

# NSBA/WBPANS JOINT POLLINATION COMMITTEE SAMPLE POLLINATION CONTRACT

## POLLINATION AGREEMENT

This agreement is made \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between \_\_\_\_\_ (grower),  
and \_\_\_\_\_ (beekeeper).

1. TERM OF AGREEMENT. The term of this agreement shall be for the 20\_\_ growing season.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BEEKEEPER

a) The beekeeper shall supply the grower with \_\_\_\_\_ hives (colonies) of honey bees to be delivered to

\_\_\_\_\_ as follows:

*(Fill in the appropriate line or lines and cross out those that do not apply).*

Number of days after notice from the grower \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date of introduction \_\_\_\_\_

At approximately the following per cent of bloom \_\_\_\_\_%

The beekeeper shall locate said bees in accordance with directions of the grower, or, if none are given, according to his/her judgement in providing the maximum pollination coverage.

b. The beekeeper agrees to provide colonies of the following minimum standards:\*

Disease-free colonies with a laying queen as evidenced by brood

\_\_\_\_\_ frames with brood

\_\_\_\_\_ frames covered with adult bees

\_\_\_\_\_ frames of honey stores or other food

\_\_\_\_\_ story hives

If the grower doubts that the colonies meet the minimum standard.\*, the beekeeper agrees to open and demonstrate the strength of colonies randomly selected.

In the event of a dispute concerning bee number or health, a neutral third party with a good working knowledge of beekeeping shall be called in to make an examination of questionable hives within 10 days of date hives are placed at the crop.

If such examination proves colonies to be weaker than the standard, on average, it is agreed that the contracted price is fully open to renegotiation.

- \* **NSBA/WBPANS minimum standard:**  
**4 frames of brood (100% coverage of equivalent of 4 frames)**  
**8 frames of bees (100% coverage of equivalent of 8 frames)**  
**2 frames of honey**

c. The beekeeper agrees to leave the bees on the crop until:

*(Fill in the appropriate line or lines and cross out those that do not apply).*

Number of days after notice from the grower \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date of removal \_\_\_\_\_

At approximately the following per cent of bloom drop or petal fall \_\_\_\_\_%

(It is recognized that there is no need to keep bees on a crop beyond 90% petalfall.)

3. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE GROWER:

a. The grower agrees to provide a suitable place to locate the hives. The site must be accessible to a truck and/or other vehicles used in handling and servicing the colonies. The grower shall allow the beekeeper entry on the premises whenever necessary to service the bees.

b. Grower will not use or allow to be used, during bloom, any pesticide known to be at all harmful to bees without obtaining permission from the beekeeper. If use of harmful pesticides becomes necessary, the beekeeper must be given 48 hours notice in which to remove the colonies from the location. If necessary to place the colonies back into the location, there will be a charge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per colony.

c. If there is any risk of bear damage, it is the responsibility of the grower to provide adequate protection.

d. The grower agrees to pay for \_\_\_\_\_ colonies of bees at the rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per colony. Payment shall be made to the beekeeper as follows:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per colony on delivery and the balance on or before \_\_\_\_\_ of said year.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day : \_\_\_\_\_ Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day : \_\_\_\_\_ Night: \_\_\_\_\_

- Some Beekeeper and Grower Do's and Don'ts
- Notice unexpected colony removal; call the beekeeper
- Notice rain water accumulation around the hives; call the beekeeper
- Turn entrances toward the field, away from roads.
- Establish flight paths and locations away from dwellings, parking lots, vehicular and foot traffic.
- Avoid shady locations and low spots.
- Provide "drives" for bee trucks and specific, enlarged "bee drops" in the field.
- Discourage drifting by marking hives, spacing hives irregularly, or providing landmarks in the field.
- Choose "staging" areas carefully. High densities of homes won't tolerate hundreds of hives nearby.
- Avoid excessively travelled roads that cross flight path, especially at passenger level.
- Avoid pesticide losses to your beneficial pollinators, including honey bees.
- Do not move beehives during daylight hours Do not move colonies less than 5 km.