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Organic Food vs Undesignated Food

Is Organic Food Really Superior to Conventional Food?

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Is organic food really superior to conventional food?

What do you mean it is not?

Organic food is something that has been on my personal radar for decades.

Now, I have nothing against choosing organic food, but personally, I never purchase anything organic if it is more expensive than the alternative.

In the 1980s I had considerable experience over a period of many years dealing with organic farmers not just of vegetables and fruits, but also cattlemen who specialized in growing non-chemical-treated beef.

The latter is quite a commitment for farmers who must make significant changes to their operations, over a period of years before being able to offer « organic beef ».

This involvement became a major part of the CFRB Art Drysdale Farm Programme, and not only did I interview farmers themselves, as well as academics at various universities, I also made visits to a number of farms and institutions where research was being carried out on different forms of organic food products.

At that time, one of the big negatives to organic foods was the almost total lack of verification that a product labelled « *organic* » was in fact allorganic.

Some people now will tell you that has all changed and that the programmes in place to verify « organic statements » are all proven officially.



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Others, including me, still question some of the organic statements.

I have personally seen pesticides being applied to a field that the next year bore crops labelled as « organic ».

And, I believe that still goes on !

And so I was not surprised to learn of an item in the Daily Gleaner out of Fredericton, New Brunswick, ostensibly written by K. Jean Cottam (who many say is a real person, but that there are many ghost writers authoring under that name).

I have long stopped answering her many e-mails which are nothing more than harangues by a non-expert anti-pesticide activist.

Some long time ago anti-pesticide activists, like K. Jean Cottam, concocted the theory that eventually it should be possible to prohibit the use of pest control products in the agriculture industry.

These non-expert activists have also alleged that organic pesticide-free food was somehow a safer alternative to conventional food.

On July 29th, 2009, a review from U.K.-based Food Standards Agency confirmed that this allegation about organic food is BOGUS.

The focus of the review was the NUTRITIONAL CONTENT OF FOOD-

This review was peer-reviewed and published by the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

The review confirmed that there were NO IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES in the nutrition content, or any additional health benefits, of organic food when compared with conventionally-produced food.

The review, which took the form of a « systematic review of literature », was carried out by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), and was commissioned by the Food Standards Agency.

LSHTM's team of researchers, led by Dr. Alan Dangour, reviewed all papers published over the past fifty years that related to the nutrient content and health differences between organic and conventional food.

This systematic review was the most comprehensive study in this area that has been carried out to date.

The Food Standards Agency commissioned this research as part of its commitment to giving consumers accurate information about their food, based on the most up-to-date science.

ferences in nutrient levels and their significance, while the other looked at the health benefits of eating organic food.



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According to Dr. Dangour ...

A small number of differences in nutrient content were found to exist between organically and conventionally produced crops and livestock, but these are unlikely to be of any public health relevance.

Our review indicates that there is currently no evidence to support the selection of organically over conventionally produced foods on the basis of nutritional superiority.

According to Gill Fine, director of consumer choice and dietary health at the Food Standards Agency ...

Ensuring people have accurate information is absolutely essential in allowing us all to make informed choices about the food we eat.

This study does not mean that people should not eat organic food.

What it shows is that there is LITTLE, IF ANY, nutritional difference between organic and conventionally produced food, and that there is NO EVIDENCE OF ADDITIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS from eating organic food.

The agency supports consumer choice and is neither pronor anti organic food.

We recognise that there are many reasons why people choose to eat organic, such as animal welfare or environmental concerns.

The agency will continue to give consumers accurate information about their food based on the best available scientific evidence.

Allegations by anti-pesticide activists that organic food will someday replace conventional food are ludicrous.

Even more ludicrous is the expectation that pest control products will someday and somehow no longer be necessary for agriculture.

Unfortunately, once anti-pesticide activists have completed their destruction of the professional lawn care industry, they will terrorize and destroy the agriculture industry next!

The destruction of these industries is, or will be, the result of the carnage caused by the prohibition of conventional pest control products.



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Any prohibition of pest control products is NOT JUSTIFIED because strict regulations based on scientific research already protect our health and our environment.

Incredibly, some jurisdictions ARBITRARILY PROHIBIT pest control products that are, in fact, ...

Health Canada-approved,

Federally legal,

Scientifically safe, and

Practically non toxic.

Scientifically safe according to leading authorities.

There are leading authorities that support or validate the concept that pest control products are scientifically safe.

These authorities are educational, regulatory, research, scientific, and trade agencies that are considered as many or all or the following ...

Experts

Highly-rated

Independent

Leaders

Non-profit

Respected, and

World-renowned.

They have publicly stated that, or have validated the concept that, in one form or another, pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE.

These agencies are not unduly influenced by any stake-holder in those industries manufacturing and using pest control products.

The following educational, regulatory, research, scientific, and trade agencies have supported or validated the concept that pest control products are scientifically safe:

American Chemical Society, American Council for Science and Health, American Cancer Society, CropLife Canada, Health Canada, International Agency for Research on Cancer, The Fraser Institute, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the World Health Organization.

Again, it is your choice, but do keep these facts in mind when doing your grocery shopping, and if the price is higher for « organic-produced », definitely consider conventionally produced food—stuffs.



The nation's best-known celebrity horticulturist, plant expert, writer, speaker, radio and television broadcaster

Art C. Drysdale http://www.artdrysdale.com

Media highlights and accomplishments

Mr. Drysdale is one of Canada's best-known horticulturists.

For the past four decades he has been writing, and presenting radio and television broadcasts, with PRACTICAL GARDENING HINTS on stations such as CFRB, AM740 and CFCA.

His radio GARDENING VIGNETTES are heard in South-Western Ontario over two radio stations —

- Easy 101 FM out of Tillsonburg at 2 PM weekdays
- CD98.9 FM out of Norfolk County at 11:40 AM weekdays

Mr. Drysdale also presented all of Canada's Weather Network GARDENING VIGNETTES, hourly from April to October annually for a decade.

He was the spokesman for THE GARDEN CLAW across the country.

As a speaker, Mr. Drysdale has addressed amateur and professional groups all across Canada, as well as in the United States, England, Holland, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, and aboard cruise ships.

Art C. Drysdale (continued)

Fields of study and alma mater

1958 – 1961 — Mr. Drysdale attended The Niagara Parks Commission School of Gardening (now NPC Botanical Garden and School of Horticulture), where he won all five awards presented at the graduation. He initiated and edited the school's first yearbook.

1957 — He graduated from East York Collegiate with the Ontario Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma.

1955 – 1969 — He was active and held several executive positions in the East York Garden Club.

Notable work at Shur-Gain

March 1961 - August 1962 - After graduation, Mr. Drysdale worked with the Shur-Gain Division of Canada Packers where he ...

- consulted with consumers and the turf industry
- developed new consumer fertilizer products (Feed 'n Weedaway)
- wrote various consumer literature

Notable work with Sheridan Nurseries

1962 – 1969 — Mr. Drysdale was then employed with Sheridan Nurseries Limited.

Drysdale was Chief Horticulturist and Advertising Manager, with full responsibility for Sheridan catalogues and botanical nomenclature.

Art C. Drysdale (continued)

Notable work with Parks/Recreation Association

1964 — Mr. Drysdale was appointed part-time Executive Director and Editor with the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association (CP/RA), with the office in his home.

1969 – 70 — He was employed full-time as Executive Director of Canadian Parks/Recreation Association, and Editor of Recreation Canada magazine.

Early 1971 — He set up Canadian Parks/Recreation Association's first permanent office in Ottawa.

Notable work with Garden Writers Association

1973 — Mr. Drysdale was appointed Regional Director (Canada) of the Garden Writers Association of America (GWAA).

1979 – 1981 — He served as President of the Garden Writers Association of America, and was the first–ever Canadian to hold the office, representing over 1,000 members, mostly in the U.S.A.

Notable work with publications

December 1963 – March 1969 — Mr. Drysdale wrote a feature column for a new magazine, CANADIAN NURSERYMAN. He was also a member of the founding committee.

1971 – 1978 – He free-lanced as a horticultural writer, and published/edited RECREATION CANADA magazine.

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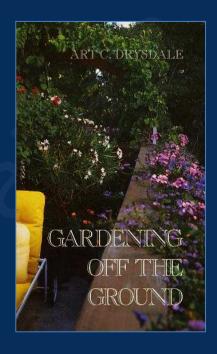
Notable work with books

March 1975 — Dent Canada published Mr. Drysdale's book GARDENING OFF THE GROUND that he wrote on the invitation of the publisher. It was the first Canadian book for balcony gardeners.

July 1996 — He self-published his book GARDENING OFF THE GROUND in a completely revised and enlarged version, including his own colour photos.

GARDENING OFF THE GROUND is Canada's most successful and most practical book on container gardening.

For more information about GARDENING OFF THE GROUND — art@artdrysdale.com



Mr. Drysdale today

A life-long resident of Toronto, Mr. Drysdale is now a resident of Parks-ville, British Columbia, on Vancouver Island, just north of Nanaimo.

He has renovated an old home and has a new garden there.

Drysdale's Wisdom

In his daily radio GARDENING VIGNETTES, and his weekly I-CAN-GARDEN BLOG, Mr. Drysdale has effectively and consistently spoken out against activists and anti-pesticide prohibitions.



We are living in the 9|11 Era of Anti Pesticide 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, INNUENDO, 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 spaces 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 RE-ALISM 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 is NO RECOURSE but LITIGATION against these HUJE, as well as CANCELLATION of GOVERNMENT GRANTS and REVO-CATION of the TAX EXEMPT STATUS of their organizations. HUJE should Get OFF Our grASS, and they should Roast In Hell.

Anti Pesticide HUJE are advised that all names, statements, activities, and affiliations have been ARCHIVED for eventual CRIMINAL CHARGES

NORAHG manages The Library of Force Of Nature Reports and References for all Anti Pesticide Terrorist Acts of Subversion.

The NORAHG of Library Force Of Nature Reports and References is a VAST ARCHIVE of DOCUMENTS, AUDIO CLIPS, and VID-EOS on ALL Anti Pesticide Activities has been made AVAILABLE through NORAHG to anyone interested in LITIGATION.

These ARCHIVES contain names, statements, activities, and affiliations of ALL anti pesticide vermin, including government officials, as well as charitable prohibition terrorist organizations that DO NOT DESERVE ANY tax exempt status.

Interested parties need only to send NORAHG their REQUESTS for ANY INFORMATION needed in the War Against Lunatic Terrorist PROHIBITION.

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.

FORCE OF NATURE is committed to SOUND SCIENCE, as well as ground breaking original reporting that informs, entertains, and creates real change.

The Force Of Nature Series of Reports — Agriculture • ALBERTA Conspiracy • Bee Colony Collapse Disorder • Benefits of the Turfgrass Industry • Beyond Pesticides • Books That Screwed Up the World • BRITISH COLUMBIA Conspiracy • Canadian Cancer Society • Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment • CARNAGE and Consequences of Lunatic Terrorist Prohibition • Controversial Prohibitions • Culprits of the Prohibition Conspiracy • Daffodils, Toxic Pesticide Treated Flowers Soaked Formaldehyde • Dating Services for Enviro Maniacs • David Suzuki Foundation • DDT and Our World of Politicized Science • Death and Illness (Alleged) • Departure Letters • Ecojustice Canada • Energy Sector • Environmental Terrorists UNMASKED • Environmental Terrorist Organizations • Enviro PROFIT • Environmental Defence • FAILURE of IPM, Pesticide Manufacturers, Prohibition, Trade Associations • Famous Quotations About Enviro Lunatics • Fertilizer TERROR • Food and Farming • Get Off Our grASS • Global Warming, The Scam of Our Lifetime • Glyphosate Herbicide • Golf Industry • Green Alternatives • Green Party • Halloween Terror • Happy Holidays • Health Canada • Health Concerns with Pest Control Products • Heroes Speaking Out Against Environmental Terror • History of Environmental Terror in Canada • History of the Turfgrass Industry • Letters to the Editor • LIARS and Lying Sacks of (Enviro Maniac) Cwap • Mock Advertisements • Mock Speeches • Myth BUSTING • NATIONAL Prohibition • NEW BRUNSWICK Conspiracy • NO Prohibition Exception for AGRICULTURE Industry • NO Prohibition Exception for GOLF Industry • NOVA SCOTIA Conspiracy • North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) • ONTARIO Conspiracy, Haven For Environmental Terrorists • Ontario College of Family Physicians • Organic Golf Courses • Organic Maintenance • Organizations of the Prohibition Conspiracy • Pesticide Q & A (Questions and Answers) • Positive Waves (Interesting and Innovative Think-Prohibition Conspiracy



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Finally, NORAHG frequently responds to anti pesticide activists in LETTERS TO THE EDITOR in newspapers across Canada and around the world.

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FORCE OF NATURE, A LOOK AT, and their various incarnations, was the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his collegues in 1991. Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as founder.

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

Fields of study — Horticulture/Agriculture, Mathematics, Physics

Alma mater — McGill University • University of Guelph • the first person ever to obtain university degrees and contribute 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, and 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 e-newsletters • first to confirm the invasion of European Chafer insect in both the Montreal region and the Vancouver / Fraser Valley region • with Dr. Peter Dernoeden, confirmed the presence of Take All Patch as a disease of turf in Eastern Canada • with Dr. David Shetlar, confirmed the presence of Kentucky Bluegrass Scale as an insect pest in South Western 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 antipesticide prohibition • creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application • co-founder of annual winter convention for Quebec golf course superintendents • the major influence in the decision by Canadian Cancer Society to stop selling for profit pesticide treated daffodils • the only true reliable witness of the events of anti pesticide prohibition in the town of Hudson. Ouebec • 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 professional lawn care industry, which served as a beach-head against anti pesticide activists in the 1980s and 1990s

Legacy — Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues ... designed and implemented strategies that reined anti pesticide activists to provide peace and prosperity for the entire modern green space industry across Canada • orchestrated legal action against anti pesticide activists in the town of Hudson, Quebec • launched the largest founding professional lawn care business in Canada • quadrupled the business revenues of one of the largest suppliers in Canada

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