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An apiary owner contacted the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC's) office and reported damage to approximately 336 of his bee colonies, which were contracted for almond pollination. The apiary owner suspects that an insecticide application to a nearby nectarine orchard resulted in the loss. He submitted a Report of Loss, Non-Performance, or Damage report which indicated an estimated loss of $60,480.00. 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.