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Grain farmers boycott pesticide consultations¹²



By [Hank Daniszewski](#), The London Free Press

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There wasn't much buzz at public meeting in London Tuesday about a crackdown on the use of a pesticide blamed for the mass die-off of bees.

About 100 people attended the "pollinator consultations," the first of three across the province, but the Grain Farmers of Ontario, a key player in the issue, boycotted the meetings.

Tory MPPs Toby Barrett and Lisa Thompson showed up for the meeting, which included two government presentations, followed by round table discussions, but denounced the process as a farce.

"This will cost Ontario farmers \$630 million a year...the research at this point is inconclusive," said Barrett, the Tory agriculture critic.

Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, the PC environment critic, said producers were "gobsmacked" by the proposed near-ban on neonicotinoids and full public hearings should have been held in rurals centres across the province.

"Stakeholders are not being listened to. We need sound decisions based on science," she said.

The provincial government, citing early evidence of a link between corn and soybean seeds treated with neonicotinoids and bee deaths in Ontario, has set a target of reducing the number of acres planted with the treated seed by 80% by 2017.

The Grain Farmers of Ontario, representing 28,000 corn soybean and wheat producers, argue the near-ban was premature and will cost farmers millions of dollars in reduced production.

Grain Farmers of Ontario president Henry Van Ankum said consultations in three cities is not good enough.

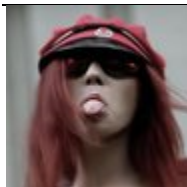
"Our input is far too important to be diluted at urban venues by non-stakeholders," Van Ankum said.

Van Ankum said the organization wants to give feedback at a separate forum for the agriculture industry.

But the proposed ban is also getting support.

Jodi Kobrinski of the Organic Council of Ontario was at the meeting and said the partial ban was a "bold step" but a full ban is needed.

"We need to move a lot farther a lot faster but we respect these things take time," said Kobrinski.



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Norah G Fon · 16 minutes ago Hold on, this is waiting to be approved by London Free Press.

NORAHG RESPONDS IN FAVOUR OF GRAIN FARMERS !

The boycott is a GOOD MOVE by Grain Farmers of Ontario ! There is absolutely NO POINT in publicly debating with non-expert bee conspiracy terrorists. The provincial forums will be USELESS to explain that many bee-keepers are simply NOT competent to manage their own hives. THEY are the cause of bee colony collapse disorder, and NOT neonicotinoid insecticides. Overall, there is NO bee crisis in Ontario because of insecticides, and ANY prohibition is NOT necessary ! Furthermore, there will be NO other recourse but litigation and complaints ! CropLife Canada, Grain Farmers of Ontario, and all agricultural businesses, must sue the anti-neonicotinoid SOBs' brains out ! They must stop the proposed prohibition in Ontario, whatever the cost may be ! They must demand that the proposed prohibition be stopped, forever. For more information, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-8FZ> We are the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to destroy the

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To the Tory MPPs. Research has been done in Europe and since the ban the bees have returned in numbers.

Neonicotinoids have only been used in Ontario since the beginning of the 1990s. Farming survived before without it.

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NO they have NOT returned. However, EU prohibition has been proven to be DISASTROUS for crop yields !

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Incorrect. Please do your research. Italy for one banned neonicotinoids five years ago. Bee kill incidents have been reduced, and yields have been maintained, avoiding any economic hardship for farmers.

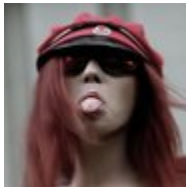
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NO ! Bee losses have NOT been curtailed !

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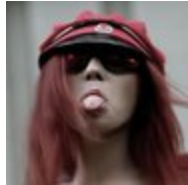


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why grow crops that humans can't eat or tolerate???????????

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People can SAFELY eat food crops because the pest control inputs used are scientifically assessed as being safe. They will cause no harm.

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Watch Agenda 21 on you tube, that will help to explain the reasons.

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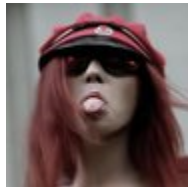


perspicacity2014 Norah G Fon · a day ago

YELLING again? How much are you paid by Monsanto and insecticide firms?

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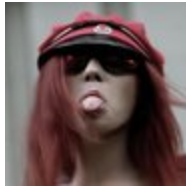


John Smith Peter Easton · a day ago

Unlike Liberal MPP's that weren't voted to the Rural Seats it only seems logical the the Elected MPP's most likely PC's would be at these meetings.

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Traditionally, the ONLY party that has espoused sound scientific judgement has been the Conservative Party. Conversely, the governing Liberals DO NOT rely on sound science, but prefer to rely upon politicized science.

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jingles51 Norah G Fon · 19 hours ago

Good grief, you really don't know what you're talking about

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perspicacity2014 Norah G Fon · a day ago

Right, oil sands in Alberta, lovely science, destroy the local environment, gotcha!

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manny perspicacity2014 · a day ago

I have never heard of or any claim of a conservative politician to be a environmentalist as the two don't mix!

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Claud Henri Smoot [manny](#) · 15 hours ago

Sorry did you miss when Brian Mulroney was honoured as the Greenest PM in Canadian history Plenty of conservatives are environmentalists, just as some on the left are not environmentalists (or at least just pretend ones)

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manny [Claud Henri Smoot](#) · 12 hours ago

Yes you are correct, he was the greenest conservative Pm as a conservative goes but not an environmentalist! Unfortunately he will always be remembered for receiving envelopes full of cash in history books.

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Claud Henri Smoot [manny](#) · 12 hours ago

No, he was honoured by non partisans, even Sheila Copps was at the event. You are letting your partisanship interfere with your judgements and perceptions

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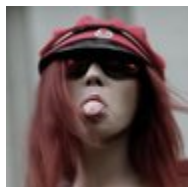


manny [Claud Henri Smoot](#) · 11 hours ago

No he did admit to receiving the envelopes! I did like him in the beginning but it was down hill from that point!

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The oil sands is a MAJOR economic driver for our nation. It is UN-Canadian to oppose the oil sands.

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Troll LOL

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Grant O. John Smith · a day ago

hey John there is a real reason why no libs were elected in rural Ontario and this is just one small example of how the Liberals treat rural Ontario. Hopefully some day you urban people will wake up and see what damage they have done to this wonderful province.

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borisbabinov · 11 hours ago

you might know the brain dead cons would be against protecting the bees and the environment.

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[platinum_folderol](#) · 11 hours ago

I don't like eating pesticides with my breakfast cereal. I gave up smoking years ago so I would appreciate the removal of the nicotine derivatives.

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[lonikulanil h](#) · 13 hours ago

have yet to read anyone dispute the fact that from the farmers point of view , it is all about money,

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Its hard to dispute what is true.

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practically impossible

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Yes, believe, obey, do not question as all good progressives must do.

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What is it about then if not money?

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Zosha123 · 13 hours ago

Stop fear mongering!

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retiredslave · 14 hours ago

According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.

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retiredslave retiredslave · 14 hours ago

Might be a lot sooner nowadays because we have much more efficient weapons now and also no real regard for human life, only money!

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silverbird · 15 hours ago

I agree with the grain farmer here. Why debate with someone that does not understand their industry. A political decision will always get it wrong because they are not experts in the field and are only interested in making a popular decision so they can return to power. Let science make the decision, not farmers or the seed company.

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borisbabinov · silverbird · 11 hours ago

science already did and neonics is a killer of bees and likely humans as neonics gets into the food chain

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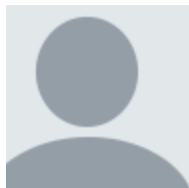


BriAziz silverbird · 14 hours ago

Didn't you see the story yesterday about thelidomide use and the birth defects it caused?
Science doesnt always get it right.

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lonikulanil h silverbird · 15 hours ago

no matter what the decision is , one side will dispute it , what was wrong with the status quo before this pesticide ?? is it all about yield which is money

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Zosha123 · 16 hours ago

Just to show you how exaggerated this is; if all bees were extinct so would the weeds be extinct because weeds need bees just as much is man's crops do to reproduce by pollination.

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borisbabinov Zosha123 · 11 hours ago
weeds don't need bees to pollinate

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fireclown Zosha123 · 11 hours ago
so you're in favour of exterminating the bees because it would be effective weed control?
have you been drinking the chemical in question?

you sound like a pretty serious not genius.

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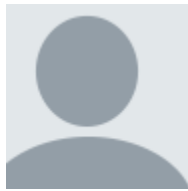


D. Richards [jim55](#) · 16 hours ago

Now that is a typical uninformed response by someone who knows nothing about farming.

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what part of his statement is inaccurate ?? inform us .

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D. Richards [lonikulanil h](#) · 15 hours ago

All of the above. If you want to be informed read Blake Dunlop's post below. City people in general have very limited knowledge of the agriculture, and are quite happy to repeat the same tired mantras of "greedy" farmers living off government handouts.

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what about better safe than sorry, if in fact it is killing the bees why wait till it is too late, if it is not killing them what did the farmers do before this pesticide was introduced, is it all about yield which translates to money

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Freedom [lonikulanil h](#) · 15 hours ago

How about the fact that manure is a pollutant. Manure is a fertilizer that builds up the quality of your soil.

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perspicacity2014 Freedom · 15 hours ago

What about the bio-sludge that some farmers put on their land, which they receive free from city sewage treatment plants and that is full of toxic chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Now this is some dangerous stuff.

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Freedom perspicacity2014 · 15 hours ago

Everyone on here can criticize but what would you suggest we do with this sludge?

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perspicacity2014 Freedom · 15 hours ago

Definitely not use it to fertilize crops that end up being for human consumption at some point. Landfills would be a better option or possibly incinerating it at extremely high temperatures. Also, I think that pharmaceutical companies ought to pay a large share of the cost for

disposal of bio-sludge and so should chemical companies rather than it becoming the problem of municipalities to dispose of.

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it is also a carrier of E Coli

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Freedom jim55 · 16 hours ago

Bravo you have just proven how little you know about the industry. Since manure is so terrible I would love to hear what you suggest should be done with it? By the way we don't get free gifts from the government, maybe if you actually talked to a farmer you could get your facts straight.

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iuffybbisbgsb Freedom · 14 hours ago

Fecal matters.

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wing · 18 hours ago

Cash crop farmers won't support it because banning will see yields down as a result. That's money out of their pockets in spite of the good. Corn/cash farmers don't need bees anymore even though other farmers do. Seems like nobody cares about anything but money not even preserving nature.

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jingles51 · 19 hours ago

And the tory's say only money matters.
No foresight, No future.

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Blake Dunlop · a day ago

"He said farmers had adopted new practices to control neonicotinoid spread during this year's growing season and new studies show bee mortality has dropped substantially this year."

* So efforts by farmers to lessen the impact on bee mortality saw that mortality improved with their efforts. So doesn't this then prove that neonicotinoids do seriously affect bee mortality!

"We need sound decisions based on science," she said."

* Doesn't this statement fly in the face of Thompson's uber leader, Dictator Harper, & his beliefs as to the value of science? She should best keep this kind of thinking to herself or the Dictator will soon be throwing her under a bus!

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Will Panos · a day ago

Lisa Thomson is a paid corporate stooge and needs to be ignored.

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V. Grace · a day ago

Why is it that Conservatives and Republicans always try to claim that the science is inconclusive when the vast majority of scientists disagree with them? I guess the public's well-being is just not as important to them as the polluters bottom line.

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wchimes V. Grace · a day ago

This MPP will argue against anything for political points, Hudak had the same type of stupidity.

Not all the PCs are like this.

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treestreet · a day ago

a bunch of effin fools who will say anything to profit by it.

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[wchimes](#) · a day ago

Toby Barrett is one of the worst in the PCs, it is morons like this that help to lose elections, come on PCs, get a better crop than people like this. This is a serious issue, and it should not be used for political points by any party, not the PCs, Liberals, or the NDP.

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[perspicacity2014](#) [wchimes](#) · a day ago

The PC Party of Ontario, is in serious disarray. Why? Because they have made themselves into an exclusive clique club and if you don't happen to fit the mould of their expectations, you are on the sidelines permanently. Sadly, I predict more colossal failures in future elections for this sad sack Party, a truly unfortunate thing as we need someone to relieve us from the Liberals.

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socilasatelite · a day ago

Farmers feed cities and cities feed farmers and bail them out everytime they get flooded or lose crops to disasters. I think farmers could make a little effort.

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Dan Oliver socilasatelite · a day ago

As a farmer, I have never received a "bail out". There are insurance programs available to farmers to insure crops, revenues, etc. that we pay a premium for, just like your car and home insurance. Gov't does offer farmers incentives to build certain aspects of their business and/or find/improve value added products... just like they do with many other industries that do the homework and provide thorough business plans when applying for funding.

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perspicacity2014 Dan Oliver · a day ago

Having said that, then yes, you have received a taxpayer bail out, correct? Did you deal with FCC?

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Dan Oliver perspicacity2014 · a day ago

No, I have never received a taxpayer bailout. Every year I pay crop insurance premiums in order to secure financing to buy my inputs. If I make a claim, the money paid to me comes from money generated from the insurance premium revenues... just like any other insurance (car, home, etc.) I do deal with FCC for capital investments (financing for land, equipment) simply due to the fact that their representatives understand my business and know how the industry works.

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Tim Trinier Dan Oliver · 19 hours ago

Dan you walked into a time bomb, taking to a liberal is like trying to wrestle a pig in mud. After a while you realize the pig enjoys it. Their track record proves their CLUELESS and USELESS.

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D. Richards Tim Trinier · 16 hours ago

Bullsh*t. I consider myself a very-small-l liberal, and I agree totally with Dan. Go find a conspiracy elsewhere.

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perspicacity2014 Dan Oliver · a day ago

Do you also pay the significantly less interest rate that the FCC offers?

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Freedom perspicacity2014 · a day ago

What exactly are you trying to say, that farmers have a free ride?

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perspicacity2014 Freedom · a day ago

No, I'm just trying to point out to those farmers who say that their business is not subsidized by all of us taxpayers, that they are very mistaken, and ought to own up to that fact.

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Freedom perspicacity2014 · a day ago

I think it is you who are mistaken. There is quite a bit of subsidizing for U.S. farmers but it's a little different on this side of the boarder. As the above post explains crop insurance covers losses not bailouts. As for the interest rate that FCC charges that's their choice and has nothing to do with the taxpayer.

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So please do tell me about all the bailouts farmers have received.

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Dan Oliver perspicacity2014 · a day ago

Absolutely not. My first farm mortgage is with RBC and it is nearly half of what I pay with FCC. I will do future business with FCC, however, due to their representatives that know my business

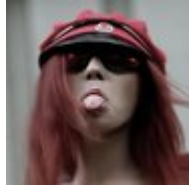
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To say that urbanites are not stakeholders in this process is simply not true. There is an understanding that if crop yields decrease, food prices will increase, this is only logical. So, I disagree with Grain Farmer's President's comment. He is only speaking about the potential financial loss for his members, but fails to understand that we as the human race, are all in this together. There is only so much food to go around, and right now, we have too much food to go around, so much is wasted every day. Its better to make sure we don't impact bee populations with pesticides, erring on the side of caution, than constantly worry about the bottom lines of multi-millionaire farmers who usually outstretch their hands to the government for hand outs.

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MrB [perspicacity2014](#) · 14 hours ago

Please explain the handouts farmers get. Yes there are some multi-millionaire farmers no different than city folk. The farmers were LUCKY their land has appreciated in value, no different than city folk who bought their house 30 yrs and could sell today for considerably more. Jump in and buy some land and get the so called handouts you talk about and get rich

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perspicacity2014 [MrB](#) · 14 hours ago

Are you kidding? Every type of farming has received handouts from the government over the years. Beef, pork, dairy, poultry, tobacco, horses, and just about everything in between. Oh, we had a bad crop year, give us money. We got hit with a disease, give us money. The racetrack shut down, give us money. Cigarette sales are down, give us money. Subsidy cheques for dairy farmers. And to top it all off, the FCC (Farm Credit Corporation) which loans farmers money at ridiculously low rates, all subsidized by the lowly taxpayer. One hand out after another. Then we have the farmers who defer their taxes, for decades, by purchasing unneeded new equipment and etc, thereby avoiding having to chip in to pay for things like health care and etc. Then, we have the farmers who tear up local roads with equipment that is far too heavy and wide for the roads and the urbanites have to pay to fix the roads. Farmers chip in for that at a measly 25% of the tax rate of urbanites. Do you want me to keep going?

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[ianclunas](#) [perspicacity2014](#) · 14 hours ago

Mr.B knows nothing.

Don't waste your time explaining sense to stupidity.

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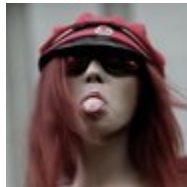
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[Norah G Fon](#) [perspicacity2014](#) · a day ago

Urbanites should NOT be treated as stake-holders since they KNOW NOTHING about these issues. Furthermore, there is NO risk for the human race. Cmon !

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ianclunas [Norah G Fon](#) · 15 hours ago

Pesticides in your food do not wash off.

I'm a beekeeper.

Don't be fooled by big corporate food producers and their BS tactics.

I've suffered terrible losses for the last 15 years with neonics in and around my bee yards.

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MrB [ianclunas](#) · 14 hours ago

funny,neonics haven't been used by the farm community for 15 yrs.I think you are confused what neonics really are.

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ianclunas [MrB](#) · 14 hours ago

Just a second my not so informed boy.

Neonics-----Imidacloprid was first used on potato fields in 1999.

My hives where in the vicinity of those fields
100% losses.

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Tue Cents Norah G Fon · a day ago

So, we should only be concerned when the human race is at risk. You need to get out more dude. Stop smoking those nicotinoids LOL

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Peter Easton Tue Cents · a day ago

Fon is from Quebec and fights against chemicals in the environment and pollution. This Fon here is a fake.

Edit: After a bit more research it is not fighting "against" chemicals, it is support of all chemicals and pesticides in both cities and industrial space. They believe that environmental people have put too much restrictions on society.

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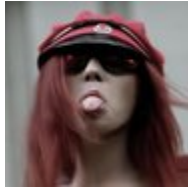


Umbra · a day ago

Too bad the Bees couldn't Boycott Farmers ?
Especially All the Dead ones

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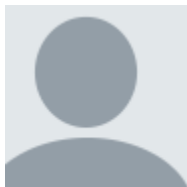


Norah G Fon Umbra · a day ago

The ONLY dead bees are those killed by incompetent bee-keepers.

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jingles51 Norah G Fon · 19 hours ago

Wow...you're nuts

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Will Panos [Norah G Fon](#) · a day ago

And how do you explain all the dead native bees?

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Follow Cash [Umbra](#) · a day ago

once the southern killer bees get here.....

"revenge is best served cold"with honey.....

(I'll make sure that they know where Nonsanto is)

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Penny Lane [Umbra](#) · a day ago

Good one Umbra.

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[perspicacity2014](#) · a day ago

I wonder how much it will cost farmers to hire in people to pollinate their crops, such as what is occurring overseas already in China and other places.

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Peter Easton [perspicacity2014](#) · a day ago

Many of the crops many of the major farmers are concerned about do not need bees to pollinate. Wind does it just find for them.

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Penny Lane [Peter Easton](#) · a day ago

They don't need bees to pollinate because they buy new seeds every year. Pollination is becoming a thing of the past for fruits and vegetables. Seems very unnatural to me.

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Follow Cash [Penny Lane](#) · a day ago

I have taken the liberty to put the following real science to paper:

Penny...with all due respect.....you have mistaken pollination, self-pollination, cross-pollination, insecticides, pesticides, systemic biocides, Organophosphate pesticides, acetylcholine neurotransmitters, Carbamate Pesticides, Organochlorine Insecticides, DDT family of chlordanes, Pyrethroid Pesticides, pyrethrin, (from chrysanthemums), Biopesticides, such as:

(1) Microbial pesticides, (e.g., a bacterium, fungus, virus or protozoan) as the active ingredient, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, or Bt. via protein bacterium (moth larvae, flies and mosquitoes) bind to a larval gut receptor, thereby causing the insect larvae to starve

(2) Plant-Incorporated-Protectants (PIPs) are pesticidal substances that plants produce from genetic material that has been added to the plant. GMOs GMOs GMOs GMOs

(3) Biochemical pesticides are naturally occurring or substances that control pests by non-toxic mechanisms. (synthetic materials) that directly, insect sex pheromones, that interfere with mating, as well as various scented plant extracts that attract insect pests to traps.

Algicides Control algae, Antifouling agents, Antimicrobials, that destroy microorganisms (such as bacteria and viruses). or Attractants Attract pests (for example, to lure an insect or rodent to a trap).

Sanitizers Kill or inactivate disease-producing microorganisms on inanimate objects. Fungicides Kill fungi (including blights, mildews, molds,

and rusts). Fumigants Produce gas or vapor intended to destroy pests in buildings or soil.

Herbicides Kill weeds and other plants that grow where they are not wanted. Insecticides Kill insects and other arthropods. Miticides (also called acaricides) Kill mites that feed on plants and animals. Microbial pesticides Microorganisms that kill, inhibit, or out compete pests, including insects or other microorganisms.

Molluscicides Kill snails and slugs.

Nematicides Kill nematodes (microscopic, worm-like organisms that feed on plant roots).

Rodenticides Control mice and other rodents. The term pesticide also includes these substances:

Agent Orange defoliant causes leaves or other foliage to drop from a plant, usually to facilitate harvest.

Desiccants Promote drying of living tissues, such as unwanted plant tops.

Insect growth regulators Disrupt the molting, maturity from pupal stage to adult, or other life processes of insects.

Plant growth /No-growth regulators Substances (excluding fertilizers or other plant nutrients) that alter the expected growth, flowering, or reproduction rate of plant

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Penny Lane Follow Cash · 14 hours ago

Thanks Follow Cash for all your posts here....very insightful.

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silverbird Follow Cash · 15 hours ago

good copy and paste

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Penny Lane Follow Cash · a day ago

Ouch! That was too many \$10 words after a brain draining day at the office.

:)

I was actually aware of most of that document. Thank you.

Unless I've missed something (and I hope you will correct if I did),

GMOs are man-made and do not require the natural process of pollination.

Simply put, as I normally do on these threads, as more farmers turn to

GMOs, the need for bees and pollination for human food decreases.

Correct?

Unless, of course, we get lucky and see a ban on these pesticides. No

pesticides, no GMOs.

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perspicacity2014 Penny Lane · a day ago

I don't think farmers are intentionally, and as a selected management tool, turning to GMO's. I think farmers now have virtually no choice but to plant GMO's, which is part of the strategy of Agenda 21, sad, but true.

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Penny Lane perspicacity2014 · a day ago

I have no blame on farmers perspicacity.. I agree there is no choice.

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Follow Cash Penny Lane · a day ago

GMO is all about max crops, max production, max shipping times ,max shelf life, and max fridge life.....

we the consumer want the best looking food/fruit no matter how it tastes, because we eat with our eyes firstly.....

we buy it if it looks good.....NonSanto knows that and changes/modifies these genes (A C G T 's...on or off switches)

to make them look good and last longer with max crop production..
Taste was never a concern to anybody or NonSanto.....and that is why GMO
strawberries will last 2 months in your fridge and taste like cardboard
....while Millers will go bad in two days if not eaten promptly.....BUT
Millers is delicious....and your stomach/taste buds
all agree. unanimously.

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Penny Lane [Follow Cash](#) · a day ago

Well said. I will copy that if you don't mind.
Everyone should watch on YouTube, The World According to Monsanto.
Til next time.

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Penny Lane [Penny Lane](#) · a day ago

Hmm. That one got through.

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perspicacity2014 Penny Lane · a day ago

Pollination is now a thing of the past? Really?

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perspicacity2014 Peter Easton · a day ago

Wind? I thought it was unreliable?

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Peter Easton perspicacity2014 · a day ago

Very reliable for some crops.

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Follow Cash Peter Easton · a day ago

and some humans.....
why why why why.....Mr Pumpkineater.....
you know absolutely nothing about Bioengineering Plants and Forced
Genetically Modified Organisms.....
Stick with your area of expertise.....
Space travel to multiverses.....

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Claud Henri Smoot Follow Cash · 15 hours ago

I think you need more dots to get your point across

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Penny Lane · a day ago

The seeds referred to in this article, are genetically modified or usually referred to as GMO's. Farmers today buy their GMO seeds from companies like Monsanto. Organic produce is from naturally developed seeds from the previous year's crop.

Any perfectly formed vegetable or fruit in the produce department is likely a GMO. Ex: That perfect shape green pepper is a GMO, those huge perfectly formed strawberries are GMO's. The smaller mis-shaped strawberries from Millers are organic.

There is much controversy regarding GMOs and seed companies such as Monsanto. Europe has banned GMOs. Federal Bills to label GMOs never get passed. Cargill, Monsanto and other GMO seed companies spend millions on lobbyists.

GMOs is a multibillion business as these seed companies have contracts with farmers to sell seeds and pesticide every year. Farmland does not have to be left for a season to revitalize its nutrients because GMOs don't rely on nutrients from the soil.

I have no idea as to whether GMOs are as healthy as organic or do they cause health problems over time.

One thing I do know is that I can eat strawberries from Millers, but have a serious allergy to GMO strawberries and blueberries, which begs the question, Why? Thank goodness their huge size and shape make them easy to identify.

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Dan Oliver Penny Lane · a day ago

I'd just like to correct some misinformation that you have acquired from somewhere. I am a farmer and Certified Crop Advisor.

1. The grain that farmers produce is a product of pollination. It is impossible to create grain without pollination. GMO genetics do nothing to alter pollination and seed production.

Seeds (grain) produced by a crop are, and always have been, a direct copy of the original seed that was planted.

2. GMO crops need nutrients to grow and produce just like their ancient ancestors. Common breeding selection has selected varieties over time that use nutrients more efficiently, however. Nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus that, if managed improperly, can lead to polluted water sources. This is a positive advancement. As a young farmer and general agriculturalist, I find it very alarming that there is a growing disconnect between urban populations and current agricultural practices. If you would like to learn about the true "goings-on" on a farm of the 21st century, and why we do what we do, I would be more than thrilled to have you and your family out to my farm for a visit.

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Penny Lane Dan Oliver · a day ago

Friendly response here. I would be interested any information that you can point me to. I rarely relay something on these threads from one article that I have read, but rather from multiple sources that I accumulate, including other than the Internet. But I am always willing to be corrected. Therefore if you can point me in a direction, I will genuinely go there. And I might take you up on that offer, because I do have a concern about the quality. That is from my own experience.

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perspicacity2014 Dan Oliver · a day ago

Would you mind stating your credentials in more detail along with just who it was that trained you please?

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Dan Oliver [perspicacity2014](#) · a day ago

I studied at the University of Guelph, with a focus on crop production, environmental stewardship, soil sciences, nutrient management, the list goes on. I am also a member of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association -- a not-for-profit organization that strives to improve our soil and water health. As a Certified Crop Advisor, I have successfully written international and local exams authored by industry PhDs (no, not Monsanto) and OMAF experts. To maintain my credentials, I spend 10% of my time with continuing education on Nutrient Management, Soil and Water Quality, Crop Management, and Professional Development.

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Penny Lane [Dan Oliver](#) · a day ago

Then, if you could provide some additional information, I believe there's quite a few here who would be interested. Thanks

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manny Dan Oliver · a day ago

Good of you giving this forum information about this important issue!
Thanks I think there are issues that really need expert advice on important issues!

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Penny Lane manny · a day ago

Manny, do you remember the name of that program on TVO? I went through their entire schedule up to Sunday, but with no success. Thanks

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[manny Penny Lane](#) · a day ago

It's called wind-turbine wars! I looked too but bell only lets me go two days forward! I will keep you posted when it comes up! Regards

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[Follow Cash Penny Lane](#) · a day ago

you are correct.....for the most part....the human body and digestion system does NOT recognize these modified foods that only bear a Physical resemblance to natural foods ,but are unwelcome invaders in our ancient digestive tracts..... they are NOT even welcome fibre.....as they cause inflammation before they are very quickly expelled.....as with zero nutritional value

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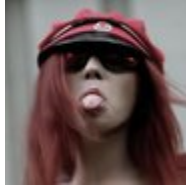


[Penny Lane Follow Cash](#) · a day ago

I did respond, but it is waiting moderation. Go figure.

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Norah G Fon Follow Cash · a day ago

Really ?!?! Inflammation and zero nutrition ?!?! That is TOTALLY FALSE !

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Penny Lane Follow Cash · a day ago

And that would support my concerns that the ever increasing cases of food allergies, crohns disease, asthma, etc. could be the result of GMOs.

Where did you find that?

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perspicacity2014 Penny Lane · a day ago

Watch Agenda 21 on you tube, this should help you to gain more information on GMO's and etc. Slowly, we are being poisoned to cut the world's human population to about only 500 million souls.

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Penny Lane [perspicacity2014](#) · a day ago

As to our previous chat, I am aware of Agenda 21. Don't recall the mention of GMOs.

But I've read enough about GMOs to avoid them as much as possible.

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silverbird · a day ago

If its a political decision to ban the pesticide it will be a bad decision ,if its based on good science than control of the product and application is the answer The decision to ban 24d as pesticide to control weeds in lawns was a political decision not based on science There has been no link between the product and cancer The product has been in use since 1947 and is still used in most States and Provinces Que and Ont banned it for retail sales

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fireclown · a day ago

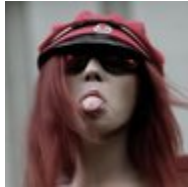
farmer tantrum!

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Norah G Fon fireclown · a day ago

NO ! The tantrum originates from bee conspiracy terrorists who recklessly and arbitrarily conspire to impose prohibition against insecticides that are scientifically-safe and, overall, will cause no harm.

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fireclown Norah G Fon · a day ago

that's the sort of tantrum i was talking about.

" bee conspiracy terrorists"

priceless.

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Follow Cash Norah G Fon · a day ago

they caused you harm.....listen to yourself.....

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perspicacity2014 Norah G Fon · a day ago

Wow, did you ever purchase a bill of goods, and your comments are based on what research of your own? Surely, someone told you this and so, it must be true, right?

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Soberdriver · a day ago

Wow not one person on the grain farmers side in the comments... pretty clear message I'd say!

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Matt Hicks Soberdriver · a day ago

I suspect my first comment below is not sending the same 'clear message' that you mentioned.

Though it's strange that you think it's a binary choice. I didn't realize I was supposed to pick a side over a situation that contains countless positions.

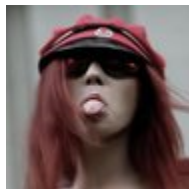
Regardless, speaking for myself, if everyone around me has the same opinion about something the vast majority of us know little about, I generally start feeling a tad concerned about joining into potential groupthink.

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Norah G Fon Soberdriver · a day ago

100 mere left-wing anti-neonicotinoid lunatics in London is NOT any message at all !

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Follow Cash Norah G Fon · a day ago

greedy farmer.....

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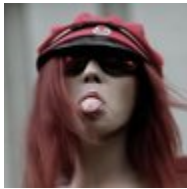


Unemployed Joe Norah G Fon · a day ago

Why don't you educate us 100+ left wing anti neonicotinoid lunatics in London about the organization you belong to.

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Norah G Fon Unemployed Joe · a day ago

We belong to NORAHG, which is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green space and other industries. 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.

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Will Panos Norah G Fon · a day ago

If you are defending or promoting insecticides which apparently you are money has to be involved, so quit lying!

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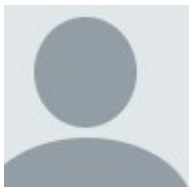


Zosha123 · a day ago

Without bees we will be without WEEDS as well so wake up and smell the exaggeration.

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D. Richards · a day ago

"This will cost Ontario farmers \$630 million a year...the research at this point is inconclusive," said Barrett, the Tory agriculture critic.

I call bullsh*t. Where's your proof? Typical politico, selling fear tactics, usually money- loss related, and always on the side of big biz.

"Stakeholders are not being listened to. We need sound decisions based on science," she said."

I guess the bee keepers are not "stakeholders" in your view.

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Tue Cents **D. Richards** · a day ago

I agree. It won't cost them anything. The costs, whatever the amount, will be passed on to the consumer

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lonikulanil h · a day ago

have to wonder what they did before this one was on the market

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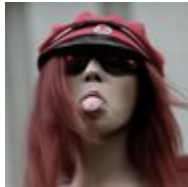
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Norah G Fon Ionikulani h · a day ago

Wonder no more ! People ate food from crops that were safe, and there was STILL NO bee colony collapse disorder caused by insecticides. Nothing has changed, except bee-keepers have proven themselves INCOMPETENT to manage their hives. THEY are harming their bees, and NOT insecticides.

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Tue Cents Norah G Fon · a day ago

Here are a few definitions for ya...

Bee...a flying insect

Insecticide...a substance used to kill insects

Are these insecticides insect specific? Have they been modified/created so as to not kill bees? How do they discriminate between bees and other insects?

So, if I understand your logic, then DDT wasn't toxic to avian species. It was just that those darn mama birds were incompetent in managing their flock.

I think you've been sniffing too many insecticides. You heard neonicotanoid and thought it was a new type of cigarette LOL

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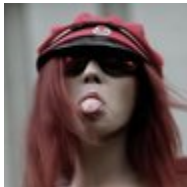
[Follow Cash](#) Norah G Fon · a day ago

look into the mirror.....for the face of incompetence

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[Norah G Fon](#) Follow Cash · a day ago

Actually, we are dedicated to reporting the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote ENVIRONMENTAL REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS.

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[Follow Cash](#) Norah G Fon · a day ago

Hitler and Stalin did a lot of that.....
ie ..were highly rated experts....



Sue Thomas · a day ago

Why do they think this will cost farmers \$630 million a year? Was the production that low before neonicotinoids were used? I'm all for supporting farmers, but I don't want neonicotinoids used on my food.

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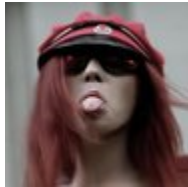
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Norah G Fon Sue Thomas · a day ago

In that case, you have a choice. You can buy organic produce, and spend 5 to 10 times more to feed your family. What is objectionable is that YOU want to impose this life-style choice against ALL food crops. Hence, the multi-million dollar price tag.

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Matt Hicks · a day ago

Excellent. Another supposed environmental apocalypse narrative that has been spread far and wide by our lazy media and has now settled into the public consciousness.

We sure don't have enough of those!

Less sarcastically, the scientific reality is, as usual, far more complicated, but at this point the extent of the extremist argument against their use can be roughly summarized as, 'Pesticides bad! Corporations bad!! Monsanto!!!! Gahhh!!!'

And of course no 'green' idea is too stupid for the Ontario Liberals to embrace wholeheartedly. Hello Green Energy Act Part 2!

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Tue Cents [Matt Hicks](#) · a day ago

Curious to know if you would have made the same argument when the use of DDT was being questioned

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Matt Hicks [Tue Cents](#) · a day ago

Of course. I much prefer the scientific method and sober research to environmental fearmongering and ideological extremism.

And in the case of DDT, I would have been proven right.

For instance, the WHO issued many revised guidelines loosening restrictions on DDT use back in...ummm...2006 or so because, if I'm remembering correctly, it was decided that whatever environmental damage that might occur - which, as is

often the case, was far less than what was being promoted by the environmental apocalypse fetishists - it was worth the trade-off in saving lives.

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Tue Cents Matt Hicks · 13 hours ago

You failed to mention that the WHO approved the use of this chemical in MALARIA laden regions of the world (Africa). Since when did Southwestern Ontario become part of the dark continent. You either omitted the information because you're ignorant or wanted to distort the facts. Either way...shame on you dude.

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Matt Hicks Tue Cents · 12 hours ago

Umm...dude. You should consider taking a deep breath to relax yourself.

You either omitted the information because you're ignorant or wanted to distort the facts.

a) I'm moderately aware of the facts surrounding malaria and DDT. I didn't realize I was supposed to write you a Masters thesis on an internet comment board that included the very obvious ones.

b) I'm well aware that these days it's pretty much only used in the poorer areas of the world where there's still widespread malaria.

Duh.

Did you believe that I thought malaria was still widespread in SW Ontario? Short answer? I don't. The reason why? Because like most people, I can read and am aware of this extremely common knowledge. Did you really need that spelled out for you?

(Oh...and if we did have widespread malaria, we'd most certainly be using it wherever we deemed necessary, as we did in the past.)

Either way...shame on you dude.

c) Spare me. I rarely feel shame because some random person on the internet gets caught up in a bout of hysteria.

Though the 'shame' aspect is an interesting topic. I wonder how much shame has been expressed, if any, by all those 'environmentalists' over the deaths of millions of poor Africans that were denied DDT by rich, healthy Westerners over the past few decades?

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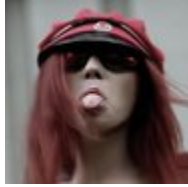
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"We need solutions based on Science"

What? Like solutions akin to former tobacco science research solutions.

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That is a very very silly comparison. Tobacco is NOT a regulated products. Insecticides ARE regulated ... they must be scientifically assessed for safety and effectiveness.

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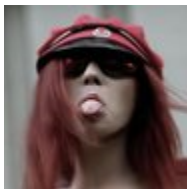


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Most Doctors recommend Camel Cigarettes , this Cigarette will improve health and sex. Where'd that come from?

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Doctors are NOT regulators, but, they are, and can be even today, a bunch of paid hacks.

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Everybody can be a paid hack AND in your case an unpaid hack. Thank god you don't charge money for the services you provide. You'd figure that farmers, who deal in sh*t all day, could smell yours from a mile away

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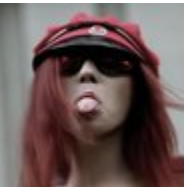
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the man behind the curtain (bayer monsanto etc) is orchestrating this but the so called journalists dare not expose thistelling the truth equates to job loss and black balling

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There is NO orchestration. There is NO conspiracy, except the reckless conspiracy AGAINST safe and effective insecticides. OF COURSE, these manufacturers, that have spent hundreds of millions of dollars having these products assessed for safety and effectiveness, will defend themselves against bee conspiracy terrorists.

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there is just no point to being ignorant if you don,t show itnow troll on down the road bootlicker

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Europe has already proved YOU WRONG.....

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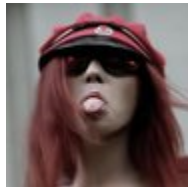


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Just a tad bit,,,, EXCITED, are we? You must be yelling to try to enforce your losing argument. Safe and effective insecticides is nothing but a huge lie, open your eyes. These chemicals kill, and not only insects.

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These products are designed to control pests SELECTIVELY, and otherwise, WILL CAUSE NO HARM.

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Will Panos [Norah G Fon](#) · a day ago

These products select nothing they kill all insects that come in to contact with this toxin, they are water soluble and contaminate rivers and streams,

you are poisoning the water, nectar and pollen that bees depend on for their survival. What part of that doesn't your small brain understand?

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sure didn't work on you.....keep trying

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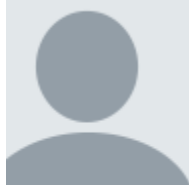


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it's a shill...and a shrill one at that...paid to lie

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some call them paid patsies

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