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**Bee pollinators and economic importance of pollination in crop production: Case of Kakamega, Western Kenya**

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In Kakamega farmland, a high number of bee species visiting crop flowers were documented. Bee pollination significantly increased yields of crops known to be self-pollinated, resulting in a higher net benefit to the local farmers. Almost all farmers are familiar with different bee species, but only some are aware of the function of pollination in crop production. However, most farmers are willing to pay for improved pollination. Pollination management would improve food security and thus the well-being of the local people as well as enhance biodiversity conservation.