

# PEIBA POLLINATION CONTRACT

This contract is made between \_\_\_\_\_ (“Grower”), and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (“Beekeeper”) for the 20\_\_ growing season.

## 1. BEEKEEPER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) The Beekeeper agrees to provide \_\_\_\_\_ hives (colonies) to the Grower at dates and location as follows:

Approximate delivery date \_\_\_\_\_ Location of delivery \_\_\_\_\_

- B) If the delivery date is to change, the Grower shall notify the Beekeeper **72 hours prior** to the planned delivery date.
- C) The Beekeeper shall place his/her hives as instructed by the Grower in designated areas.
- D) The Beekeeper agrees to provide hives as follows:

### **Average honey bee pollination unit**

At placement for wild blueberry pollination a honey bee colony should be: the equivalent of 8 frames of bees and 4 frames of brood, a laying queen, approximately 20,000 bees in two 10 frame deep Langstroth hive bodies. (please see definitions below)

The Grower is entitled to inspect the strength of the hives during the first few “flying” days following the delivery. The Beekeeper, upon request of the Grower to inspect the strength of the hives, shall attend the location of the hives and shall open and demonstrate the colony strength to the Grower upon request. In the event the strength of the hives does not meet the requirements of an **“Average honey bee pollination unit”** the terms of this contract can be re-negotiated among both parties.

- E) The Beekeeper agrees to leave his/her bees on site until :  
\_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (month) 20\_\_ (year)
- F) Upon completion of the above pollination period, the Beekeeper shall have \_\_\_\_ days to remove the hives from the location at which they were delivered.
- G) The Beekeeper is responsible for all costs relating to the transportation and the delivery of the hives during the term of this Contract.

## 2. GROWER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) The Grower agrees to meet the Beekeeper on site during delivery or agrees to give their GPS coordinates to the Beekeeper to insure accurate placement of colonies.
- B) The Grower agrees to provide a suitable location for the hives. The location shall be accessible by truck and other vehicles used for handling hives.
- C) The Grower shall allow the Beekeeper access to the site on an “as needed” basis to tend the hives. Once the hives are put in place, the Grower agrees not to move or manipulate the hives.
- D) The Grower shall not use or allow to be used pesticides or other chemicals that are known to be harmful to bees during the pollination period or immediately before the arrival of the colonies if product residue can endanger bee health. Should application of pesticides become necessary during pollination period, the Beekeeper shall be given 48 hours notice by the Grower to remove the colonies from the location.

- E) The Grower is responsible for the protection of the colonies from vandalism while on site. The Grower shall compensate the Beekeeper in the event of damaged colonies due vandalism while on site at a minimum of \$250 per colony.
- F) The Grower shall inform the Beekeeper within 24 to 72 hours if a frost significantly damages the crop.
- G) The Grower agrees to pay the following for pollination services:  
 Grower renting \_\_\_\_\_ colonies at a rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per colony, for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Option 1** - The grower agrees to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ per colony by the end of \_\_\_\_\_ (month) and the balance is to be paid by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**Option 2** - The grower agrees to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ per colony by the end of \_\_\_\_\_ (month) and the balance + \$15 surcharge per hive is to then be paid no later than December 31, 20\_\_\_\_ or when the grower is paid for their harvest.

**3. WAIVER IN FAVOR OF PEIBA**

The parties to this Contract expressly agree that the Prince Edward Island Beekeepers Association is not liable for any breaches of this contract nor any damages suffered by any party to this Contract.

**4. CONTRACT SIGNATURE**

**Grower Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Beekeeper Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**5. POLLINATION STRENGTH UNIT DEFINITIONS**

**Average** - Important word to indicate not all hives will exactly fit the standard

**At Placement** - A point in time needs to be set as honey bee colonies are dynamic and changes will occur during the weeks of pollination

**Wild Blueberry** - Specific to wild blueberry as numbers are appropriate at that point of the season.

**4 frames of brood** - Realistic standard for eastern Canada at the beginning of pollination

**20,000 Bees** - A realistic number and based on 2400 bees per frame where previously the number was 30,000 bees was too high

**Two Deep Langstroth hive bodies** - mainly intended for beginner to intermediate beekeepers as a swarming preventative where a supered medium box with a queen excluder is an accepted practice