

Monsanto wants to help honeybees fight mites with biotech

Beekeepers are desperately battling colony collapse disorder, a complex condition that has been killing bees in large swaths and could ultimately have a massive effect on people, since honeybees pollinate a significant portion of the food that humans consume.

A new weapon in that fight could be RNA molecules that kill a troublesome parasite by disrupting the way its genes are expressed. Monsanto and others are developing the molecules as a means to kill the parasite, a mite that feeds on honeybees.

Read the full story here: Monsanto's Plan to Help the Honeybee

Additional Resources:

- "[U.S.: genetic bank looks to future of honey bees](#)," FreshFruitPortal.com
- "Insecticide Alters Honey Bee Genes," Discovery News