

Watch a family in Oregon
at a community farm



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What Bees Do for Us



Next time you take a bite out of an apple or eat a tasty berry, thank a bee!

Bees are a very important group of insects that help make some of our favorite foods. How do they do this? By spreading pollen from flower to flower. This is called **pollination**. Bees pollinate many different crops, including types of fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds. Bees also help produce milk, eggs, cheese and meat—we'll explain how later in this book. Every year, beekeepers from Oregon bring their bees to other states to help pollinate their crops. For instance, they bring honey-bee hives to California to pollinate the almonds that are grown there. There are over 780 **species** (types) of bees in Oregon, 4,000 in the United States and 20,000 in the world! In this book, you will get to know nine of the bee species in Oregon. You'll learn why they are so important to farmers, gardeners, restaurants and chefs and everyone around the world.

Bees help make our food! Color in the foods shown below that you like to eat.

Why do you like these foods?



Berries



Seeds



Herbs



Tree Fruit

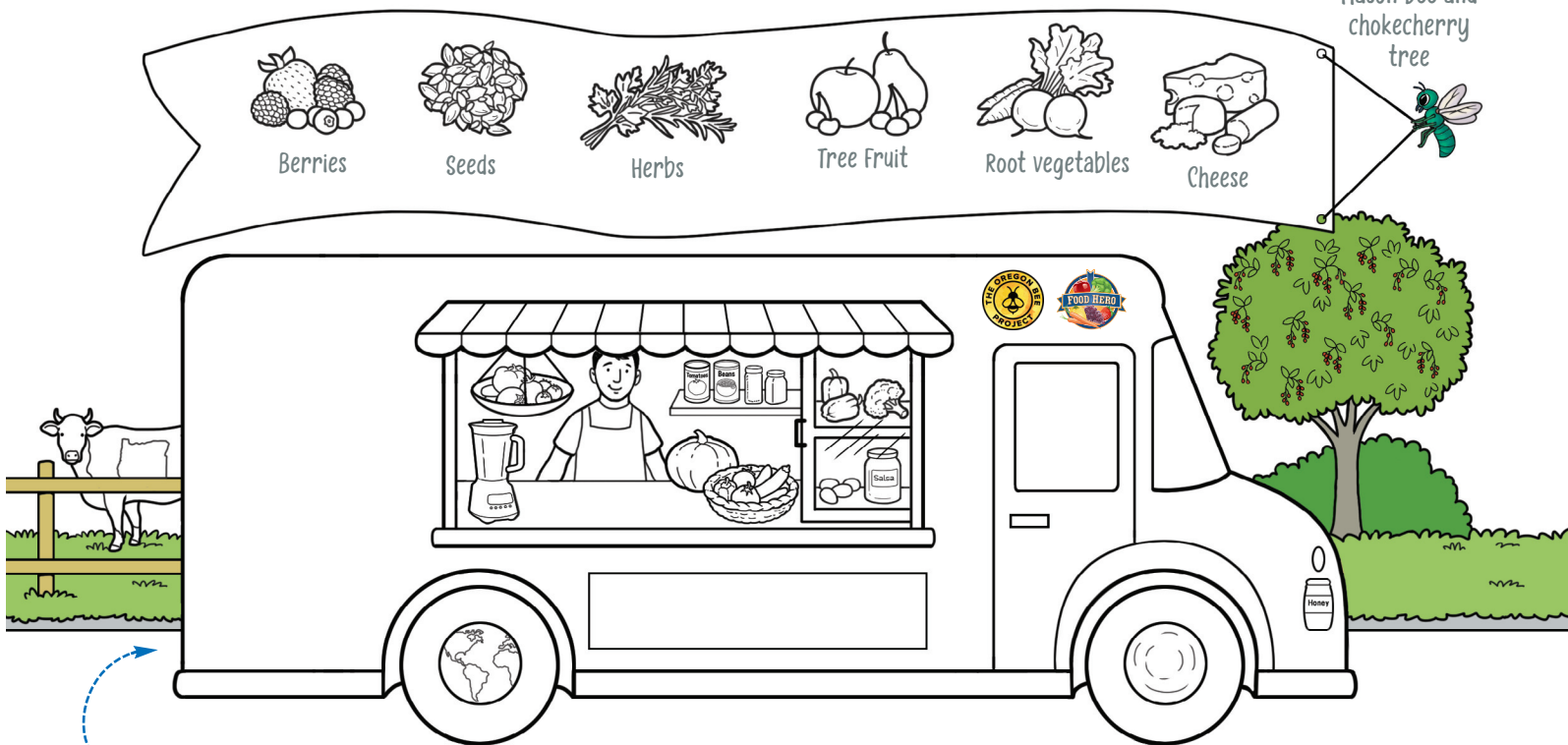


Root vegetables



Cheese

Mason bee and
chokecherry
tree



 **Help Jocelyn and Josh and their family design and name their new food truck!** They want their customers to know that bees help make everything they sell. Where would be a great place to park the food truck and sell food?



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