

habit, and does not cluster together to keep warm during cold weather as a honey bee does. There would have to be some sort of feeding station, as well, within the shelter; so as to feed these alive leafcutter bees. I am sure that the leafcutter bees would do well on strawberries and cranberries during the warmer weather.

I have also demonstrated that, in my findings, the leafcutter bee exceeds the cost of pollinating by the honey bee at this time. One can rent a hive of honey bees for from \$35.00 to \$40.00 a season. Usually two hives of honey bees are adequate for pollination of one acre. The cost of pollinating by the leafcutter bee far exceeds that of the honey bee. For they would cost, from what I have learned, \$530.65 per acre each year, if one were to purchase his leafcutter bee larvae each year.

To all this I have one more outstanding bill that I have paid. Since it was not part of the equipment used for research done, I will now present this bill. Ninety dollars was allowed for the use of a truck to transport equipment to and from the blueberry field. Since my research did not continue beyond blueberry pollination, you will find a paid bill for \$60.00 to cover that cost also.

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to do this research on the leafcutter bee. It has been a rewarding experience.

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Respectfully submitted:

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