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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Invites Comments for Pollinator Plan**

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry will host a public hearing to gather comments on its proposed pollinator plan. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. in the auditorium at Langston University's campus in Oklahoma City located at 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

A draft pollinator plan for participants to comment on is posted on the [www.ag.ok.gov](http://www.ag.ok.gov) website. There will be a panel of four speakers including an Oklahoma State University entomologist, a commercial beekeeper from Oklahoma, a backyard beekeeper from Oklahoma and a representative from a national chemical company.

Following the panel's presentations, there will be time for comments from the public on the draft pollinator plan drawn up by Dr. Don Molnar for ODAFF. The Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture will adopt a pollinator plan at a later date.

Pollinators are essential to agriculture in Oklahoma. They are responsible for the success of many of the state's crops like canola, sesame and watermelons. Native pollinators are also necessary for many native plants like redbud, Oklahoma's state tree, and Chickasaw plum.

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Suggested photo caption: The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture invites the public to give input on its draft pollinator plan. The meeting will occur on Aug. 11 from 1-3 p.m. at the Langston campus in Oklahoma City.

