

# Influence of insect pollination on quantity, quality of the crops and economic efficacy

- $V_{h.i} = V \times D \times P$                       Where:
- $V_{h.i}$  : annual value of the crop attributable to honeybee activity (or other insects)
- $V$  : annual value of the crop
- $D$  : dependency on insect pollination
- $P$  : proportion of effective insect pollinator of the crop that are honeybees (or other pollinating insects).

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- The dependency factor  $D$  was calculated by the following formula:
- $D = (Y_o - Y_c)/Y_o$       Where:
- $Y_o$  : yield from open-pollinated flowers (experiment group)
- $Y_c$  : yield from flowers in cages that exclude insect visitation (control group).

# Example: cucumber

- Yield from open-pollinated flowers (experiment group -  $Y_o$ ): 100kg
- Yield from flowers in cages that exclude insect visitation (control group -  $Y_c$ ): 10kg
- $D = (Y_o - Y_c)/Y_o$
- $= (100\text{kg} - 10\text{kg})/100\text{kg}$
- $= 0.9$

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□ Dependence on insects:	0.9
□ Honeybee proportion:	0.7
□ Dependence on honeybee (%):	63
□ Production value (\$):	10,000
□ Honeybee contribution	6,300