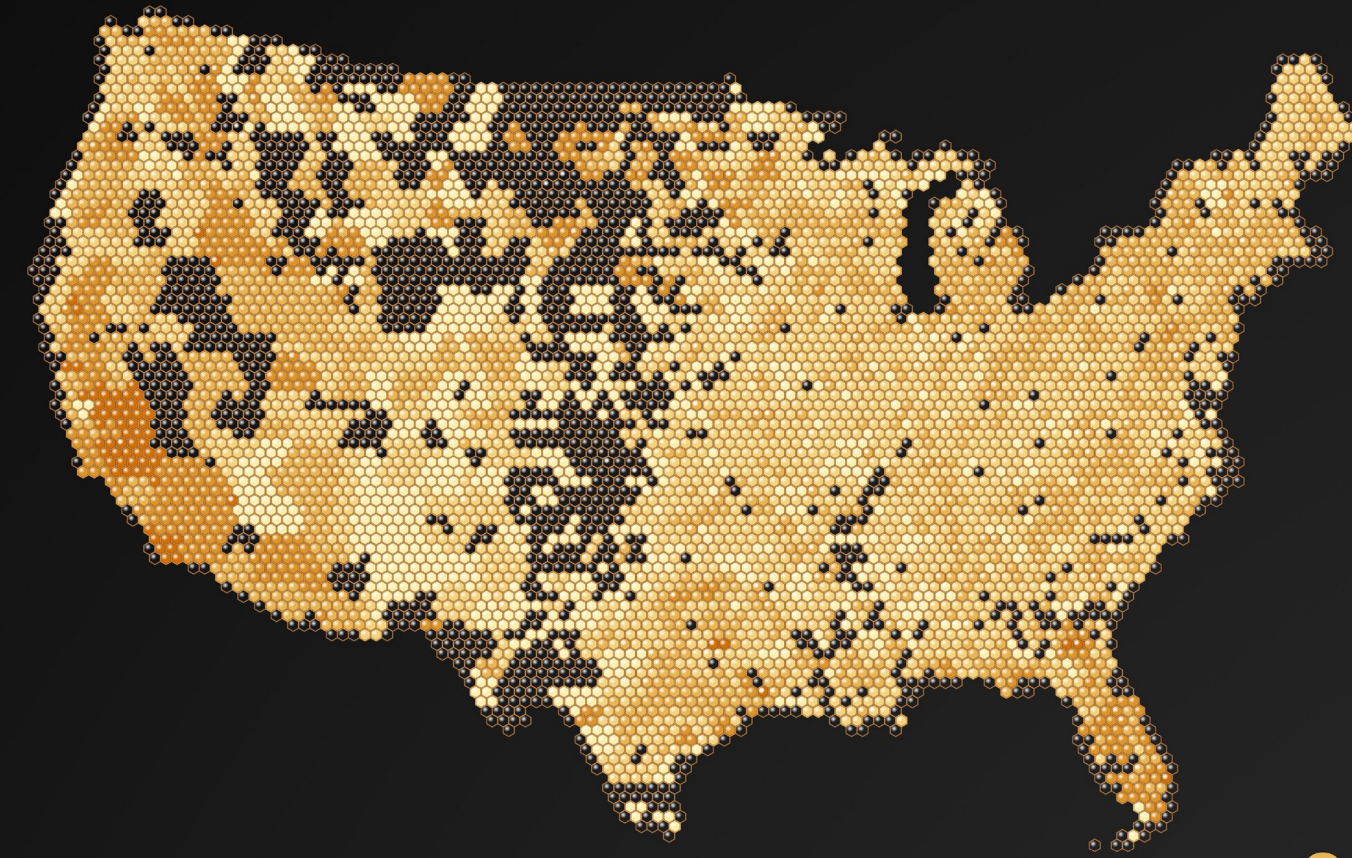
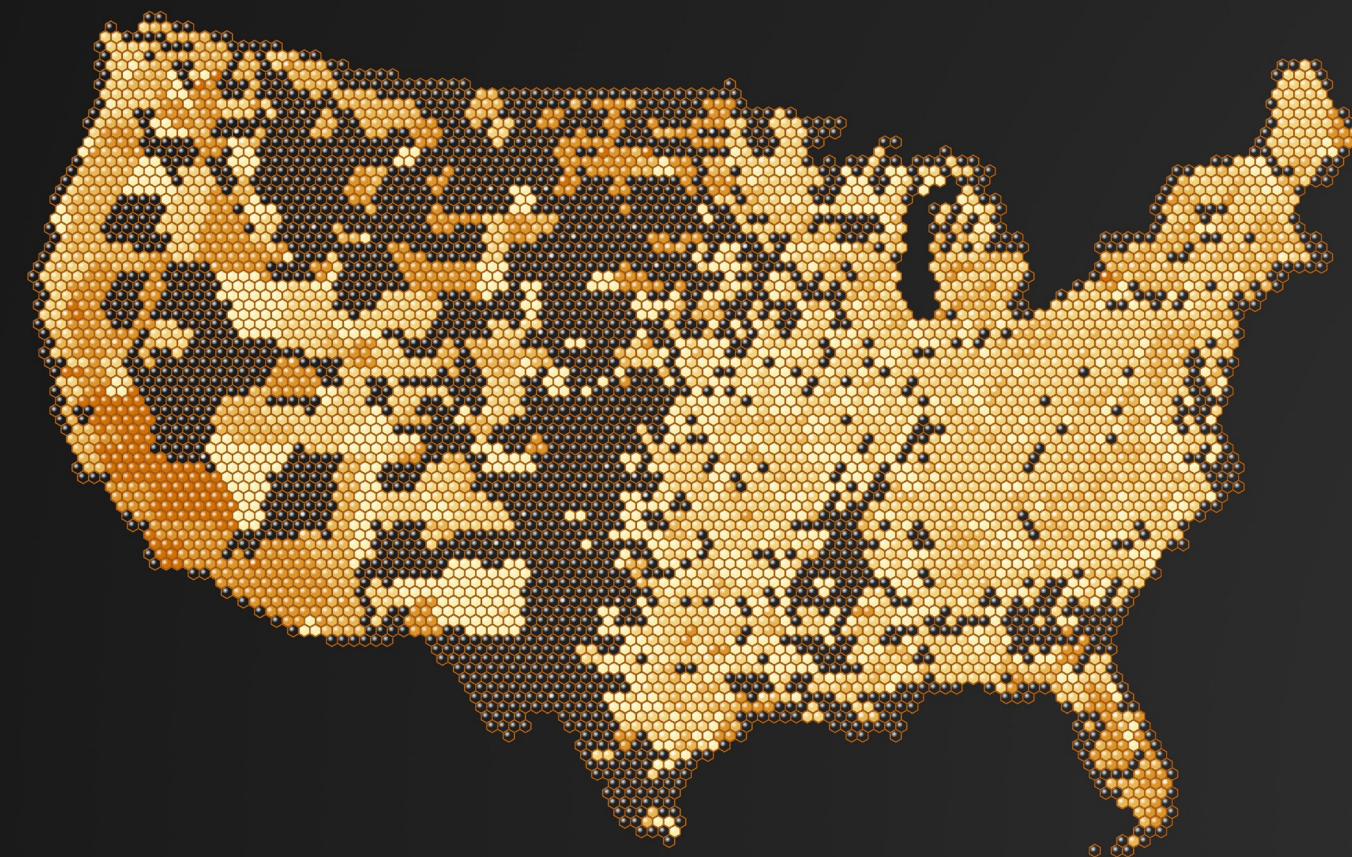


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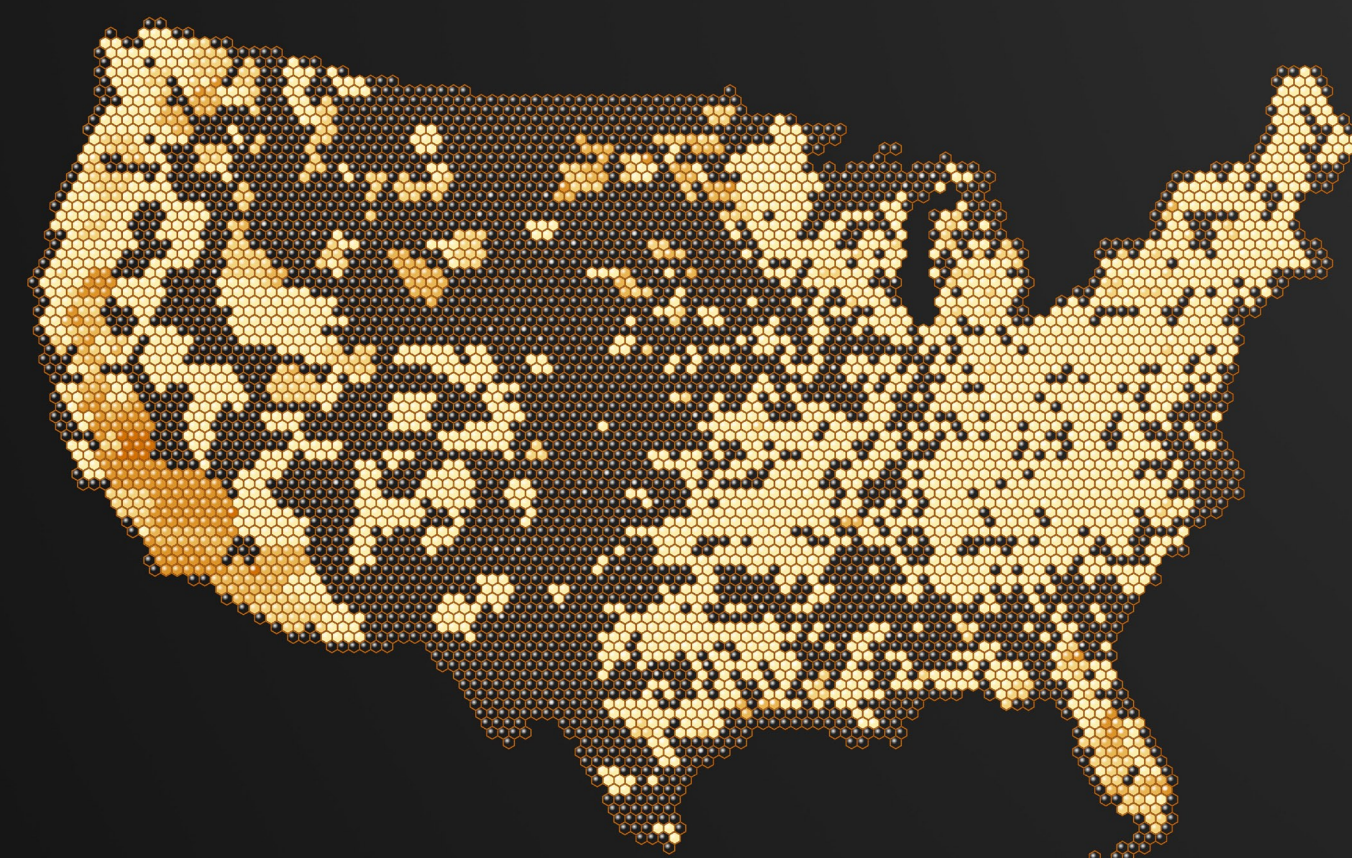
## 20 Years of Honey Bees



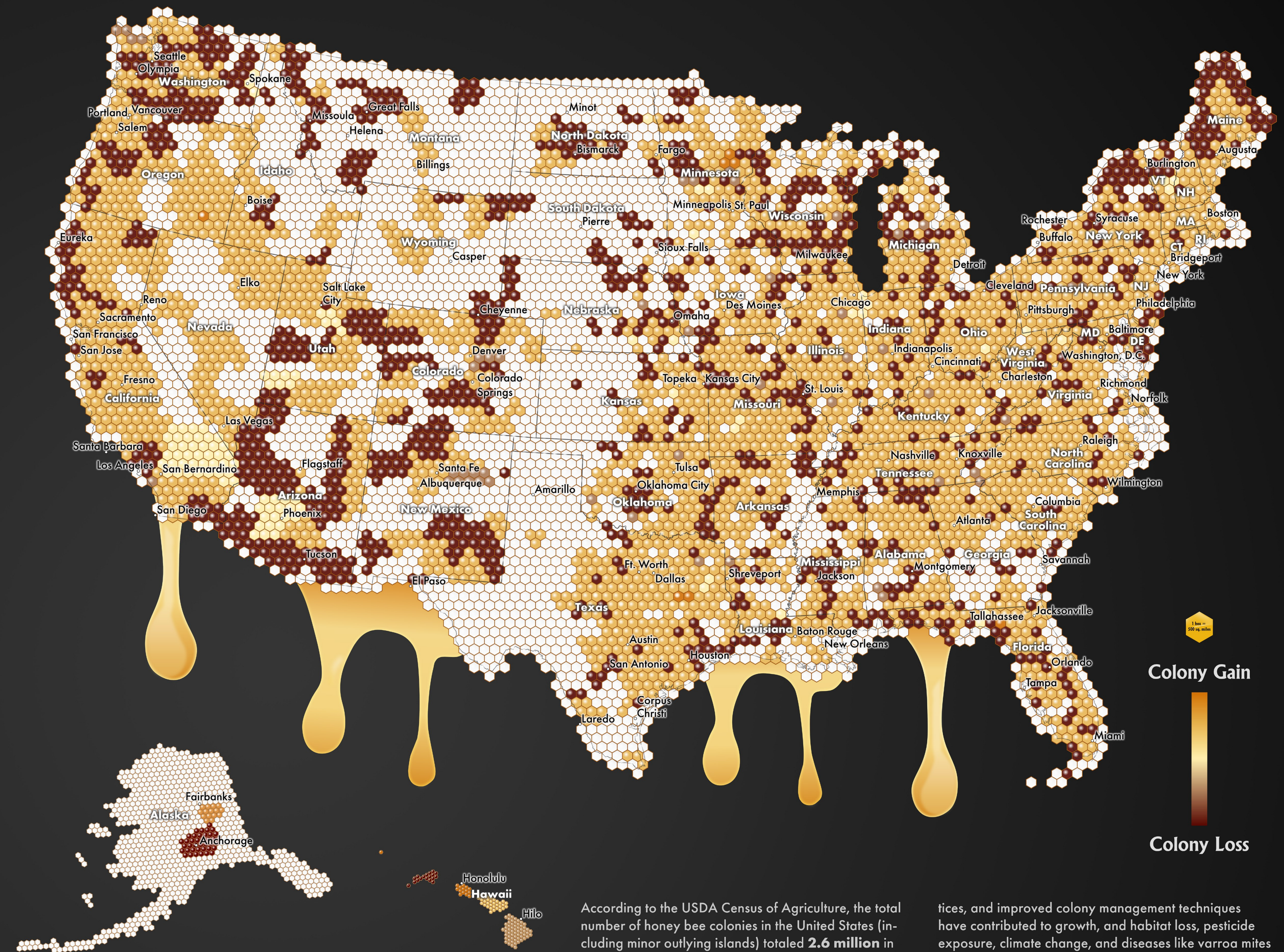
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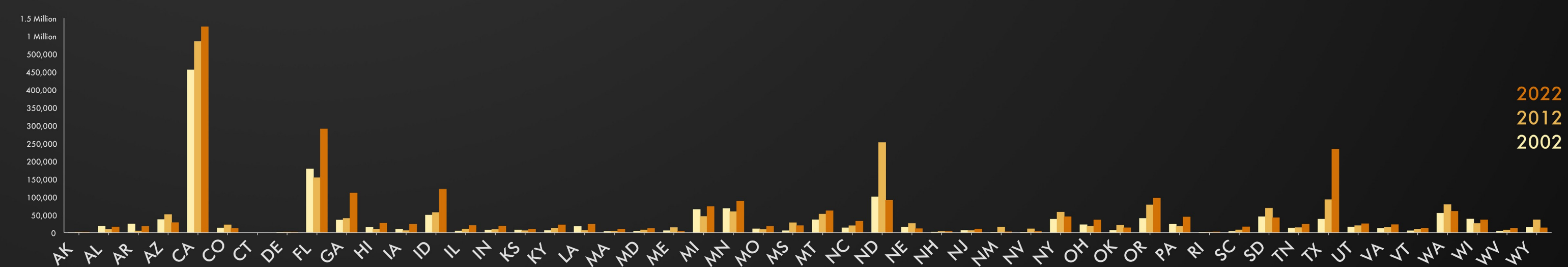


2002



Colony Gain  
Colony Loss

### Bee Colonies



2022  
2012  
2002

According to the USDA Census of Agriculture, the total number of honey bee colonies in the United States (including minor outlying islands) totaled **2.6 million** in 2002, **3.2 million** in 2012, and **2.9 million** in 2022. These numbers reflect managed honey bees maintained by beekeepers and reported in the USDA surveys. While colonies have fluctuated over the past two decades, increased pollination demand, shifts in agricultural prac-

tices, and improved colony management techniques have contributed to growth, and habitat loss, pesticide exposure, climate change, and diseases like varroa mites have led to declines. The resilience of beekeepers, along with ongoing research and conservation efforts remains critical to sustaining healthy honey bee populations, which play a vital role in agriculture and ecosystem stability.