


# COMMON BEES OF OHIO SOYBEAN

Ohio soybeans provide an important habitat and food source for numerous bee species

Each year, about **5 million acres** of soybeans are planted in Ohio. During bloom, an array of bee species can be seen visiting soybean flowers. This benefits the bees by providing a habitat and source of food and soybeans by potentially increasing soybean yield.

Recently, Ohio State University research found **49 bee species** from five families foraging soybean fields across Ohio! Sweat bees were the most common bee family observed.



Honey bees also forage on soybean flowers. In fact, some Ohio honeys are as much as 44% derived from soybean!



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## SWEAT BEES | HALICTIDAE



Photo credit: James Hung

## MINING BEES | ANDRENIDAE



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## HONEY BEES | APIDAE



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## MASKED BEES | COLLETIDAE



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## LEAFCUTTER BEES | MEGACHILIDAE



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## BUMBLE BEES | APIDAE



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