



AUSTRALIAN

**SUSTAINABLE
ALMONDS**

KEEPING HONEYBEES HEALTHY

Almond trees rely on pollination to produce almond kernels, which means honeybees are essential to almond production. Australian almond growers implement a range of bee friendly practises throughout the year and especially during bloom to support the health and productivity of bees. Almond blossoms provide one of the first natural sources of food for bees each spring.

Caring for honeybees in the orchard

Almond growers care for honeybees while in the orchard by ensuring that bees have access to everything, they need to keep them healthy. Some of the practises almond growers implement to care for honeybees include:

- **Providing fresh drinking water**
- **Timing hive placement and removal to ensure there is enough food for bees**
- **Providing alternative floral resources**
- **Avoiding pesticide use while bees are in orchard**

Bee friendly farming



In 2022 the Almond Board of Australia started a partnership with Bee Friendly Farming Australia, to promote their bee-friendly certification program that works with land managers to help protect, preserve, and promote pollinator health including both honeybees and native bees.

Orchestrated by the When Bee Foundation, Bee Friendly Farming helps ensure the future of both pollinators and sustainable agriculture. The industry has so far been a great supporter of the program, with approximately 42% of almond orchards already certified.

