



Pollinator Support

Giving honey bees a fruitful home

The plight of honey bees hits close to home. As an industry, we rely on pollinators—in our breeding facilities, in the field and in our home gardens. Agriculture needs pollinators, and keeping hives, more than anything, is a statement of sustainability for us. You'll find bee hives at our headquarters in West Chicago, as well as at Pan American Seed/Kieft Seed in The Netherlands.

We take care to educate our employees, our customers and our visitors about the importance of pollination. We even provide presentations and demonstrations

on-site. While our bees feed on the extensive flower beds, they also hone in on our surrounding environment. The West Chicago property has a restored prairie, which they love, as well as plenty of annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees.

One small, very popular bonus of having these active insects on the property is all the honey. Our employees get to purchase raw, local honey as well as beeswax candles. □

Did You Know?

To make one pound of honey, a hive of honey bees will tap some two million flowers and fly more than 55,000 miles. In August 2012, we collected 195 pounds of honey from the five hives at our West Chicago headquarters. That's a lot of flowers and a lot of miles!