, pre-registration at <http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/p3.html> is requested by **March 23, 2015** so that we are better able to accommodate for seating and the provided lunch. A map to the Beck Center and the meeting agenda are also available on the above link. We hope to see you there!