

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1469
HOUSE BILL 1846

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH STUDIES AND EXTENSION EDUCATION ON
HONEY BEE HUSBANDRY AND THE MANAGEMENT OF HONEY BEES FOR THE
POLLINATION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CROPS.

Whereas, honey bees are an important source of farm income to many North Carolinians, cash receipts from the North Carolina honey crop exceeded three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in 1972, and the value of the honey bee as a pollinator of fruit and vegetable crops is estimated to exceed forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000) annually; and

Whereas, realization of increased honey production and improved pollination and the economic advantages which would result depend critically upon research to improve husbandry methods to foster improved pollination of fruit and vegetable crops, and effective dissemination of this knowledge, through extension education so that honey producers and the producers of fruit and vegetable crops can increase yields, reduce production costs and improve the competitive position of North Carolina honey producers and fruit and vegetable farmers relative to other parts of the United States; and

Whereas, resources needed for this specialized research and extension activities are in excess of resources currently available for these purposes to the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the State to the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station (North Carolina Budget Code 28041) the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) and to the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service (North Carolina Budget Code 28061) the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974, and ending June 30, 1975, with these sums to become a part of the continuing or "Base Budget" of these two State agencies for the general purposes set forth in the preamble to this act and according to the following schedule:

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station (Budget Code 28041)

A. Honey bee management for improved pollination of fruit and vegetable crops.	\$20,000
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North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service (Budget Code 28061)

A. Honey bee husbandry and management for increased production of honey and fruit and vegetable pollination	20,000
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Total appropriations to both agencies	\$40,000
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Sec. 2. The above named agencies shall handle and coordinate the administration and expenditure of all funds appropriated by this action, and all expenditures made from funds appropriated by this action and for the purposes herein designated shall be accounted for and reported to the fiscal and financial system of the agency to which the appropriation is made as herein set forth.

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of April, 1974.