

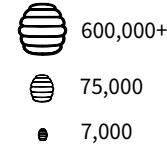
# BEE BONANZA

State of Bee Colonies in the Mainland United States

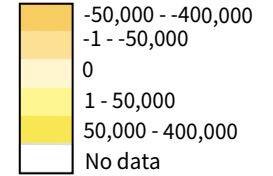


North Dakota has had the greatest decline in bee colonies since 2015, losing almost 300,000 colonies.

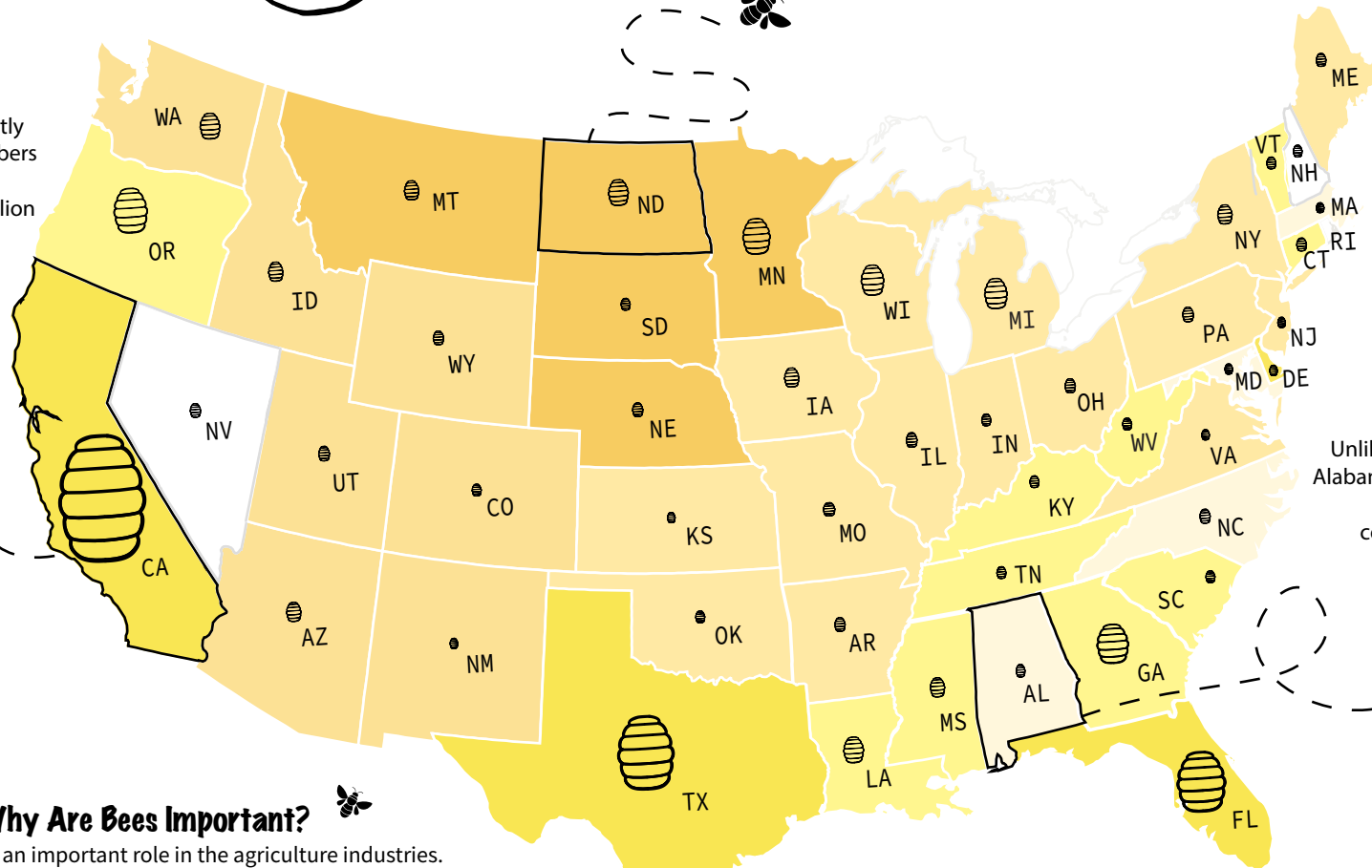
**Bee Colonies as of 2020**



**Change in Bee Colonies 2015-2020**



California consistently has the highest numbers of bee colonies, registering over 1 million in April, 2020.



Unlike much of the South, Alabama has not increased its number of bee colonies since 2015.



## Why Are Bees Important?

Honeybees play an important role in the agriculture industries. They produce honey and beeswax. Their most important role is as pollinators. Without pollination, agriculture would not be possible. Climate change, pesticides, and habitat destruction are the most urgent threats to the United States' honeybee population. (USA FDA)

