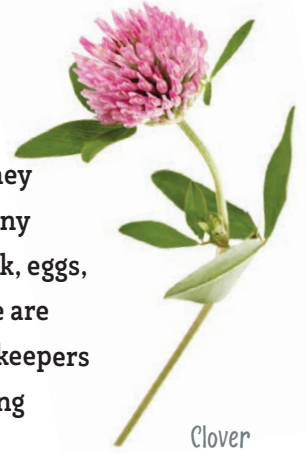




# What Bees Do for Us



**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. Many of the crops Oregon bees pollinate are grown in the state of Oregon, but crops in other states rely on Oregon bees, too! 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 eight of the bee species in Oregon. You'll learn why they are so important to farmers, gardeners and everyone around the world.

**Bees help farmers grow 1/3 of the foods we eat! That's like 1 in every 3 bites!**

**Color in the foods shown below that you like best. Why do you like these foods?**

I like these foods because \_\_\_\_\_



**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.

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