



Boycotting provincial discussion, growers to come up with their own recommendations at invitation-only session



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Boycotting provincial talks on how to protect bees from a controversial pesticide, Ontario grain farmers will hold their own talks instead, starting next week.

Beginning Monday, the Grain Farmers of Ontario will hold invitation-only sessions in Guelph to talk about neonicotinoids, which are applied as a seed coatings to most corn and soybeans planted in the province.

When the group is done, it will present its own recommendations to the province in the hope “that common sense will prevail,” said Barry Senft, who heads the GFO.

The province declared in late November it would have farmers reduce neonic use by 80% in a bid to reduce annual bee mortality to 15%, and would welcome input on how to achieve that by 2016.

While environmentalists and the Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) applauded that announcement, the GFO accused the provincial Liberals of catering to city lobbyists and ignoring agricultural interests.

Senft said his group's consultations also will include beekeepers — although not the OBA — as well as crop scientists, seed companies and farmers.

Proposed measures the GFO could come up with after about six weeks might include mandatory deflectors on planting equipment, to keep seed dust from escaping into the environment, or mandatory permits for farmers that would allow farmers to use treated seed where needed.

Senft said it's not too late for the province to give "sober second thought" to its plans.

Neonics have been one of the fiercest hot-button issues in Ontario agriculture this year, made even more intense by a wave of decisions in some countries to ban the pesticide entirely.

Beekeepers and farm organizations have quarrelled about the science, the perceived bias and the nuances of virtually every study that has been published.

Apiarists have said bee deaths have steadily increased with the prevalence of neonics; while some farmers have said any increased bee losses, if they exist, have been the result of a variety of factors.

Agriculture Minister Jeff Leal said the province's consultations are an essential part of a "robust and constructive conversation" that includes all Ontarians with an interest in the issue.

He said earlier this month, at a session in Guelph, that the province's proposal takes an appropriate "precautionary response to possible risks associated with the use of neonicotinoid pesticides."

It's also an approach, he said, that recognizes neonic use can be an important tool that allows for a reliable food supply for Ontarians.

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ABOUT NEONICS

- Common family of pesticides, typically applied as a seed coating.
- Protect plants from insects.
- Blamed by many for bee die-offs, which pesticide industry rejects.
- Banned in Europe, under growing scrutiny in Canada.
- Ontario wants to sharply reduce neonic-treated crops.

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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 Green space and other industries (NORAH G). Get the latest details at <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr> <https://www.facebook.com/norah.gfon> WILLIAM H GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G

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