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On February 27, 2017, Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office (CAC) received notification of a bee incident involving approximately 1,200 bee colonies contracted for almond pollination. A bee broker submitted four Reports of Loss, Non-Performance or Damage (ROL) reports on behalf of his clients with colonies at the incident site. The ROLs indicated losses totaling $480,000.00. The broker suspects an application to a nectarine orchard was the cause of the losses. Fresno CAC staff are interviewing growers and reviewing application records. Swab and dead bee samples, collected at the incident site, are being prepared to be shipped to a laboratory for analysis. Fresno CAC is continuing to investigate the incident.