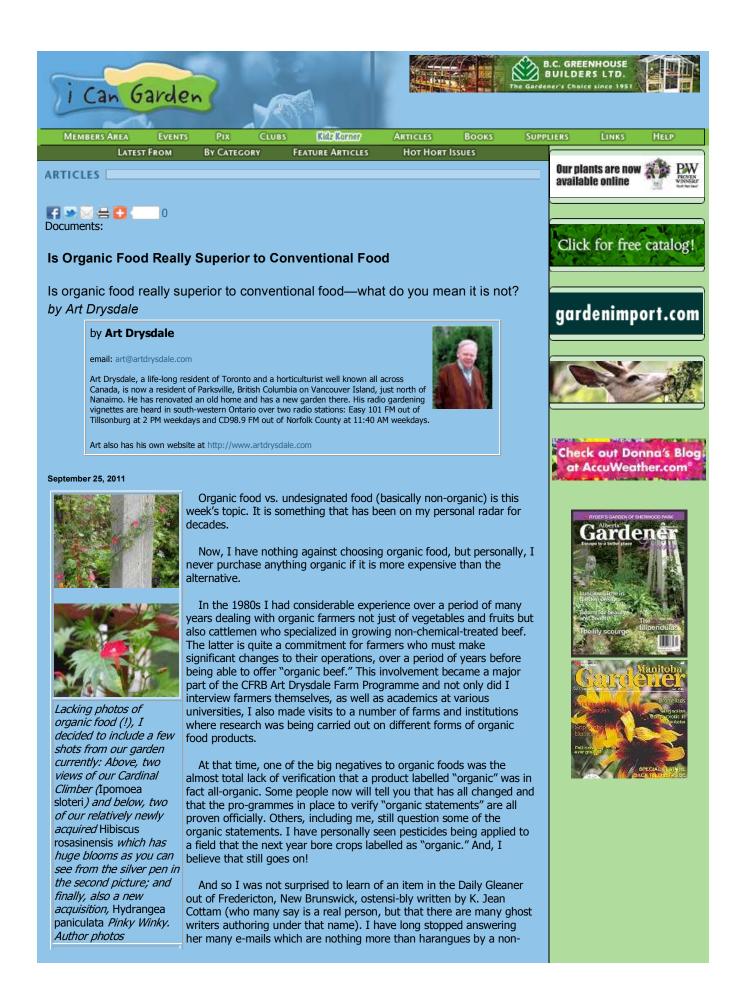
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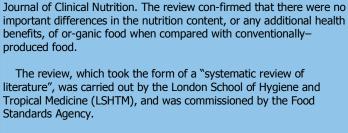
Some long time ago anti-pesticide activists, like K. Jean Cottam, concocted the theory that eventually it should be possible to prohibit the use of pest control products in the agriculture industry.

These non-expert activists have also alleged that organic pesticidefree food was somehow a safer alternative to conventional food.



On July 29th, 2009, a review from U.K.-based Food Standards Agency confirmed that this allegation about or-ganic food is bogus. The focus of the review was the nutritional content of food-stuffs.

This review was peer–reviewed and published by the American



The review, which took the form of a "systematic review of literature", was carried out by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), and was commissioned by the Food

LSHTM's team of researchers, led by Dr. Alan Dangour, reviewed all papers published over the past fifty years that related to the nutrient content and health differences between organic and conventional food. This system-atic review was the most comprehensive study in this area that has been carried out to date.

The Food Standards Agency commissioned this research as part of its commitment to giving consumers accurate information about their food, based on the most up-to-date science. The research was split into two separate parts, one of which looked at differences in nutrient levels and their significance, while the other looked at the health benefits of eating organic food.

According to Dr. Dangour, "a small number of differences in nutrient content were found to exist between or-ganically and conventionally produced crops and livestock, but these are unlikely to be of any public health relevance.

"Our review indicates that there is currently no evidence to support the selection of organically over conven-tionally produced foods on the basis of nutritional superiority."

According to Gill Fine, director of consumer choice and dietary health at the Food Standards Agency "ensuring people have accurate information is absolutely essential in allowing us all to make informed choices about the food we eat.

"This study does not mean that people should not eat organic food. What it shows is that there is little, if any, nutritional difference between organic and conventionally produced food, and that there is no evidence of addi-tional health benefits from eating organic food.

"The agency supports consumer choice and is neither pro nor anti organic food.

"We recognise that there are many reasons why people choose to eat organic, such as animal welfare or envi-ronmental concerns. The agency will continue to give consumers accurate information about their food based on the best available scientific evidence."

Allegations by anti-pesticide activists that organic food will someday replace conventional food are ludicrous.

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Even more ludicrous is the expectation that pest control products will someday and somehow no longer be nec-essary for agriculture.

Unfortunately, once anti–pesticide activists have completed their destruction of the professional lawn care in-dustry, they will terrorize and destroy the agriculture industry next!

The destruction of these industries is, or will be, the result of the carnage caused by the prohibition of conven-tional pest control products.

Any prohibition of pest control products is not justified because strict regulations based on scientific research already protect our health and our environment.

Incredibly, some jurisdictions arbitrarily prohibit pest control products that are, in fact, \dots

- Health Canada-approved,
- Federally-legal,
- · Scientifically-safe, and
- Practically—non-toxic.

Scientifically safe according to leading authorities: there are leading authorities that support or validate the con-cept that pest control products are scientifically–safe.

These authorities are educational, regulatory, research, scientific, and trade agencies that are considered as many or all or the following ...

- Experts
- Highly-rated
- Independent
- Leaders
- Non-profit
- Respected and
- World-renowned.

They have publicly stated that, or have validated the concept that, in one form or another, pest control products are scientifically–safe. These agencies are not unduly influenced by any stake–holder in those industries manu-facturing and using pest control products.

The following educational, regulatory, research, scientific, and trade agencies have supported or validated the concept that pest control products are scientifically—safe:

American Chemical Society, American Council for Science and Health, American Cancer Society, CropLife Canada, Health Canada, International Agency for Research on Cancer, The Fraser Institute, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the World Health Organization.

Again, it is your choice, but do keep these facts in mind when doing your grocery shopping, and if the price is higher for "organic-produced", definitely consider conventionally produced foodstuffs.

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