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Beekeeper and owner of the Niwot Honey Farm for 35 years. One of the founders of the Boulder County Beekeepers' Association and its president for 30 years, he began beekeeping after 10 years with IBM. In addition to operating a commercial beekeeping operation he has at different times been a boatman on western whitewater and Montana trout rivers, a hunting guide and horse packer, volunteer fire chief in his home town, and for the past 20 years, a freelance writer. Tom was the last County Bee Inspector in the state of Colorado, a position created in 1891 and retired in 2000.

Jeff Anderson, jsa.cmhf@juno.com, 209.847.4731

Beekeeper, with 34 years experience. He owns California Minnesota Honey Farms a family owned and run operation of just under 3000 bee colonies. Jeff is currently a member of the National Honey Bee Advisory Board, a joint board formed by the two National beekeeping organizations, The American Beekeepers Federation, and the American Honey Producers organization to deal with pesticide issues at the National level.

David Hackenberg, buffybee@sunlink.net , 813.713.1239

Beekeeper who first discovered a mysterious disappearance of honeybees now known as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). He is featured in the films [Vanishing of the Bees](#) and [Nicotine Bees](#), as well as this [60 Minutes](#) segment. Mr. Hackenberg founded [Hackenberg Apiaries](#) in 1962 as a high school vo-ag project. Today, he and his son operate approximately 3,000 hives of bees in 5 states for pollination and honey. David has served as president of the American Beekeeping Federation. He currently sits as co-chair on the National Honey Bee Advisory Board.

Dr. James Frazier, Ph.D., professor of entomology at Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, jfrazier@psu.edu, 814-863-7345. Dr. Frazier works at the Center for Pollinator health an Penn State, where his research focuses on synergistic and sublethal effects of multiple pesticides on the chemical senses and chemically mediated behaviors of honeybees in relation to honeybee health and CCD in collaboration with Chris Mullin and Maryann Frazier. He also researches chemical ecology: specifically, the structure and function of insect chemosensory systems and the impact of sensory systems on chemically mediated behavior. Penn State's Pollinator health center is a leading institution in research on rapid pollinator population decline.