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WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NOR Less than a minute ago

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NORAHG RESPONDS TO GIDEON FORMAN — NO ONE WANTS THIS #@!!% BAN NONSENSE

Gideon Forman is WRONG ! According to Forman, « I think there's a general concern about pesticides, and we know that from other POLLING we've done ». [?!?!] His anti-pesticide polls are not to be trusted since they are hopelessly biased against pest control products. They are not to be trusted since they are bought and paid for by Forman and his organizations. Conversely, legitimate polls clearly demonstrate that the public does not want this #@!!% ban nonsense. For example, a BC poll conducted by Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) shows that the vast majority of residents oppose prohibition, and they are actually favour the continued use of pest control products around their homes and in public green spaces. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2bo> The public does not want this #@!!% ban nonsense because an Ontario poll shows that the public rejects prohibition, and that more than half of Ontario residents believe that the provincial government should rescind prohibition. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-3kB> The public does not want this #@!!% ban nonsense because Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers (CAAR) says there is questionable public support for prohibition against the use of pest control products. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6tT> The public does not want this #@!!% ban nonsense because a poll conducted by Winnipeg Free Press shows that a majority are opposed to prohibition. <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6ii> The only people who want prohibition are a small group activists like Gideon Forman with vested interests in concocting imaginary danger against pest control products. Forman and his organizations are pushing prohibition simply because they are paid to do so. No one wants this #@!!% ban nonsense. In addition, Forman's anti-pesticide polls are not to be trusted since they are illegal because their use interferes with partisan politics, making them violations of taxation and election laws. The public has no choice but to complain about Forman by contacting business, fund-raising, government, and taxation agencies ! <http://wp.me/P1jq40-1PE> Forman's organizations will be INVESTIGATED and their tax-exempt charity status will be HOPEFULLY BE REVOKED. For more information about Forman, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... <http://wp.me/P1jq40-29I> <http://wp.me/p1-jq40-7Qv> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7R3> NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to destroy the Green space industry. WILLIAM H GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G Get the latest details at <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr> <https://www.facebook.com/norah.gfon>

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ThinkAboutIt42 2 days ago

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Just ban it - NOW.
Europe did.
Why are we so slow in North America to recognize the ills of chemical use in our environment and our food?
Could it be the power of mass production?

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Rick Munroe 2 days ago

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"put together two very volatile things: pesticides and food supply, and people get very concerned."

This pairing (pesticides and food) is indeed the heart of the problem. It also has a long history, one which remains the life-long concern of Pat Mooney, a Canadian researcher.

Back in the 1970s Mooney noted the growing interest of agri-chemical companies in the seed business which led to his landmark book, *Seeds of the Earth* (1979). The subtitle of his book was "A Private or Public Resource?"

This was (and remains) a very important question. At the time, Canada had a first-class, publicly owned plant breeding system thanks to AgCanada and our universities. During the intervening decades the public sector (and the public interest) has been almost completely supplanted by a half-dozen transnationals which dominate the global seed business. These companies have a clear interest in developing crop varieties which pair with their 'crop protection' products.

AgCanada's plant breeders had no such incentive, nor was there any need to patent the new varieties which were paid for by Canadians and intended to be useful to Canadian farmers and farmers around the world.

We have surrendered control of our food system to chemical companies. This industry has a long history of introducing products which initially appear to be safe improvements, but are later discovered to have side-effects which are intolerable.

We should not be surprised by concerns over neonics, nor by contamination of drinking water by toxic algae blooms.

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divadabz 2 days ago

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What a surprise - the government is ignoring the concerns of a vast majority of Canadians in favor of the profits of a few corporate entities. And our natural world is further degraded by profit-seekers.

This is what you get with a tory government. Profit for the cronies regardless of the "externalities" - like the health of the living web. Ignorance is their creed. Greed is their motivator.

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The jolly hangman 2 days ago

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Companies need to prove that their product is not harming bees with government validation. Until that proof is provided the pesticides need to be removed. NOW. Reasonable doubt is more than enough at this point. Companies must be held accountable for the mistakes they make. Fines are not enough.

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Learned Sceptic 6 hours ago

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As an owner of a farm, I am concerned about pesticide use especially when it involves bees. The present mass spraying policy makes little sense since most of the field has zero weeds. I find the use of round up on canola, wheat, and barley particularly distressing because I know that in my farm fields underneath the crop, small wild plants flourished before this practice.

We do not need to worry about reduced production of cereals (as one of the commentators states); most cereals in North America are used either in the industrial production of meat or marked for export. Higher meat prices would mean reduced meat consumption, particularly from steers (lots of grain = little cow compared to pork or chicken). If we curtailed exports of cereals, farmers in the developing world would profit.

Above all, we need to recognize that farmers are trying to maximize production in a commodity market. That is a fool's game. What farmers need to market is food that the urban population wants to eat. That would be a profitable game.

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Broad and Vacant 2 days ago

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Ok, great, I'm glad Canadians are weighing in on this important issue, but is science-policy-by-poll much different than the Tories ruling by their Kijiji?

I want science policy to be determined by science, not by neo-con climate deniers but equally so not by whatever/whomever gains some measure of public support. Have the public made the right call here? In my estimation, yes. But is this the best way to govern science policy? Take a poll in Texas, or Lethbridge.

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workerbee 2 days ago

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I don't know about the rules in Ontario, but in BC it seems that pesticides and herbicides are harmful only if applied by someone who doesn't get paid to do it. I can't as much as spray a 12" patch of weeds/clover on my lawn, but my neighbors can have a "guy who gets paid" apply exactly the same herbicide in exactly the same concentration to their entire lawn and municipalities can cover entire football fields and school yards with herbicides and/or pesticides. It seems odd that somehow we justify the widespread use of pesticides and herbicides only when someone is getting paid to apply them. Either they are harmful or they are not. If they are indeed harmful, we must stop using them. If they are not harmful, then anybody should be able to use. The double standard is laughable.

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Paul_Cherubini 2 days ago

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"put together two very volatile things: pesticides and food supply, and people get very concerned."

The public (City Folks) don't understand elementary math - if you take away the neonicotinoid seed treatments from farmers then crop yields go down, hence the supply of food decreases, hence food costs go up, hence more wildland and wildlife habitat needs to be plowed to increase crop acreage to make up for the yield shortfalls.

There is actually a slight oversupply of honey bees hives available for farmers to rent for their pollination needs, hence you never see farmers campaigning against the neonicotinoid seed treatments - only City folks.

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