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## The Great Bee Mystery

A mystery has been bothering beekeepers and other people all over the world: bees are vanishing!

All at once, the population of a hive will drop. The bees will almost completely disappear. Beekeepers don't find dead bees. Instead, they find only the queen and a few worker bees in a hive. The other adult bees are gone.

Beekeepers have noticed this problem recently, but scientists think it has been around for years. People have many ideas about the causes. Some blame poisons used by farmers to kill weeds. Others blame tiny bee attackers called mites. Still others blame beekeepers who move their bees around too often. Scientists still don't know for sure what causes the disappearances.

People need bees to grow many crops. So, scientists are working hard to solve the mystery. They hope to find answers soon. They hope to find ways to help these insects. After all, bees help us grow foods we eat each day.