



## Virus is Possible Lead in Loss of Bees

**Israeli virus could be a possible lead in what might be causing bee deaths and the disappearance of bee colonies.**

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The San Diego Farm Bureau recently reported the discovery of a possible lead in recent bee losses and colony disappearances.

It reports the Israeli acute paralysis virus, a microbe discovered in Israel three years ago might have acted in with other factors, such as parasitic mites, weather extremes or pesticide poisoning, to kill nearly a quarter of the nation's commercial colonies over the winter.

Scientists and researchers plan to determine if the virus does in fact cause disease--and then see if they can discover ways to bring back the bees.

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