FieldWatch Introduction

Vermont Agricultural Pesticide Applicator Meeting March 18, 2025



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Vermont is exploring the possibility of contracting with FieldWatch registries.

However, FieldWatch is NOT currently available in Vermont!

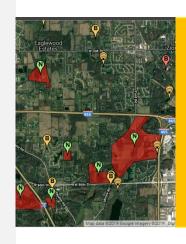
Fill out our survey to participate.



WHAT IS FIELDWATCH?

Easy-to-use, accurate, and secure online mapping tools that enhance communication and promote awareness and stewardship activities between growers, beekeepers and pesticide applicators.

NON-PROFIT | VOLUNTARY | FREE



Growers and
beekeepers map the
locations of their fields, crops
and hives in DriftWatch™ and
BeeCheck™.



Pesticide applicators review
FieldCheck® for locations
mapped by growers and
beekeepers before spraying to
improve decision-making.



FieldWatch enables sustainability by reducing the impact from unintended pesticide drift on pollinators, non-target plants and people.



VERMONT RULE FOR CONTROL OF PESTICIDES



February 24th, 2023, put into effect.



Includes Section 5.04

Protection of Bees.



Enforcement by the **Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets** (VAAFM).



Applies to any individual using a pesticide or person hiring to apply pesticide.

Section 5.04

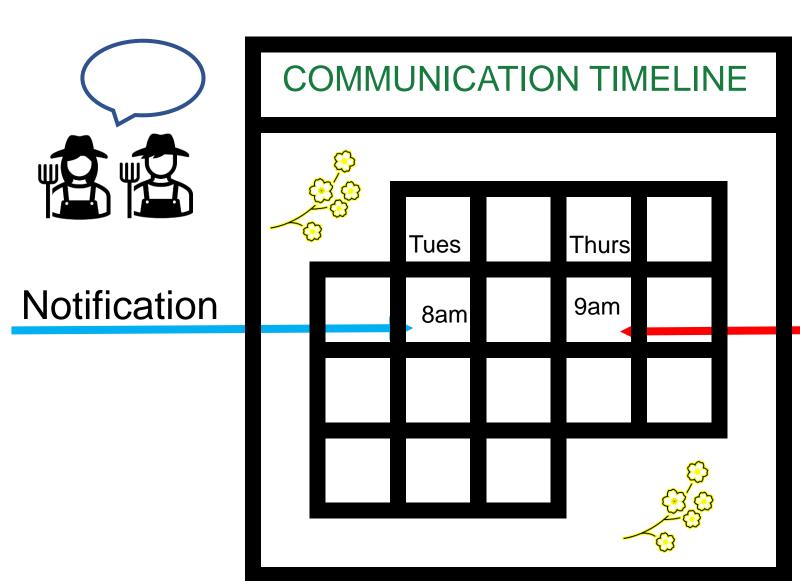
- 5.04 (a) and (b) communication
- 5.04 (c) highly toxic: application conditions and buffers
- 5.04 (d) fungicides and soil fumigants specification

COMMUNICATION

Section 5.04

- (a): No person shall apply a pesticide to a flowering crop, including alfalfa, apple, blueberry, clover, pumpkin, raspberry, squash, or trefoil without prior notification of at least 48 hours to an apiculturist who has an established apiary on the premises.
- (b): A person hiring a commercial applicator for an application under Section 5.04(a) shall notify, or cause to be notified, the application apiculturist at least 48 hours prior to the application.

Courtesy of Laura Johnson, UVM Extension





Application event



No communication required for crops NOT in flower. *However, for the health and safety of beekeepers and their livestock, notification is helpful.*

FIELDWATCH ONLINE MAPPING REGISTRIES

MAPPING TOOLS



USED BY: 39,000+ growers of sensitive, specialty (fruits, vegetables and organic crops) and row crops

FOCUS: Sensitive / specialty crops; conventional row crops



USED BY: 45,000+ beekeepers with 557,000+ beehives

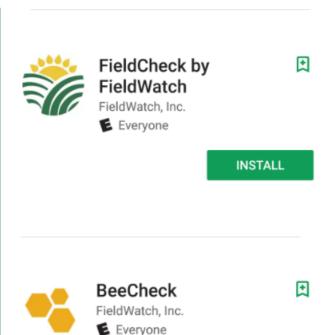
FOCUS: Bees and pollinators



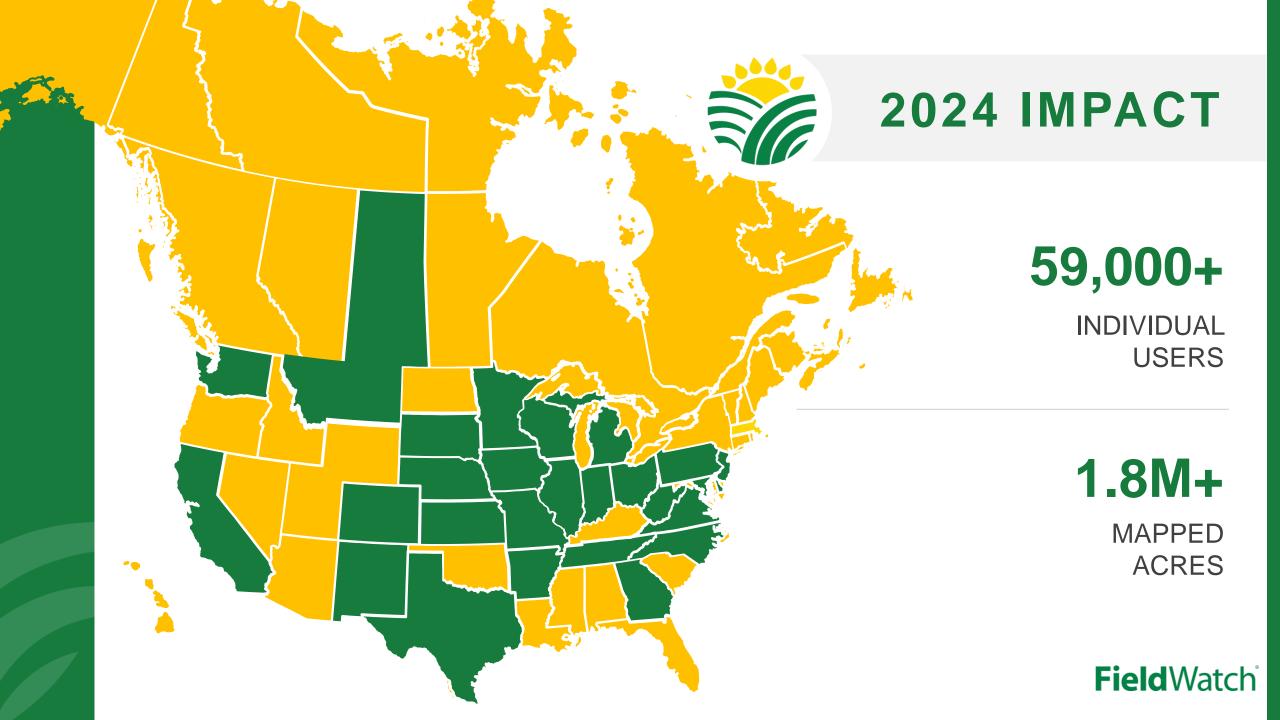
USED BY: 14,000+ pesticide applicators, applicators spraying lawns, mosquito control, right of way, and vegetation management

FOCUS: Sensitive and conventional crops, bees, field workers

MOBILE APPS

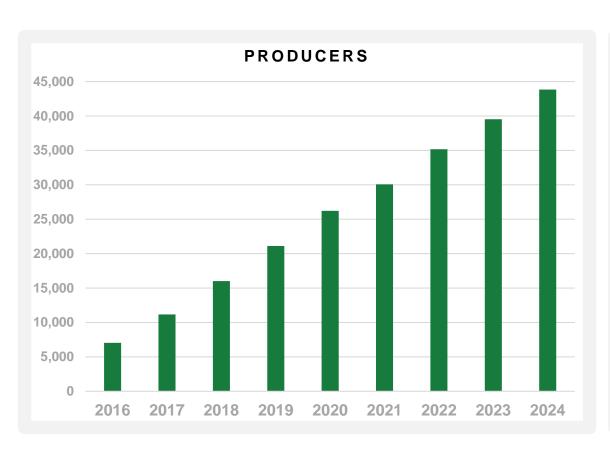


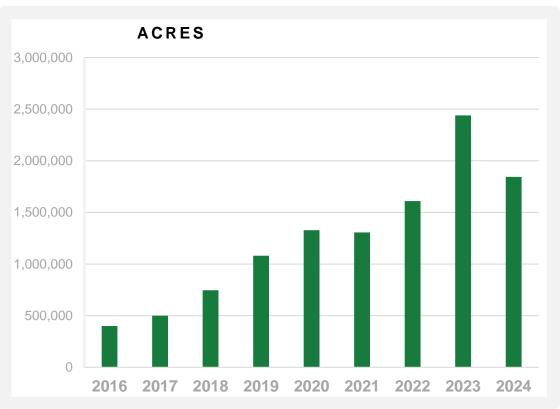
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GROWTH IN USE BY PRODUCERS: CONVENTIONAL AND ORGANIC



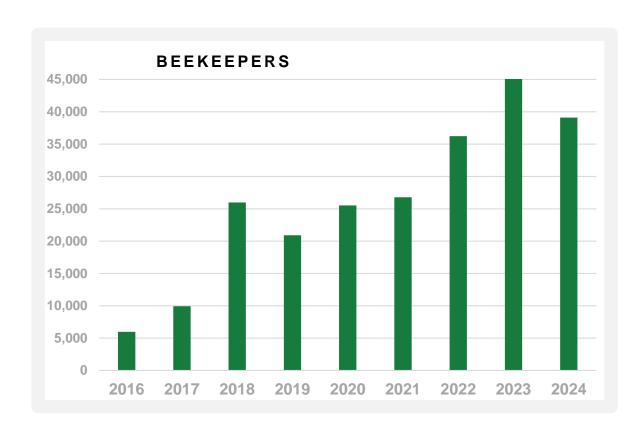


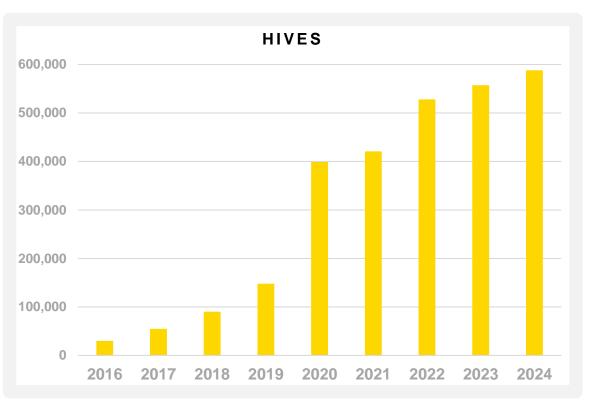




GROWTH IN REGISTERED HIVES BY BEEKEEPERS





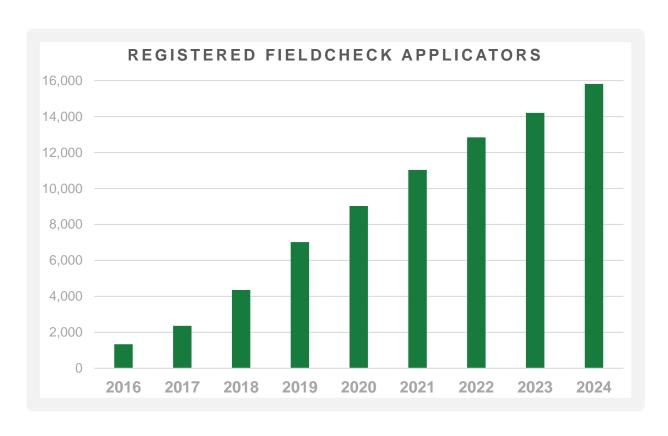






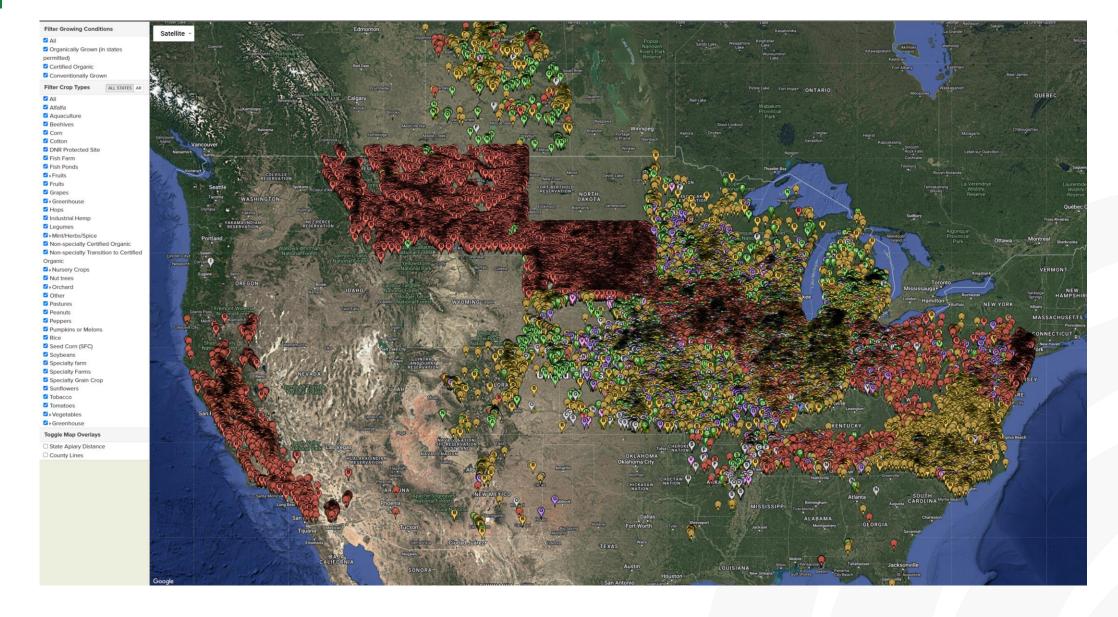
GROWTH IN NUMBER OF APPLICATORS





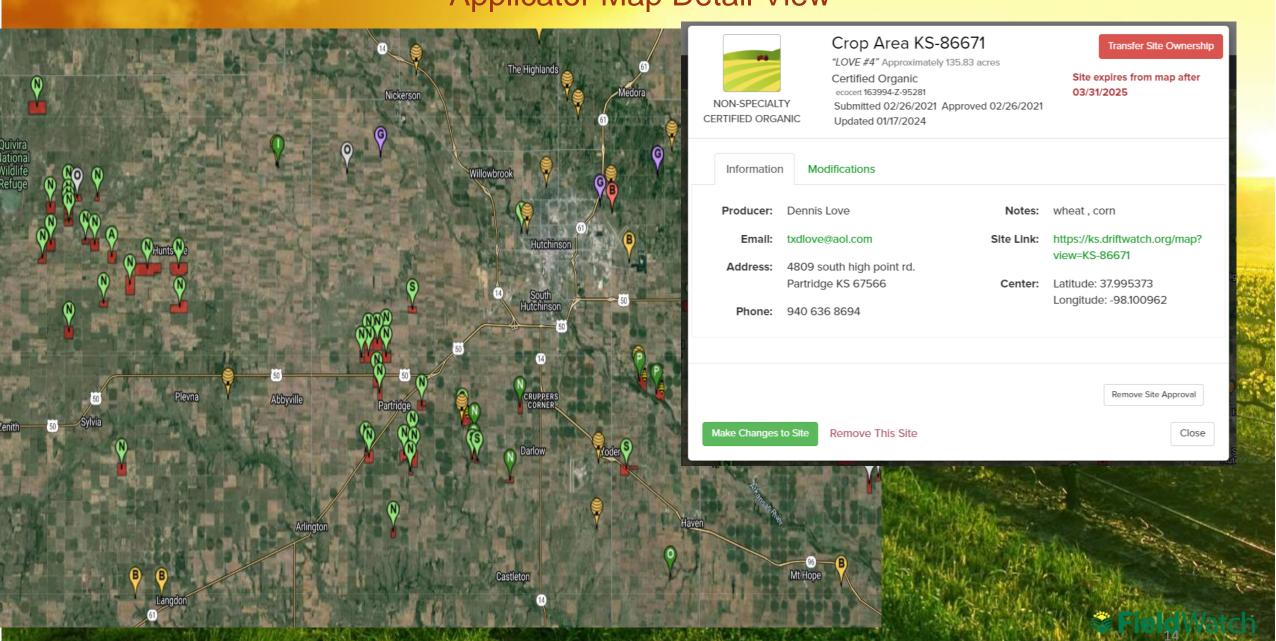


NORTH AMERICA ALL SITES (2024)





Applicator Map Detail View

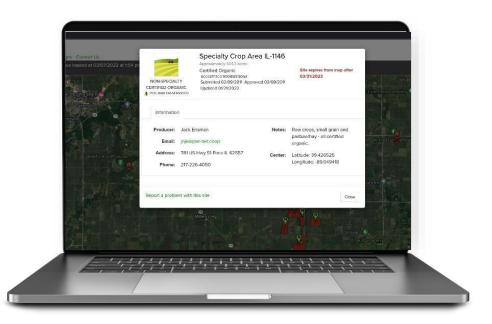


FIELDWATCH REGISTRIES ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE



- Mobile access
- Desktop access
- Access through technology partner platforms





PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK IN OUR 5-MIN SURVEY

Questions?

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