



**Honey bee carrying hemp pollen.**

### **Hemp Pollen and Bees**

Enormous amounts of pollen can be produced within hemp crops grown for seed or otherwise include pollen-producing male flowers. This makes the crop very attractive to bees - honey bees, bumble bees and many kinds of solitary bees.

Pollen as a critically important food resource for these bees, and is used mostly for rearing young. Pollen-producing hemp crops likely can provide substantial benefit to bees. This will be particularly important in areas where there are few other pollen sources are available in mid-late summer when the crop is flowering.



**Honey bees collecting hemp pollen**



**Bumble bee visiting hemp flowers**



**Bumble bee (upper left) and honey bee (bottom) collecting hemp pollen**