

IOWA HUNGER SUMMIT | 2019

NATIVE BEE CHALLENGE:

THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIVE BEES TO OUR FOOD SUPPLY

OVERVIEW

Organizers | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H

Subjects Covered | Advocacy, Education, Nutrition, Conservation

Target Audience | Students interested in pollination

SUMMARY

The Native Bee Challenge will teach participants about the abundance and diversity of native bees as well as the vital role they play in food production and ecosystems. Participants will learn that everyone can contribute to increasing pollinator habitats and providing structures for bee nests in agricultural and urban environments.

ACTION ITEMS

Participants will have the opportunity to construct their own native bee nest to take home. Additionally, students will have the chance to participate in a national citizen science project in collaboration with the Crown Bees Native Bee Network.

PANELISTS

Keith Bidne | Insect Rearing Specialist, USDA-ARSMaya Hayslett | Crop Science Program Specialist, 4-HDr. Richard Hellmich | Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

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VISION - ISU Extension and Outreach will advance land-grant values by engaging all lowans in solving today's problems and preparing for a thriving future.

MISSION - ISU Extension and Outreach builds a strong lowa by engaging all lowans in research, education, and extension experiences to address current and emerging real-life challenges.