



TIMEX WATCHES UP TO 40% OFF

SHOP NOW

HOMES BY
DeSantis
The Mark Of Excellence

PARTLY CLOUDY 29°C

Subscription

Today's Paper

Spec Auctions

Saturday, July 14, 2012

Welcome WHGANDNORAHG | Sign Out | My Profile



Search this Site

Search Hamilton Businesses

Full Text Archive

Category Business Name

Home News Sports What's On Opinion Living Community More Announcements Jobs Cars Real Estate Rentals Classifieds Flyers

BLOGS CARTOONS COLUMNS EDITORIAL **LETTERS**

HOT TOPICS OLYMPICS 2012 TOUR DE FRANCE HAMILTON BUSINESS LINQ LOCAL SHOPPING MOBILE APP

Home > Opinion > Letters > Canadians need not fear pesticide residue

Small | Large | Print | Email | Favourite | BOOKMARK

Sat Jul 14 2012 | 3 | 0 Recommend

Canadians need not fear pesticide residue

Dirty dozen of produce (July 7)

It's unfortunate that a recent article in The Hamilton Spectator perpetuated the myth about pesticide residues on foods that Canadians rely on for good health. It would be extremely unfortunate if consumers avoided certain fruits and vegetables due to unfounded pesticide fears when the health benefits of these foods are so clearly evident.

Canada has one of the most modern and stringent pesticide regulatory systems in the world. This means that whether the food you eat is grown conventionally or organically, it is among the safest food available anywhere. Both organic and conventionally grown foods use crop protection tools that have been approved through Health Canada — the difference generally is that conventional farmers use modern synthetic products.

Recent data from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency shows about 88 per cent of all fresh food items and 90 per cent of processed food items show no traces of pesticides. And in instances where trace amounts of pesticides are found on food, they are at such low levels it is impossible to imagine a way to eat enough of it for there to be any harmful impact.

Consumers can be assured that pesticides receive a greater breadth of scrutiny than any other regulated product in Canada. Health Canada undertakes a thorough scientific review and risk assessment of every pesticide before registering it for use to ensure it does not pose a health risk to farmers using the products or to families at the dinner table. The important thing is that people get enough fruits and vegetables to meet the recommendations in Health Canada's food guide.

Canadians should feel confident about making healthy food choices knowing that our food supply is both safe and affordable.

Lorne Hepworth, President, CropLife Canada, representing the plant science industry

User Comments

[Click here to Comment](#)

Newest first



By: WHGANDNORAHG
Jul 14, 2012 4:05 PM

HEPWORTH SPEAKS THE TRUTH

Dr. Hepworth SPEAKS THE TRUTH ? and deserves CONGRATULATION. Dr. Hepworth is the nation's MOST EFFECTIVE and CONSISTENT SPOKESMAN on the subject of public policy and pest control products. In Letters To The Editor across Canada, Dr. Hepworth has effectively and consistently spoken out against activists and anti-pesticide prohibitions on a very frequent basis. Dr. Hepworth speaks the

Instantly watch movies & TV shows online.

NETFLIX 1 MONTH FREE TRIAL [Click Here](#)

Select a City

- [ABBOTSFORD](#)
Up to 57% off at eL
- [ALLISTON / INNISFIL](#)
50% off a 2-Hour Bo
- [AURORA / NEWMARKET](#)
Up to 57% off at eL

REGISTER WAGJAG NOW - FREE!

Popular Read Recommended Shared

Today | This Week | This Month

- [Whining teachers should try private...](#)
- [Turning stadium not good for football...](#)
- [What does Europe know that we don't?](#)
- [Westdale's density makes a community](#)
- [Theft of memorial bench is unfathomable](#)

Hamilton Top Jobs »

[Click for More LocalWork.ca Hamilton Jobs](#)

truth ? and deserves CONGRATULATION. WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2eG> <http://pesticidetruths.com/>

[Agree](#) | [Disagree](#)

[Report Abuse](#)



By: WHGANDNORAHG
Jul 14, 2012 4:05 PM

HEPWORTH SPEAKS THE TRUTH

Dr. Hepworth SPEAKS THE TRUTH ? and deserves CONGRATULATION. Dr. Hepworth is the nation's MOST EFFECTIVE and CONSISTENT SPOKESMAN on the subject of public policy and pest control products. In Letters To The Editor across Canada, Dr. Hepworth has effectively and consistently spoken out against activists and anti-pesticide prohibitions on a very frequent basis. Dr. Hepworth speaks the truth ? and deserves CONGRATULATION. WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2eG> <http://pesticidetruths.com/>

[Agree](#) | [Disagree](#)

[Report Abuse](#)



By: HamiltonGreen
Jul 14, 2012 10:34 AM

Representing the Plant Science Industry

Really translates into "The Plant Pesticide Industry". I'm sure Mr. Hepworth has the best of intentions but always beware of people with vested interests supporting their positions. Many doctors strongly protested the proposed ban on thalidomide in the 50's since it was such a great drug for morning sickness. Then the SH*T hit the fan.

[Agree](#) | [Disagree](#)

[Report Abuse](#)



By: Machinehead
Jul 14, 2012 8:58 AM

That should have read "a SHILL for the companies"..... Sorry.

[Agree](#) | [Disagree](#)

[Report Abuse](#)



By: Machinehead
Jul 14, 2012 8:57 AM

Can You Trust This Organization?

CropLife Canada is the trade association representing the manufacturers, developers and distributors of pesticides. This is nothing but a ill for the companies that continue to claim that products like 2-4-D and Agent Orange are "safe when used correctly". Trusting this organization to give you the straight goods on pesticides is like chickens trusting Col. Sanders.

[Agree](#)1 | [Disagree](#)

[Report Abuse](#)

Sponsored Video »

New Look. New Feel. New Experience.

PLAY

dailyweb tv



Hunger Crisis in the Sahel.

You can help families in need!



Deals | [Flyers](#) | [Coupons](#)

GARAGE Free Shipping On Orders Over \$50
Garage

GELASKEIN Skin Any Device With Your Favourite
GelaSkins

HH Up To 50% Off
Helly Hansen

Brand or Keyword

flyerland.ca



HomeFinder.ca
Find a place to call home

View local **real estate listings**



Whccis.ca

View local **car listings**



flyerland.ca

View local **flyers & coupons**



LocalWork.ca
YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR LOCAL JOBS

View local **job listings**



Find a place to rent
gottarent.com

View local **apartment rentals**

TheSpec.com

About Us

[About Us](#)
[Advertise With Us](#)
[Contact Us](#)
[Corporate Sales](#)
[Guide to the Hamilton Area](#)
[Manage My Subscription](#)
[Print Editions](#)
[Site Map](#)
[Terms of Use](#)
[Today's Paper](#)
[FAQ](#)
[2011 Baby Review](#)

Local Info

[Announcements](#)
[Jobs](#)
[Cars](#)
[Real Estate](#)
[Rentals](#)
[Classifieds](#)
[Flyers](#)

Local Sites

[BrantNews.com](#)
[FlamboroughReview.com](#)
[HamiltonNews.com](#)
[InsideHalton.com](#)
[Mississauga.com](#)
[NiagaraThisWeek.com](#)
[Sachem.ca](#)

Affiliates

[AutoCatch.com](#)
[Goldbook.ca](#)
[Insurance Quotes](#)
[Leasebusters.com](#)
[MyHolidayHomeRental.com](#)
[OurFaves.com](#)
[Save.ca](#)
[Shop.ca](#)
[Toronto.com](#)
[WagJag.com](#)
[YAP!](#)

Daily Newspapers

[Guelph Mercury](#)
[Waterloo Region Record](#)
[Toronto Star](#)
[Settlement of Canadian Copyright Class Action](#)



© Copyright 2012 Metroland Media Group Ltd. All rights reserved. | [Metroland News](#) | [Metroland Media Group Ltd.](#) | [Corporate Privacy Policy](#) | [Advertising Terms](#) | [Webmaster](#)