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## SEEKING PARTICIPANTS FOR THE 2017 NYS VARROA SURVEY



As part of the state's new Pollinator Protection Plan, the **Dyce Lab for Honey Bee Studies** at Cornell University is working to provide the best possible information and tools for beekeepers to improve colony health. This year, we're targeting Varroa mites, and we're looking for beekeepers across the state to participate in the **2017 New York State Varroa Survey** by completing these 3 simple steps:

1. Email Scott McArt, [shm33@cornell.edu](mailto:shm33@cornell.edu), by May 31st to sign up, and be sure to include your mailing address and the approximate number of colonies you plan to have this summer. Email is preferred, but you can also call [607-255-1377](tel:607-255-1377) and leave a message with your name, address and phone number to sign up.
2. Send us about 100 of your bees once in June and again in August, in bottles that we will mail to you (return postage included).
3. Fill out a brief survey in October regarding your Varroa monitoring and management practices.

Once we receive your bees and your survey, we'll assess Varroa levels and analyze the relationship between mite levels and various Varroa management practices. We will share our findings with beekeepers across New York State, so you can make more informed decisions about how to best manage Varroa mites in your operation.

Please **sign up now** to participate in the study, and help us enroll as many people as possible by circulating this announcement to other beekeepers and groups!

Yours in research and extension,

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