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'If bees weren't pollinating, we wouldn't have half of this produce'

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EUGENE, Ore. -- Honeybee colony collapse, often linked to toxins used in pesticides, has groups across the globe buzzing over the declining bee populations.

Being that Saturday was National Honey Bee Day, the environmental team at Beyond Toxic worked with Sundance Natural Foods to show people how bees impact food supplies.

"Their whole ecosystem is crashing," said Lisa Arkin, director for Beyond Toxic. "Without bees we would lose a third of the food that comes to our tables every day."

Beyond Toxic said 70 percent of America's food sources are pollinated by bees. To illustrate how that would effect an average shopping trip, Arkin's group covered all of the bee-reliant produce at Sundance Natural Foods with brown paper.

"If bees weren't pollinating, we wouldn't have half of this produce in this market to buy and serve to our families," said Arkin.

Customers our team talked to at Sundance were aware of the colony collapse disorder, but many said they had no idea how much it could impact their food.

"It's very powerful to see how many fruits and vegetables we wouldn't have without bee pollination, said Nancy Wallace.

Andrea Pierce, the produce manager for Sundance, said it is important to consider the chemicals used on the produce you are buying.