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The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Receives Horticultural Research Institute (HRI) Funding to establish best management guidelines for growing plants and protecting pollinators

New Haven, CT - The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) announced that Dr. Richard Cowles, an entomologist at the Station's Valley Laboratory in Windsor, and Dr. Brian Eitzer of the Analytical Chemistry Department were awarded a \$54,000 grant from the Horticultural Research Institute as a part of the national Horticultural Industry Bee & Pollinator Stewardship Initiative. Funding will be used to study systemic insecticide uptake and movement into nectar and pollen by conducting pesticide residue analysis of pollen and nectar from treated plants. This research will help to provide guidance to the nursery industry, landscape professionals, and homeowners. The CAES project was reviewed by a panel of scientists and horticultural industry professionals from AmericanHort, the Society of American Florists and EPA's Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division, and was one of only four projects funded nationally. "Knowledge gained from these studies will further the establishment of best management guidelines for growing plants and protecting pollinators in an effort to assure the public and retail sellers of these plants that growers' practices can result in plants that are safe to bees and other pollinators" said Dr. Richard Cowles.

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