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Pesticides are assessed for safety before being used to protect crops



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File photo of insecticides, pesticides and herbicides. (Windsor Star files)



Poll Questions

Poll Question: Do you support an urban park at Ojibway?



Since the plan to clearcut Ojibway Shores was shelved this week after public outrage,

a proposal for the area to be turned into an urban national park is gaining momentum with a letter-writing campaign and petition.

Poll question: How would you feel if Asian Carp got into our waterways?



Asian Carp are an invasive species in the U.S., but have been cultivated and eaten in China for over

a thousand years.

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Re: [Eat pesticide-free veggies and fruit](#), Nutrition Notes column, by Victoria Mikhail, Aug. 1.

It is concerning to read dietitian Victoria Mikhail's column because it contained so much misinformation about the foods Canadians rely on to stay healthy.

Readers should know that before any pesticide can be sold in Canada, it must undergo a detailed scientific review and risk assessment by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). Products are only approved for use once a scientific evaluation demonstrates they can be used without harm to human health, future generations or the environment.

Health Canada's primary objective is "to prevent unacceptable risks to people and the environment from the use of pest control products" and they would not approve products that are carcinogenic or otherwise harmful to human health.

When it comes to fruits and vegetables, whether the food you eat is grown using modern technologies or those approved for organic production, it is important to note that all of these pesticides are assessed for their safety before they can be used to protect crops.

Both Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency are involved in ensuring that pesticides used in Canada and any possible residues on foods sold in Canada are strictly monitored.

According to a report released in 2012 by the CFIA, 99 per cent of the fruits and vegetables it tested complied with Health Canada's standards for pesticide residues. In fact, most had no detectable levels whatsoever.

The reality is that Canada has established a world-class process to evaluate pesticides that assures safeguards are in place for the protection of all Canadians and our environment.



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Canadian farmers and consumers should feel confident that they have access to one of the safest food supplies in the world and that the products used to grow our food have been thoroughly assessed for safety.

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LORNE HEPWORTH, President, CropLife Canada, Ottawa

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**Norah G Fon**

DR. HEPWORTH SPEAKS THE TRUTH.

Dr. Hepworth is among several LEADING EXPERTS who have recognized expertise, training and background in matters concerning pest control products. Dr. Hepworth is also Canada'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. For more information about Dr. Hepworth, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site... <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2eG> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-3jm> WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr>.

[Reply](#) · [Like](#) · 31 minutes ago**Jean Cottam** · Top Commenter

Dr. Lorne Hepworth is a former veterinarian from Saskatchewan. He is now employed in an Ottawa's Canadian branch of a U.S. pesticide promotion company. His identical letters on the alleged safety of pesticides appear throughout Canada. Obviously, they are not to be trusted.

[Reply](#) · [Like](#) · 51 minutes ago**Norah G Fon**

CAN COTTAM GHOST-WRITERS BE TRUSTED ?!?!

A Cottam ghost-writer is merely an anonymous conduit for prominent anti-pesticide activists like Gideon Forman, Meg Sears, Michael Christie, and others. They also allege being somehow « familiar with the Ottawa pesticide approval scene », which is not true. These ghost-writers continually attempt to confuse and subvert the issues surrounding pest control products by using statements like « don't trust Health Canada to study pesticides ». For their own vested interest, they want to impose a prohibition against pest control products used in the urban landscape. Most have huge vested interests in perpetuating imaginary dangers about pest control products because they are paid to do so. Cottam ghost-writers have been using the Cottam name as a shield against imminent legal reprisals for fraud and conspiracy. Can Cottam ghost-writers be trusted ?!?! For more information about Cottam Ghost-Writers. go to The

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