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More like this in their millions. It's an ecological crisis that threatens to bring global agriculture to a standstill. Introduced by Martha Kearney, this programme explores the reasons behind the decline of bee colonies across the globe, investigating what might be at the root of this devastation.



one insect pollinator on the planet, responsible for the production of over 90 crops. Apples, berries, cucumbers, nuts, will struggle to be produced if bee colonies continue to decline at the current rate. Empty hives have been reported from as far as the Arctic. In England, the matter has caused beekeepers to march on parliament to call on the government to fund research into a bigger threat to humanity than the current financial crisis.

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From a global perspective, the programme travels from the farm belt of California to the flatlands of East Anglia to the outback of Australia. They talk to the beekeepers whose livelihoods are threatened by Colony Collapse Disorder, the scientists entrusted with solving the problem and the Australian beekeepers who are making a fortune replacing the planet's dying bees. They also look at some of the possible reasons for the decline: is it down to a bee plague, pesticides, malnutrition, or is the answer something even more frightening?



... part of a season of programmes on BBC Four exploring how food gets from the fields to our kitchen table. It documents the changes that have undergone in Britain over the past 100 years and examines how the countryside has changed as a result.

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Just how does the cuckoo trick other birds into accepting its eggs and raising i... (R)



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How the tigers of the Sundarbans forest kill up to fifty forest workers a year. (R)



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