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To: Maine Blueberry Growers

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to resign from the position of Maine State Apiarist effective July 16, 2016. This decision did not come easy after working for the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry and with beekeepers and growers during the last 33 years.

The beekeeping industry and growers who depend upon honey bees and beekeepers for crop pollination have faced a number of challenges during the past 31 years. Despite these obstacles, beekeepers and growers have worked together to produce numerous commodities for the world's growing population.

I am not retiring as I'm not old enough (can you believe that!) and will continue to work with honey bees and beekeepers. In the near future, I will be involved with a honey bee research project and will also manage my bees for honey production.

I want to thank all of you for your support over the years and want you to know that it has been a privilege to work with and for you. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

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