

The pictures below show the differences between good and poorly pollinated fruit.



PROFESSIONAL BEEKEEPERS will provide a quality pollination service for you.

For a relatively small outlay you can have the benefits of:

- Even fruit set
- Better shaped fruit
- Better flavour
- Improved quality
- Improved yields
- Harvest efficiency

Honeybee pollination gives you the advantage of increased returns for your product and improved opportunities in both local and export markets.

Your beekeeper will calculate his costs on the following:

Travel costs:

- one visit to deliver the hives
- other visits as necessary during the pollination period; and
- another visit to remove the hives.

A hire fee for each hive.



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Were your crop yields

last year as good as

you had hoped for?

Was the quality of

the fruit as high as

you expected?



Managed crop pollination is a service provided by professional beekeepers to ensure maximum pollination of crops, the result is increased yields and improved quality of crop produce.

Nationally, the value of increased yield from honey/bee pollination is estimated at \$1.2 billion. Pollination is without doubt one of the most important events that occurs for each tree and crop product. The opportunity for maximum pollination to occur presents itself on only one occasion per season.

If this moment of opportunity is lost, all other crop activities - fertilising, spraying, watering etc. will be of little avail.

Without good pollination and resulting seed set, there will be no crop to grow and consequently little or no crop to harvest and probably of low quality.

Virtually all commercially grown avocado, beans, citrus, pumpkins, macadamia - or other nuts, strawberry, stone fruit - or other fruit, and tomatoes, to mention just a few, require good cross pollination to set commercially viable crops.



CROSS POLLINATION AND FERAL HONEYBEES



Most orchardists accommodate the need for adequate cross pollination by planting polliniser varieties when the orchard is planned.

However, experience has shown that relying solely on orchard pollinisers and feral bees for cross pollination often does not produce a commercial crop that the grower can market at an economically viable price.

Studies show that the flowers of multi - seeded fruit varieties require up to 50 visits by honeybees for them to mature into sound marketable fruit.

Consider the number of visits necessary for honeybees to pollinate just 10% of the flowers in a crop which may contain millions of flowers.

Only by using beehives or beetubes managed specifically for pollination to increase seed set and therefore increased crop yield and quality, will your net return be higher.

Beekeepers need to prepare the hives for pollination as a good, strong hive is required.

Several months notice is required.

If you are an interested grower please do not hesitate to contact us.



POLLINATION IS THE TRANSFER OF POLLEN FROM THE ANTHERS TO THE STIGMAS OF FLOWERS.

Many fruit crops need pollination to achieve fruit set.

Honeybees are effective pollinators and without them the growing of many fruit crops would be uneconomical.

Well managed fruit is usually larger, better shaped, more attractive and marketable than poorly pollinated fruit which is often smaller, misshapen and of lower quality.



“One in every three bites of food you eat is made possible by bees”