Victory Against Anti-Pesticide Terrorists

European Union
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EU Government Officials ARE THINKING TWICE BEFORE BANNING PESTICIDES.

European Union nations have been UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT on proposals to ARBITRARILY PROHIBIT the use of three Neonicotinoid Insecticides that have been linked to the decline of bees.

A decline in bee numbers has been linked by FALSE ALLEGATIONS regarding Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

The European Commission had called for a two-year EU-wide MORATORIUM [aka Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION], but a MAJORITY of nations OPPOSED THE PLANS.

European Union nations were UNABLE TO REACH A QUALIFIED MAJORITY in order for PROHIBITION to be adopted.

The EU MAJORITY DECISION AGAINST PROHIBITION is a clear recognition that THERE IS NO CONVINCING ARGUMENT against the continued use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides ...

Pesticides Hurting Bees Is A MYTH!

Neonicotinoid Insecticides CAUSE NO HARM, and DO NOT HURT BEES.

RESEARCHERS HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED A SINGLE CAUSE OF OVER-WINTERING HONEYBEE LOSSES.
Moreover, RESEARCHERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY A SINGLE CAUSE OF BEE COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER.

Even the European Commission has been UNABLE TO JUSTIFY ITS DEMAND FOR PROHIBITION.

The European Commission, the executive body of the European Union, is clearly INFESTED with Anti-Pesticide Lunatics, and has DEMANDED TO ARBITRARILY PROHIBIT against the use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

However, the European Commission has admitted ...

**WE DO NOT HAVE THE EVIDENCE YET !**

Under normal field use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides, THE EXPOSURE TO BEES IS AT VERY LOW LEVELS, FAR TOO LOW TO CAUSE HARMFUL EFFECTS.

There is NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST A LINK between Neonicotinoid Insecticides and Bee Colony Collapse Disorder.

Overall, so-called links and causes between Bee Colony Collapse Disorder and Neonicotinoid Insecticides are Anti-Pesticide Lunatic MYTHS !

The weight of the scientific evidence clearly shows that neonicotinoid insecticides DO NOT AFFECT LONG-TERM COLONY HEALTH.

In fact, researchers HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY A SINGLE CAUSE of Bee Colony Collapse Disorder.

Pest control products PLAY A NEGLIGIBLE ROLE compared to diseases, viruses and loss of habitat.
Most experts agree that, in recent years, Bee Colony Collapse Disorder is the result of a COMBINATION OF FACTORS, including parasitic mites and diseases.

Recent scientific research points toward a combination of PARASITIC MITES (specifically the Varroa mite) and PATHOGENS (such as Nosema and viral diseases) as MAIN FACTORS.

Although some neonicotinoid insecticides are toxic to bees upon direct contact (as are many insecticides), they are used in a way that MINIMIZES ANY DIRECT EXPOSURE TO BEES, such as SEED TREATMENT.

SEED TREATMENT INSECTICIDES have been used for a decade WITH ALMOST NO INCIDENCES OF NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON BEES by MINIMIZING POTENTIAL EXPOSURES of non-target insects such as bees.

Independent, long-term, controlled field tests have repeatedly shown NO EFFECTS on bee mortality, weight gain, worker longevity, brood development, honey yield, and over-winter survival relative to bees in areas where TREATED SEED was not used.

The AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY HAS A VESTED INTEREST IN PROTECTING honeybees and is committed to thoroughly researching and protecting bee health.

Anti-Pesticide Lunatics are WRONG about bees.

Pest control products CAUSE NO HARM, and DO NOT HURT BEES.
Government Officials And Experts Are Thinking Twice Before Banning Neonicotinoid Pesticides In The European Union

In the European Union, Government Officials and Leading Experts are UNABLE TO JUSTIFY ANY DEMAND FOR PROHIBITION against NEONICOTINOID INSECTICIDES under the PRETEXT of somehow reducing so-called Bee Colony Collapse Disorder.

A proposed ban on neonicotinoids is UNLIKELY TO DELIVER ANY BENEFITS that will halt or reverse these [bee] declines.

— Dr. Chris Hartfield, National Farmers Union, United Kingdom.

... HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN.

— Professor Lin Field, Head Of Crop Protection, Rothamsted Research, United Kingdom.

NO CLEAR CONSISTENT RELATIONSHIPS WERE OBSERVED [between the variation in neonicotinoid residues across colonies within and between sites and colony mass and the number of new queens produced].

— Food And Environment Research Agency (FERA), United Kingdom.

NO CLEAR CONSISTENT RELATIONSHIPS WERE OBSERVED [between Bee Colony Collapse Disorder and Neonicotinoid Insecticides]

— Food And Environment Research Agency (FERA), United Kingdom.
Government Officials And Experts Are Thinking Twice Before Banning Neonicotinoid Pesticides In The European Union (continued)

NO CONVINCING ARGUMENT against the continuing use of Neonicotinoid-Based Products.
— Bayer CropScience, Germany.

Restricting the use of this vital crop protection technology WILL DO NOTHING TO HELP IMPROVE BEE HEALTH.
— John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer, Syngenta, United Kingdom.

The European Commission’s own data show that pest control products PLAY A NEGLIGIBLE ROLE compared to diseases, viruses and loss of habitat.
— Syngenta.

THERE IS NO CONVINCING ARGUMENT against the continued use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides.
— Bayer CropScience, Germany.

There is NO EVIDENCE TO PIN THE WIDESPREAD DECLINES OF BEE POPULATIONS ON ANY SINGLE FACTOR.
— Dr. Chris Hartfield, National Farmers Union, United Kingdom.
There is still is NOT ENOUGH CLEAR EVIDENCE supporting a ban on neonicotinoids

— Professor Lin Field, Head Of Crop Protection, Rothamsted Research, United Kingdom.

The RISK of Neonicotinoid Insecticides seed treatments to bee populations in the field is LOW.

— Department For Environment, Food, And Rural Affairs (DEFRA), United Kingdom.

We DO NOT HAVE THE EVIDENCE yet.

— European Commission, the executive body of the European Union.

[We are] UNABLE TO FINALISE THE ASSESSMENTS due to SHORTCOMINGS IN THE AVAILABLE DATA.

— European Food Safety Agency.

We are pleased that European Union Member States DID NOT SUPPORT the European Commission’s SHAMEFULLY POLITICAL PROPOSAL.

— John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer, Syngenta, United Kingdom.
Government Officials And Experts Are Thinking Twice Before Banning Neonicotinoid Insecticides
Victory

European Union Nations DO NOT WANT PROHIBITION

March 15th, 2013
BBC News
Re: European Union
Selected And Adapted Excerpts
EU Government Officials And Experts Are THINKING TWICE BEFORE BANNING PESTICIDES

European Union (EU) nations were UNABLE TO REACH A QUALIFIED MAJORITY in order for Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION to be adopted.

The MAJORITY of European Union nations DECIDED AGAINST Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION.

European Union nations were UNABLE TO REACH A MAJORITY AGREEMENT on proposals to ARBITRARILY PROHIBIT against the use of three pest control products that have been ALLEGEDLY LINKED to the so-called Bee Colony Collapse Disorder.

The pest control products in question — imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, and clothianidin — belong to a class of insecticides known as Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

14 out of the 27 European Union nations — including the United Kingdom and Germany — DID NOT SUPPORT the European Commission’s ARBITRARY DEMAND FOR PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides, pest control products used to protect crops that attract bees.

The European Union is composed of 27 sovereign nations — Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and United Kingdom.

The European Union’s European Commission is clearly INFESTED with Anti-Pesticide Lunatics.
European Union Nations DO NOT WANT PROHIBITION (continued)

European Commission

The European Commission is the executive body of the European Union, is responsible for proposing legislation, implementing decisions, upholding the Union's treaties, and runs the day-to-day affairs of the European Union.

The European Commission DEMANDED a two-year EU-wide MORATORIUM [aka Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION], but a MAJORITY of EU nations OPPOSED THE DEMAND.

Has NO Evidence To Support PROHIBITION
European Commission (continued)

The European Commission was UNABLE TO JUSTIFY ITS DEMAND FOR PROHIBITION.

According to the Lunatic European Commission —

Bee health is extremely important but decisions must be based on sound scientific evidence [?!?!] and rushing this through could have serious unintended consequences both for bees and for food production. [?!?!]

We are currently finalising studies that will give us the evidence on which to base a proper decision. [?!?!]

But as WE DO NOT HAVE THE EVIDENCE YET, it is impossible for us to vote either way.

In other words, the European Commission HAS SQUAT ABOUT BEES.

Under normal field use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides, THE EXPOSURE TO BEES IS AT VERY LOW LEVELS, FAR TOO LOW TO CAUSE HARMFUL EFFECTS.

There is NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST A LINK between Neonicotinoid Insecticides and Bee Colony Collapse Disorder.

Overall, so-called links and causes between Bee Colony Collapse Disorder and Neonicotinoid Insecticides are Anti-Pesticide Lunatic MYTHS!

Nonetheless, the European Commission’s Anti-Pesticide TERRORIST CAMPAIGN WILL NEVER END — the European Commission is expected to re-draft its DEMAND ahead of another vote.
European Union Nations
DO NOT WANT PROHIBITION
( continued )

European Food Safety Agency ( EFSA )

Unable To Finalize Assessments That Support PROHIBITION

European Food Safety Agency ( EFSA )

The European Food Safety Agency ( EFSA ) was also UNABLE TO JUSTIFY ITS DEMAND FOR PROHIBITION.

And yet, this agency persisted with FALSE ALLEGATIONS that so-called Bee Colony Collapse Disorder is somehow linked to pest control products.

A MISLEADING report by the European Food Safety Agency concluded that the pest control products somehow posed a HIGH ACUTE RISK to pollinators, including honeybees.
European Union Nations DO NOT WANT PROHIBITION (continued)

European Food Safety Agency (continued)

The European Food Safety Agency published a report in January 2012 which identified a number of so-called risks posed by the three insecticides — imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, and clothianidin — which belong to the class known as Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

But, according to the European Food Safety Agency —

[In some cases it was] UNABLE TO FINALISE THE ASSESSMENTS due to SHORTCOMINGS IN THE AVAILABLE DATA.

The European Food Safety Agency MOCK-ASSESSED the POSSIBLE THREATS to the pollinators.

In other words, the European Food Safety Agency HAS SQUAT ABOUT BEES.

The weight of the scientific evidence clearly shows that neonicotinoid insecticides DO NOT AFFECT LONG-TERM COLONY HEALTH.

In fact, researchers HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY A SINGLE CAUSE of Bee Colony Collapse Disorder.

Most experts agree that, in recent years, Bee Colony Collapse Disorder is the result of a COMBINATION OF FACTORS, including parasitic mites and diseases.

Recent scientific research points toward a combination of PARASITIC MITES (specifically the Varroa mite) and PATHOGENS (such as Nosema and viral diseases) as MAIN FACTORS.
Not Enough Clear Evidence To Support PROHIBITION

Rothamsted Research

Professor Lin Field, Head Of Crop Protection at Rothamsted Research, said she was pleased with the outcome of the decision against prohibition —

In my view, there is still is NOT ENOUGH CLEAR EVIDENCE SUPPORTING A BAN ON NEONICOTINOIDS.
Of course they can kill bees; they are insecticides.

But whether they actually do this, or whether sub-lethal effects occur and damage the colonies on any important scale, HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN.

Rothamsted Research is one of the oldest agricultural research institutions in the world.

Rothamsted Research was founded in 1843, and is located at Harpenden in the English county of Hertfordshire.
**Bayer CropScience**

In a statement, manufacturer Bayer CropScience said the failure to reach agreement showed that there was...

... *NO CONVINCING ARGUMENT* against the continuing use of Neonicotinoid-Based Products.

*Not only had the [European] Commission INCORRECTLY BASED their rationale on recent European Food Safety Agency reviews of these products, they had FAILED TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS of any decisions they proposed on the broader interests of European stakeholders.*

Bayer AG is a German chemical and pharmaceutical company founded in Barmen, Germany in 1863.

Bayer is headquartered in Leverkusen, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, and well-known for its original brand of aspirin.

Bayer CropScience manufactures products in crop protection, including the Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

For example, Bayer CropScience has manufactured imidacloprid insecticide in Europe since 1991.

In 1999, imidacloprid was first registered in Ontario and Quebec under the trade name Merit for the control of European Chafer and Japanese Beetle larvae in turf.

In 2004, the registration of Merit was extended to British Columbia and other parts of Canada.
European Union Nations DO NOT WANT PROHIBITION (continued)

NO Evidence To Support PROHIBITION

National Farmers Union (NFU)

According to Dr. Chris Hartfield of the National Farmers Union (NFU) —

*We maintain that THE PROPOSED BAN IS NOT A PROPORTIONATE RESPONSE TO THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE AVAILABLE.*

Dr. Hartfield added that bee health in the European Union was ...

... challenged by a range of different factors.
Since there is NO EVIDENCE TO PIN THE WIDESPREAD DECLINES OF BEE POPULATIONS ON ANY SINGLE FACTOR, a proposed ban on neonicotinoids is UNLIKELY TO DELIVER ANY BENEFITS that will halt or reverse these declines.

The National Farmers Union is a member organisation/industry association for farmers in England and Wales.

It is the largest farmers organisation in England and Wales, and has over 300 branch offices, and 63,000 members.
Royal Society Of Chemistry

According to Professor Jim Iley, Executive Director Of Science And Education at the Royal Society Of Chemistry —

... [ gaps in data meant there was still a ] DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY [ about the impact of the chemicals ].

If the cause is wrongly diagnosed, the precautionary action taken may be inappropriate.

The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) is a learned society, and professional association, in the United Kingdom with the goal of advancing the chemical sciences.

Not surprisingly, the news of the EU MAJORITY DECISION AGAINST PROHIBITION led to MOCK-ANGER from Anti-Pesticide and Environmental-Terrorist Organizations like Avaaz and Friends Of The Earth.

Avaaz

Avaaz is an Anti-Pesticide and Environmental-Terrorist Organization that operates world-wide.

Avaaz is an organization that COERCES, INTIMIDATES, and TERRORIZES Government Officials on issues such as so-called Global Warming and so-called Bee Colony Collapse Disorder.

Predictably, Avaaz condemned the United Kingdom’s and Germany’s, TYPICALLY ALLEGING that the governments had...

... caved in to the industry lobby. [?!?!]
European Union Nations
DO NOT WANT PROHIBITION
( continued )

Avaaz ( continued )

According to Avaaz —

Today’s vote flies in the face of science and public opinion and maintains the disastrous chemical armageddon on bees, which are critical for the future of our food. [ WRONG ! ]

In fact, RESEARCHERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY A SINGLE CAUSE OF BEE COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER.

Avaaz’s Anti-Pesticide TERRORISM WILL NEVER END — Avaaz said that it, along with other groups, would be taking legal advice as to whether the outcome of the vote could be CHALLENGED IN THE COURTS.

Friends Of The Earth

Friends Of The Earth is another Anti-Pesticide and Environmental-Terrorist Organization that operates world-wide.

Friends Of The Earth FALSELY ALLEGED that …

[ There was ] more than enough evidence that these chemicals are linked to bee decline to place immediate restrictions on their use. [ WRONG ! ]

This is a cop-out by a significant number [ i.e. A LEGAL MAJORITY ] of European governments, including the United Kingdom — it means yet more dither and delay while our bee populations plummet. [ WRONG ! ]
March 18th, 2013
AgProfessional Magazine
Re: European Union
Selected And Adapted Excerpts

Both Syngenta and Bayer CropScience responded to the European Commission’s FAILURE TO WIN SUPPORT for an ARBITRARY EU-wide PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

A MAJORITY of European Union (EU) nations REFUSED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT against Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

The Commission must now decide whether to appeal the decision or amend its proposal.

Both Syngenta and Bayer CropScience manufacture products in crop protection, including the Neonicotinoid Insecticides.
Syngenta And Bayer Response To The FAILURE Of PROHIBITION Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides In The European Union (continued)

According to John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer, Syngenta, United Kingdom —

*We are pleased that European Union Member States DID NOT SUPPORT the European Commission’s SHAMEFULLY POLITICAL PROPOSAL.*

*Restricting the use of this vital crop protection technology WILL DO NOTHING TO HELP IMPROVE BEE HEALTH.*
THERE IS NO CONVINCING ARGUMENT Against The Continued Use Of Neonicotinoid Insecticides

Bayer CropScience also welcomed the fact that NO CONSENSUS WAS REACHED by the European Union nations concerning the European Commission’s proposals regarding the use of most applications of Neonicotinoid Insecticides.
Syngenta And Bayer Response To The FAILURE Of PROHIBITION Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides In The European Union (continued)

The FAILURE TO REACH A CONCLUSIVE DECISION is a clear recognition that THERE IS NO CONVINCING ARGUMENT against the continued use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

The EU MAJORITY DECISION AGAINST PROHIBITION provides hope to European farmers, that they can continue to have access to safe and effective crop protection products supporting their ability to grow safe, high-quality, affordable food.

Syngenta has repeatedly highlighted that the European Commission tried to justify its actions ON THE BASIS OF A HURRIED AND HIGHLY THEORETICAL REVIEW by the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA).

This review made fundamental mistakes which led to a SERIOUS OVERESTIMATION of the amount of pest control product bees are exposed to under field conditions.

It also ignored key studies and independent monitoring by governments which PROVE THE SAFETY of Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

The decline in bee health [i.e. Bee Colony Collapse Disorder] is one of the biggest challenges facing agriculture.

However, even the European Commission’s own data show that pest control products PLAY A NEGLIGIBLE ROLE compared to diseases, viruses and loss of habitat.

Syngenta urged the European Commission to broaden efforts to tackle the REAL CAUSES of the decline in bee health rather than continuing to focus on Neonicotinoid Insecticides, which deliver significant socio-economic and environmental benefits.

Syngenta’s business is based upon biodiversity, including thriving pollinators, and the company remains committed to enhancing ecosystems wherever it operates in the world.
Bayer CropScience believes the EU MAJORITY DECISION AGAINST PROHIBITION provides an opportunity to reach a fair and just outcome as the European Commission has RELIED TOO HEAVILY ON THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE, without taking the PRINCIPLE OF PROPORTIONALITY into account.

Not only had the Commission INCORRECTLY BASED ITS RATIONALE on European Food Safety Agency reviews of these products, they had failed to make the appropriate impact assessments of any decisions they proposed on the broader interests of European stakeholders.

The company continues to believe that any political decision relating to registrations of Neonicotinoid Insecticides, should be based on clear, scientific evidence of adverse effects of the affected products under realistic conditions of use, including the extensive stewardship measures that are in place in the field.

There has been a long history of the safe use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides, and it is clear that when they are used responsibly and properly, ANY IMPACT ON BEES IS NEGLIGIBLE.

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The Principle Of Proportionality

The Principle Of Proportionality is a political maxim which states that no layer of government should take any action that exceeds that which is necessary to achieve the objective of government (regardless of intent of objective).

It was initially developed in the German legal system.

It is a fundamental principle of European Union law.

According to this principle, the European Union may only act to exactly the extent that is needed to achieve its objectives, and no further.

This principle has underpinned the European Communities since their inception in 1957.

In the presently applicable primary law, the principle of proportionality is clearly formulated in the third paragraph of Article 5 of the Treaty establishing the European Community as follows —

*Any action by the Community shall not go beyond what is necessary to achieve the objectives of this Treaty.*
Syngenta And Bayer Response To The FAILURE Of PROHIBITION Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides In The European Union (continued)

This has already been confirmed by the competent European Union and Member State authorities in their market authorization assessments, based on the extensive safety data that had previously been submitted and proven in many monitoring studies.

As a responsible corporate citizen, Bayer CropScience is strongly committed to supporting the responsible use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides and will continue to engage further in dialogue with stakeholders, European Union and Member States authorities.
March 27th, 2013

Farmers Guardian

Re: European Union

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**European Commission CONTRADICTED**

Two research studies from Department For Environment, Food, And Rural Affairs (DEFRA) REINFORCED the United Kingdom’s OPPOSITION by CONTRADICTING a proposed PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

In the European Union, the European Commission DEMANDED a two-year Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION, but a MAJORITY of nations OPPOSED THE DEMAND.

The European Commission, which is the executive body of the European Union, is clearly INFESTED with Anti-Pesticide Lunatics.

The two DEFRA research studies, including a field trial, CONTRADICTED the European Commission.
Neonicotinoid Insecticides Pose Low Risk To Bees (continued)

According to Department For Environment, Food, And Rural Affairs (DEFRA) —

*The RISK of Neonicotinoid Insecticides seed treatments to bee populations in the field is LOW.*

In the United Kingdom, Department For Environment, Food, And Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is the government department responsible for environmental protection, food production and standards, agriculture, fisheries, and rural communities.
Neonicotinoid Insecticides Pose Low Risk To Bees (continued)

Department For Environment, Food, And Rural Affairs (DEFRA, continued)

DEFRA concluded that various laboratory studies that showed a negative impact on bee health WERE NOT FAIR ACCOUNTS of what happens in the field due to the OVERDOSING OF BEES in these studies.

According to the DEFRA study —

*In all cases, there is evidence that the doses of neonicotinoids presented to bees under laboratory or semi-field conditions were UNREALISTICALLY HIGH.*

*The dosing studies therefore represented the EXTREME CASE in a field situation.*

DEFRA added that accumulated evidence across several independent field studies suggests ...

*... any effects that are present ARE LIKELY TO BE SMALL and NOT BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT, [although DEFRA acknowledged these studies] might not have the statistical power to show effects.*

DEFRA said the fact that Oil Seed Rape that is treated with Neonicotinoid Insecticides has been a productive crop for over a decade in the United Kingdom is itself evidence that pollinator populations, including bees, are not being reduced by the presence of Neonicotinoid Insecticides as Oil Seed Rape requires insect pollinators.
According to the DEFRA study —

*While this assessment cannot exclude rare effects of neonicotinoids on bees in the field, it suggests that effects on bees do not occur under normal circumstances.*

*Consequently, it supports the view that the risk to bee populations from neonicotinoids, as they are currently used, is LOW.*

Speaking in the House of Commons on March 26th, 2013, Farming Minister David Heath said the DEFRA research SHOWED NO LINK between Neonicotinoid Insecticides and bee health under normal circumstances.

Minister Heath said the Government would only wish to restrict the use of Neonicotinoid Insecticides IF EVIDENCE SHOWS THE NEED, and that it has urged the European Commission TO BE PROPORTIONATE and take into account the findings of the United Kingdom.

According to Ian Boyd, Chief Scientist, DEFRA —

*Decisions on the use of neonicotinoids MUST BE BASED ON SOUND SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE.*

*The analysis of laboratory studies published by DEFRA today demonstrates that while we cannot rule out the possibility of neonicotinoids affecting pollinators, we cannot be clear as to the extent of their impact.*

*I therefore support the conclusions of the analysis that further data based on more realistic field trials is required.*
Food And Environment Research Agency ( FERA )

Food And Environment Research Agency ( FERA ) is an executive agency of Department For Environment, Food, And Rural Affairs ( DEFRA ).

On March 26th, 2013, FERA published the results of its field trials that examined bee colonies on three sites sown with Oil Seed Rape — one planted with untreated seed, one with clothianidin-treated seed and the other where imidacloprid had been used.
NO CLEAR CONSISTENT RELATIONSHIPS WERE OBSERVED

According to the FERA study —

**NO CLEAR CONSISTENT RELATIONSHIPS WERE OBSERVED**
[ between the variation in neonicotinoid residues across colonies within and between sites and colony mass and the number of new queens produced ].

The FERA study concluded that the absence of these effects was REASSURING, but did NOT constitute DEFINITIVE proof as the study was NOT a formal statistical test of the hypothesis that Neonicotinoid Insecticides reduce the health of bumblebee colonies.

According to the FERA study —

Nevertheless, were neonicotinoids in pollen and nectar from treated Oil Seed Rape to be a major source of field mortality and morbidity to bumblebee colonies, we would have expected to find a greater contribution of insecticide residues from nearby treated crops and for there to have been a clear relationship between observed neonicotinoid levels and measures of colony success.
Soil Association

Soil Association is an Anti-Pesticide and Environmental-Terrorist Organization that operates in the United Kingdom.

The activities of Soil Association include COERCING, INTIMIDATING, and TERRORIZING Government Officials with its opposition to intensive farming, and anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION.

Emma Hockridge is an Anti-Pesticide Lunatic with Soil Association.

According to Hockridge —

As we continue to see consistent evidence signalling neonicotinoids should be banned, we call on the United Kingdom Government to vote to [arbitrarily] ban a number of neonicotinoid insecticides as is currently being discussed in the European Union. [?!?!]

Friends Of The Earth

Friends Of The Earth is an Anti-Pesticide and Environmental-Terrorist Organization that operates world-wide.

According to Anti-Pesticide Lunatic Sandra Bell of Friends Of The Earth —

DEFRA has admitted to problems with its new study, but bee health is far too urgent to wait until more research has been completed — restrictions should be placed on these pest control products until bee safety can be assured. [?!?!]
Tremendous Victory Against Anti-Pesticide Terrorists
Thank you EUROPEANS
We are living in the 9/11 Era of Anti Pesticide and Environmental Terrorism where at least ONE SUBVERSIVE ACT OF TERROR is Perpetrated EVERY SINGLE DAY by enviro lunatics.

We are living in the DARK AGE OF ANTI PESTICIDE TERRORISM where sound science is trumped by FAKE SCIENTISTS, JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE through FABRICATION, INUENDO, and INTERNET RUMOUR — scientific research PROVES that pest control products CAUSE NO HARM and can be USED SAFELY.

NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green space industry.

NORAHG morally represents the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of people associated with turf and ornamental plant maintenance who are OPPOSED to Anti Pesticide PROHIBITION and the CLOSURE of green space under the RIDICULOUS PRETEXT of somehow « saving » the environment.

NORAHG is a NATIONAL NON PROFIT NON PARTISAN organization that does not accept money from corporations or governments or trade associations, and represents NO VESTED INTERESTS WHATSOEVER.

NORAHG is dedicated to reporting the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS.

Anti Pesticide HUJE are enviro lunatics and lawn haters who particularly DESPISE the golf industry they are Hateful Underhanded Jokes as Environmentalists who have been WRONG FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

There’s NO RECOUSE but LITIGATION against Anti Pesticide HUJE.

Another RECOUSE is to SEEK the CANCELLATION of GOVERNMENT GRANTS and REVOCATION of the TAX EXEMPT STATUS of Anti Pesticide Organizations.

HUJE should Get Off Our grass and they should Rot In Hell.

NORAHG manages the Library of Force Of Nature Reports and References, which is a VAST ARCHIVE of REPORTS, MEDIA REFERENCES, AUDIO CLIPS, and VIDEOS on ALL Anti Pesticide Terrorist Acts of Subversion.

The purpose of the ARCHIVE is to provide information that will lead to a SUCCESSFUL LITIGATION AGAINST Anti-Pesticide Organizations.

All names, statements, activities, and affiliations have been ARCHIVED for the intention of eventual CRIMINAL CHARGES.

When CRIMINAL CHARGES for FRAUD and CONSPIRACY are laid, legal experts say that the ARCHIVE is sufficient to lead to a SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION.

NORAHG also produces FORCE OF NATURE, reports that present THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE about environmental issues, including anti pesticide terrorism.

FORCE OF NATURE is a series of reports destined for the green space industry, the environmental terrorist movement, governments, and the media nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas.

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Here is a brief summary of Mr. Gathercole's career —

Field of study — Horticulture, Agriculture, Mathematics, Physics

Alma mater — McGill University • University of Guelph • the first person ever to obtain undergraduate degrees and continue to both the professional lawn care and golf maintenance industries.

Expertise in — Environmental issues and anti-pesticide terrorism • Turf and ornamental maintenance and troubleshooting • History of the industry • Sales and distribution of seeds, chemicals, fertilizers, and equipment • Fertilizer manufacturing and distribution

Notable activities — Worked in virtually all aspects of the green space industry, including golf, professional lawn care, distribution, environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, a workplace safety supervisor, consultant, and programmer for the successful execution of hundreds of thousands of management operations in the golf and urban landscape, as well as millions of pest control applications • Advisor, instructor, and trainer for thousands of turf and ornamental managers and technicians • Pesticide certification instructor for thousands of industry workers • Founder of the modern professional lawn care industry • Prolific writer for industry publications and newsletters • First to confirm the invasion of the European Chafer insect (lodgegrass beetle) in the Montreal region and the Vancouver/ Fraser Valley region • with Dr. David Sheftar, confirmed the presence of Kentucky Bluegrass Scale as an insect pest in Southwestern Ontario, and later, in the Montreal and Vancouver regions

Special contributions — Creator of the exception status that has allowed the golf industry to avoid being subjected to anti-pesticide prohibition • Creator of the signs that are now used for posting after control applications • Co-founder of the annual winter convention for Quebec golf course superintendents • tipped the balance in the decision by Canadian Golf Superintendents to keep selling for-profit pesticides treated dandelions • the only true reliable witness of the events of anti-pesticide prohibition in the town of Hudson, Quebec • Retired founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT reports

Notable award — The very first man of the year for contributions leading to the successful founding of Quebec's professional lawn care industry, which served as a beacon against anti-pesticide activists in the 1980s and 1990s.

Legacy — Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues created and implemented strategies that rein anti-pesticide activists to provide a safe and healthy environment for the entire modern green space industry arc. Canada • orchestrated legal action against anti-pesticide activists in the town of Hudson, Quebec • launched the largest founded professional lawn care business in Canada • quadrupled the business revenues of one of the largest Golf Clubs in Canada

Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT reports.