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Nice job Home Depot. A complete ban would be nice, but labeling is a step in the right direction.

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CRISIS ? WHAT CRISIS ?

There is NO bee crisis in jurisdictions like Ontario. According to Ontario Premier Wynne — « Although large bee die-offs have been observed in Ontario apiaries, they are NOT OCCURRING UNIFORMLY across all operations or areas of the province — many bee-keeping operations HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED and have been able to maintain strong and healthy bee colonies as evidenced by hive strength and honey production ». <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7Mw> There is NO bee crisis in Canada. Only A VERY LIMITED NUMBER of bee-keepers report losses, LESS THAN 1 PER CENT. Over 99 per cent of all bee-keepers are reporting no losses. Bee-keepers know full well that varroa mites are the primary problem associated with bee losses, and not neonicotinoid insecticides. Science and statistics DO NOT SUPPORT demands to prohibit against neonicotinoid insecticides in agriculture. For more information regarding BEES, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6WJ> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2BA> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6H8> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7ty> WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr>

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I wholeheartedly work to conserve the environment and what's left of it's beauty. I absolutely can't stand those that what to exploit & profit off of it until it's gone!

<http://www.senseaboutscience.org/pages/insecticides-and-honeybees-your-questions-answered.html>

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[Forrest Arnold](#) · [Sr. EE](#) at [Retired](#)

Norah G Fon Thank you! So glad to hear Canada is not having any problems with neonic's. But, down here in the States,, we are having massive die-offs directly correlated to neonic pervasive usage. It is very hard to believe that you support big box store that would spray neonic's, even on squash and other vegetables that are sold to us to consume, without our knowledge. People who want the real information can find it at www.beyondpesticides.org, or www.ncap.org. Thank you also for the websites that must be funded by the chemical industries. By the way, what is that stuck in your mouth? (rhetorical question)

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Forrest Arnold is using mis-information from Beyond Pesticides, which operates as an organization that is non-expert, profit-motivated, unethical, and conspires to recklessly and maliciously prohibit against pest control products used in the urban landscape. Beyond Pesticides is operated by a group of truth-challenged-jokers who are clearly not competent to express any opinion concerning pest control products. Those who operate Beyond Pesticides include — • a non-expert duck farm operator • a non-expert indigent goat herder • a non-expert native Indian movement organizer • a non-expert marginal organic lawn care operator • a non-expert organic produce distributor • a non-expert zoologist. Beyond Pesticides has expertise in fund-raising and profit-making, but has no expertise in science or research. The primary concerns of Beyond Pesticides is mere business, cash-flow, profit, and celebrity.

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NORAHG RESPONDS TO THE AMATEURISH & DISCREDITED ASSESSMENT BY FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (FOE)

On June 25th, 2014, Friends of the Earth, an anti-pesticide organization, alleged that « bee-killing pesticides » were found in garden center plants produced by the nursery industry. This assessment by FOE is **OUTRAGEOUSLY FALSE** ! The FOE assessment (a.k.a. Gardeners Beware) has been discredited since its tests did not conform to internationally-accredited practices, and there was no legal chain of custody for the plant samples tested. Experts have quickly criticized and condemned the amateurish and unscientific assessment by FOE, which was not performed under Good Laboratory Practice. World-wide, the expert and scientific assessments of all pest control products must be conducted under those guidelines which adhere to principles of the internationally-accredited Good Laboratory Practice (GLP). FOE is relying upon an assessment that is not subject to stringent GLP requirements or statutory sanction. Consequently, the FOE assessment is discredited ! Experts have quickly criticized and condemned the amateurish and unscientific assessment by FOE, since there was no legal chain of custody for the plant samples tested. The samples themselves were collected by mere gardening housewives. And the samples were then handled by FOE-activists, who have a clear political agenda against neonicotinoid insecticides. It is extremely likely that FOE-activists tampered with the samples by deliberately contaminating them with

insecticide. The tampering was performed with the malicious intent of coercing and intimidating government officials into prohibiting neonicotinoid insecticides. Consequently, the FOE assessment is again discredited ! The FOE assessment has been further discredited since its finding could not be published in any peer-reviewed and legitimate scientific journal. The FOE assessment is merely an amateurish attempt to perform pesticide research. It is clear that the amateurish and unscientific FOE assessment was performed with a political agenda to conspire to impose prohibition against neonicotinoid insecticides used in the urban landscape, the nursery industry, and the agriculture industry. Moreover, the mere ability to measure or detect the presence of an insecticide ingredient in a plant is not an indication that it poses any risk to bees, especially in parts per million. Neonicotinoid insecticides will cause no harm to bees since their exposure is at very low levels, far too low to cause harmful effects. Even at these low levels, the active ingredient is short-lived. Additionally, neonicotinoid insecticides will cause no harm to bees since the active ingredients work their way systemically to the inside of the plant. The plant tissues contain only tiny amounts of ingredient that are unavailable to bees since they are not feeding on the plants. It is a myth to believe that plants treated with neonicotinoid insecticides will somehow cause harm to bees. It is clear that FOE has a clear political agenda to conspire to impose prohibition against neonicotinoid insecticides. FOE is operated by truth-challenged non-expert anti-pesticide lobbyists who are paid-for-profit to subversively concoct imaginary dangers about pest control products. The amateurish and unscientific FOE assessment does not provide any credible information to EPA and Health Canada to justify its subversive anti-pesticide conspiracy campaign. FOE also ridiculously implies that its amateurish and unscientific assessment is somehow being withheld from EPA, Health Canada and every other regulatory agency in the world. EPA and Health Canada, and not FOE, has the essential expertise and credibility concerning pest control products. Friends of the Earth's assessment has been discredited, and this organization clearly has no expertise regarding pest control products. When used properly, neonicotinoid insecticides cause no harm, and do not hurt bees. For the whole truth regarding BEES, go to ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6WJ> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2BA> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6H8> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7ty> 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 The Pesticide Truths Web-Site <http://pesticidetruths.com/> and go to The Complete Library Of Web-Pages, Reports, & References <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr>

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[Jodi Farm](#)

Writing the same damn thing over and over and over again into a single paragraph doesn't exactly lend credence to your post. Whatever your credentials/angle, you have accomplished nothing more here than taking up a ridiculous amount of

space. And as for the "whole truth" web addresses you finally listed; they look suspiciously like links to some virus. Talk about "amateurish and unscientific"....

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[Norah G Fon](#)

[Jodi Farm](#) is WRONG ! There are NO viruses. This is typical FEAR-MONGERING, the same that is used against insecticides.

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NORAHG responds on behalf of the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of the public that DOES NOT WANT PESTICIDE BANS, and SUPPORT those who work in the Agriculture Industry and the Professional Lawn Care Industry. <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2bo>

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[Jodi Farm](#)

First, dearie, I didn't say they were viruses. I said they look like links to some virus; meaning why are they a random series of letters and numbers rather than a legitimate domain name. Viruses are often linked to via URLs that look very much like those you posted. So no, I'm not "wrong" and I'm not "fear-mongering." I simply described an observation. Paranoid much?

Second, if the "vast majority" of the public were actually against pesticide bans, we would be hearing from them. Yet yours are the first such posts I've seen. Or rather, nearly the first: I have seen a few others, all from people who do work "in the Agriculture Industry and the Professional Lawn Care Industry" (sic). Those who stand to profit financially from pesticide sales and use have certainly written articles and made posts of a similar vein. Sad, but these days there seem to be a lot of people who care so deeply about their own monetary greed that they clearly don't care what kind of a world we leave to our future generations.

And finally, do you always refer to yourself in the third person? Creepy. Really,

really creepy. I won't even go into your melodramatic overuse of all-caps. I suppose I should at least acknowledge you used your paragraph breaks this time. But the whole third-person thing? Hmmm....

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I have grown a wide variety of vegetables, shrubs, flowers, and trees for over 35 years, and I have taught gardening classes in my community.

I recommend avoiding purchasing any plants or soil products from any big box chain store or home improvement center. The overall lack of quality control and effective sanitation practices of their suppliers--and the chain stores themselves--is appalling, as anyone who has purchased diseased materials from these sources already knows.

Plants grown in the greenhouses that supply the big box chains are regularly dosed with high amounts of herbicides, fungicides, and pesticides, so that the plants they sell will appear to be healthy at the time of purchase.

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Excellent, comprehensive, well-written and completely accurate post, MK. Very well-said. This avid organic gardener agrees 100%.

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• [Henrietta Wise](#) · [New School for Social Research](#)

Glad to see Home Depot is taking a first step in the right direction. Won't buy my garden plants there anymore until they completely eliminate all products containing neonicotinoids. In addition, I will scout around for places to buy other items rather than go to Home Depot or Lowes until they stop the neonicotinoids altogether. I hope others pledge the same. Thanks.

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• [Methodist Federation for Social Action](#)

ASAP is the right time; neonicotinoids are probably linked with colony collapses in the winter since that pesticide's effects are believed to be cumulative: <http://bit.ly/TAcI97>

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• [Sandy Healy](#) · [Portland Community College](#)

Ok, it appears that my email complaint to Home Depots Investor Relations Dept had some effect. Nice going Home Depot!!!

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[Jodi Farm](#)

Well, that and the thousands of other emails, phone calls, letters, and petitions they received from all over the country. I suspect the rest of us may have had some minor degree of sway as well. But no doubt, it was probably mostly you! Nice goin'! ;-)

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I was pretty much joking But at whatever level it took, meaning hundreds or thousands, it is a direct step in the right direction. LOL.

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[Karelina Resnick](#) · [President](#) at [WREDI](#)

The end of the year is a bit late - after they've killed bees all spring summer and fall. Guess it's better than nothing.

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It takes a while for any decision to be properly implemented. This is actually a fairly speedy response and is extremely praiseworthy

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[Angela Chouinard](#) · [University of California, Santa Cruz](#)

Gillian Miller I have to agree. It's a huge corporation with lots of suppliers. Given the year is half over it's a pretty quick response. Also, how many companies are resisting this kind of effort.

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PS: this is especially important since the plants were being sold as "bee friendly"

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[Forrest Arnold](#) · [Sr. EE](#) at [Retired](#)

Thanks. Had not heard that Home Depot had heard our cries for justice, and will take action. It is a small, but important step. As people become aware of neonics, they will google it, and get educated on the facts. Bees are the miner's canary for the environmental damage that is being done by all persistent pesticide usage. Next stage, ask for organic labeled plants at big box stores,,, every time.

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Too little, too late.

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There are NO honey bees in Springfield, IL and its vicinity.

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good news! thanks Home Depot!

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