

BC Commercial Beekeeper's Association 2024 Blueberry Pollination Services Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to ensure fairness to both parties. The grower is protected by having an independent inspection of the bee colonies, and the beekeeper is compensated by receiving more money for stronger colonies.

1.0 Parties

Beekeeper
Company Name
Address with Postal Code
Contact Person
Telephone:

Grower
Company Name
Address with Postal Code
Contact Person
Telephone:

2.0 Field Locations

Addresses of Pollination Location(s)	Number of Pollinating Units per Location	
Total Number of Pollinating Units	\$200 Base Rental Cost per Colony for 8 Frames of Bees and Brood	\$15 Additional Rental Cost per Frame Beyond 8 to a maximum of 12 Frames

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3.0 Inspection

- a) The independent bee inspector for the year 2024 is [*Inspector contact info will be supplied to members in good standing in March*]. The inspector is to be contacted by the beekeeper on or before the date of delivery. The bees must be inspected within the first 5 days of installation.
- b) A random selection of 12 colonies will be inspected per location, and the average bee population of the inspected colonies will be used to determine the strength for all colonies.
- c) The cost to inspect each location is \$200 plus GST, half paid by the Beekeeper, half paid by the Grower. The inspector will send an invoice to each party separately.

4.0 Definitions

- a) "Pollinating Unit" means a queen-rite colony of honeybees consisting of a minimum number of 8 frames of bees, with 4 or more of those frames containing brood.

5.0 Beekeeper Responsibilities

- a) Deliver the required number of pollinating units to the agreed upon locations within 72 hours of being notified by the Grower.
- b) Manage the honeybee colonies during pollination to ensure maximum productivity, including health and queen checks, and adding supers or brood boxes as required.
- c) Remove the honeybee colonies within 72 hours of being notified by the Grower, however, the Beekeeper reserves the right to remove the bees earlier if there are insufficient flowers or field conditions change where the bees are in danger.
- d) Maintain Comprehensive General Liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$5 million dollars, for bodily injury and damage to bees and equipment.

6.0 Grower Responsibilities

- a) Pay the Beekeeper for the Base Rental Cost per Colony on or before April 1.
- b) Pay the Beekeeper for the Additional Rental Cost on or before May 15.
- c) Provide locations for bee colonies that are easily accessible to the beekeeper's truck, trailer, and forklift.

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- d) Provide the Beekeeper with 24-hour access to bees during pollination.
- e) Not to spray colonies with water or pesticides. If the Grower must spray insecticide, the Grower must give the Beekeeper 48 hours' notice to remove the bees. The bees will not be returned once removed from the field.
- f) Provide the Beekeeper with 72-hours' notice to remove the bees. If Grower requires bees to be removed on 24-hours's notice, a fee of \$10 will apply for each hive removed.
- g) The Grower cannot move the bees. If the bees are moved by the Grower, a fee of \$150 will apply for each hive moved. Note: There are up to four hives on each pallet.

Beekeeper Signature and Date

Grower Signature and Date