



# Pollinator Policy

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## ALDI US Pollinator Policy Statement

As a leading grocery retailer, at ALDI US, we want to make sure the way we do business also supports our communities, our people and our world. We recognize the importance of pollinating species to our food supply and understand that colony health is essential. To further explore opportunities to support the pollinator population, particularly honey bees, ALDI has considered the views of a variety of stakeholders, including technical experts, academics, industry organizations, suppliers, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The following outlines the ALDI approach for our produce and live plants & flowers supply chains.

- Suppliers are encouraged to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies and to limit non-essential use of pesticides whenever possible.
- Suppliers are encouraged to transition away from Nitroguanidine Neonicotinoids , Glyphosate and Chlorpyrifos in favor of alternative solutions, unless mandated by law. When phasing out these pesticides, suppliers are encouraged to avoid regrettable substitutions. A list of pesticides of high concern for pollinators can be found [here](#).
- Application of any chemicals or pesticides is to be done in a manner consistent with all local and federal laws, regulations, and guidelines.
- Suppliers are encouraged to adopt regenerative agriculture systems to reduce pesticide use. Regenerative agriculture farming methods build healthy soil that can sequester carbon and conserve water resources by preventing soil disturbance and keeping soil covered, increasing diversity, reducing synthetic inputs and integrating crop and livestock systems when appropriate.
- We support and encourage the growth of the organic industry as demonstrated by our expanded organic offerings. We proudly offer a variety of organic products within our Simply Nature line and produce department.

The Corporate Responsibility team will continue to evaluate developments in the US market, including new scientific evidence of the impacts of pesticide use on pollinator health or new industry regulations and guidance.

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