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NORAHG RESPONDS TO FALSE ALLEGATIONS OF WINTER BEE LOSSES

Anti-pesticide bee-keepers pretend there is a bee crisis. However, weather is the major factor contributing to winter bee losses, and not neonicotinoid insecticides. The imagined danger against these insecticides has led to chemophobia among anti-pesticide bee-keepers, who are expressing mere unscientific concerns regarding so-called bee colony collapse disorder. Consequently, anti-pesticide bee-keepers are demanding that governments go to extreme lengths to impose reckless and arbitrary prohibition against neonicotinoid insecticides used in the agriculture industry. Anti-pesticide bee-keepers ridiculously assume that insecticides are somehow causing bee losses unless it can be proven that they do not. Anti-pesticide bee-keepers pretend there is a bee crisis. However, according to the government of Ontario, there is no bee crisis. 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://tinyurl.com/ndavhaa> Anti-pesticide bee-keepers pretend there is a bee crisis. However, 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. Anti-pesticide bee-keepers are falsely blaming bee deaths on neonicotinoid insecticides. The bee colonies are far from collapsing since the numbers do not lie. Both the total number of honeybee colonies and the total number of bee-keepers in Canada has risen dramatically since 2008. Moreover, according to Agriculture Canada, the nation's honey yield is twice the world's average. <http://wp.me/s1jq40-28297> It is INESCAPABLE that the ALLEGATIONS about insecticides are FALSE ! Anti-pesticide bee-keepers with vested interests in keeping the public afraid are not a credible sources of information. NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green space industry. WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G. Get the latest details at The Pesticide Truths Web-Site <http://pesticide-truths.com/> and go to The Complete Library Of Web-Pages, Reports, & References <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr>

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The chemical neonicotinoids were banned in Europe for good reason. They provably kill bees, and without bees, according to Albert Einstein, the human race would likely become extinct within five years. Canada and the US haven't banned them only because the chemical companies producing this toxin are major political lobbyists. It is time that reason trumped money.

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sageantoine 10 hours ago

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time to apply the precautionary principle and ban neonics until it can be proven that they are safe.

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Guido83 10 hours ago

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We must embrace sustainable food production. Chemical warfare on insects is crazy. When you support organic producers you contribute to the growing landscape of natural fields that are safer for bees. We need these insects to pollinate many crops. Do your part. As more people buy organic foods the costs will come down.

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Canary in the coal mine.

Our turn will come.

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don't listen to the apiarists-- Margaret Wenthe has told us it's all a hoax, just like global warming.

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I live in the country and I've let my lawn grow out so that my whole property is overgrown with wildflowers. I think I've seen one or two bees. That's it.

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deltachem11 8 hours ago

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I don't understand why Canada still sells Advantage, when there are alternatives out there. The US has stopped selling it and using it.

Its flea medication for pets but its a source of pesticides that hurt bees! We've banned some but not these? makes no sense

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Mike in Hamilton 4 hours ago

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This stuff scares me more than global warming.

I used to have scores of bees pollinating my vegetable garden; recently hardly any.

This year I wanted some colour in the backyard so I threw a pack of wildflower seeds in the corner of my yard; it really helped to bring some bees but not as many as years ago.

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whyknot 59 minutes ago

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We have a small flower garden in the back yard where we like to grow plants that attract bees. The garden mostly has perennial flowers that grow year after year. Because of the severe winter, we lost some of the perennials (lavender for example). I made the mistake of buying some annual flowers as "filler" in some of the empty spots until replacement perennials grow bigger. We get bumble bees, honey bees, and some small "solitary" type of bees. The bees all avoid the annuals, but spend a lot of time on the perennial flowers.

That makes sense if the annuals have been treated with insecticide and the bees try to avoid it. Even if the perennial flowers had been treated with insecticide at some point, the perennials are probably okay for the bees after the second year of growing in the garden after the insecticide would have degraded with time.

Many of the flowering plants sold in Ontario are imported from the warmer parts of the U.S. How is the Ontario government going to control the import of plants treated with insecticide? Does the government have any way of testing the plants?

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Analyser 1 hour ago

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Don't bees suffer/die from viruses and bacterias they may have caught just like humans ? Seems reasonable to me. All part of nature.

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