

## **FARM PRESS BLOG**

# **Ill-Advised 2013 European Union Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides Is Costing European Farmers Up To Half Their Crops**

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In some regions, large areas of rape-seed crops have been DAMAGED, causing farmers to plow them under and replant with winter cereals.

The German Farmers' Association is URGING A SPEEDY REVERSAL of the 2013 European Union PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

The German Farmers' Association warned that without Neonicotinoid Insecticides ...

*... rape-seed cultivation WILL DECLINE SIGNIFICANTLY in coming years.*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION — Deutsche Bauernverband, the German Farmers' Association, is the largest agricultural professional association in the Federal Republic of Germany . It is the umbrella organization of 18 national farmers' organizations, who call themselves in Niedersachsen people and in North Rhine-Westphalia and Bremen « Agricultural Association ».

In America, Anti-Pesticide & Environmental-Terrorist Organizations have been demanding that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ( U.S. EPA ) WITHDRAW the FIFRA registrations for several products in the neonicotinoid class of insecticides because they MOCK-SUSPECT they are having an adverse impact on bee populations. [ WRONG ! ]

So what's the big deal ?!?!

Most farmers could probably get by with one or two less insecticides ?!?!

After all, the amount of insecticide in a seed treatment is so miniscule as to be almost unobservable in scientific assays ... so PROHIBITION would probably have a minimal effect, right ?!?!

BACKGROUND INFORMATION — There is NO bee crisis because of Neonicotinoid Insecticides. Neonicotinoid insecticides will cause NO harm to bees since treated plant tissues contain only TINY AMOUNTS OF INGREDIENT, and since pollen contains barely detectable levels. Moreover, since bees DO NOT consume plant tissues, therefore, they cannot be NOT harmed by insecticides. Responsible Bee-Keepers readily admit that poor hive management ( i.e. starvation, weak colonies, fungal infections, and mite infestations ) and weather are most likely to blame for bee losses. Irresponsible & incompetent bee-keepers falsely blame their bee losses on Neonicotinoid Insecticide.

Actually, Grain Producers in European Union nations are learning first-hand what can happen when you PROHIBIT against Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

In 2014, ten months after the 2013 European Union PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides, rape-seed producers in the United Kingdom are EXPERIENCING CROP LOSSES OF 20 PER CENT TO 50 PER CENT DUE TO AN INFESTATION OF FLEA BEETLES.

According to the National Cotton Council of America, a trade organization for cotton production in the United States —

*In what should have been a perfect growing season, some rape-seed crops have been totally abandoned due to the beetles [ in Europe ].*

*Farmer groups warned of this risk well in advance of the PROHIBITION but were rebuffed by environmental Fanatics.*

*A Friends of the Earth report declared there would be no threat to oil-seed rape crops from the PROHIBITION and accused the farmer groups and industry scientists of scare-mongering.*

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** — There is NO bee crisis caused by Neonicotinoid Insecticides. THAT is a MYTH ! Friends Of The Earth ( FOE ) operates as an Anti-Pesticide & Environmental-Terrorist Organization. Not surprisingly, according to Friends of the Earth ( FOE ), the SUSPENSION OF PROHIBITION is deemed as somehow SCANDALOUS [?!?!]. The fact that FOE-Fanatics have expressed MOCK-FURY against the SUSPENSION OF PROHIBITION is all the more reason to cheer. Neonicotinoid-hating environmental-terrorists, like the FOE-Fanatics, HATE AND DESPISE THE HUMAN RACE. According to these environmental-terrorists, the best way to speed up the DEMISE OF THE HUMAN RACE is to attack the one thing that helps sustain and enhance human populations — OUR FOOD SUPPLY. According to the environmental-terrorists, if you rid the planet of Neonicotinoid Insecticides, the desired result will be lower food crop production since uncontrolled damaging pests will reduce crop yields. This, in turn, will lead to hunger, starvation, and ultimately death. PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides will lead to the DEMISE OF THE HUMAN RACE !

In 2015, in the United Kingdom, government officials granted emergency authorization to SPRAY Neonicotinoid Insecticides on oil-seed rape — a temporary measure under the conditions of the 2013 European Union PROHIBITION, which is not as effective as SEED-TREATED Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** — The EU prohibition is NOT holding ! UK growers are now allowed to use two types of Neonicotinoid Insecticides on their crops for 120 days. The FANATICAL PROHIBITION that was ARBITRARILY IMPOSED by the European Union ( EU ) against Neonicotinoid Insecticides is now SUSPENDED by the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom must be congratulated for joining the TRENDS AGAINST PESTICIDE PROHIBITIONS. Thank You, United Kingdom. EXPERT scientists are telling the United Kingdom that Neonicotinoid Insecticides are SAFER than they thought. Neonicotinoid Insecticides are no longer linked to so-called Bee Colony Collapse Disorder. Field studies have NOT shown that Neonicotinoid Insecticides are causing so-called Bee Colony Collapse Disorder. World-wide bee populations have been steadily INCREASING over the past decade — considerably higher than when Neonicotinoid Insecticides first came on the market in the mid-1990s. Both Europe and the U.S. are at or near ALL-TIME HIGHS ! Environmental-terrorists conspire to rid the planet of Neonicotinoid Insecticides to attack the one thing that helps sustain and enhance human populations — our food supply. PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides will lead to the DEMISE OF THE HUMAN RACE ! More information about UNITED KINGDOM can be found on The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-8Qc>

Farmers in Germany, the European Union's biggest oil-seed rape producer, ARE EXPERIENCING SIMILAR LOSSES because of the 2013 European Union PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

In some regions, large areas of rape-seed crops were DAMAGED because of the 2013 European Union PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides, causing farmers to plow their fields under and replant with winter cereals.

It might be different if there was any scientific evidence that the neonicotinoid insecticides are having an impact on bees.

University entomologists in the Mid-South have been conducting actual research on the issue and, to date, their studies indicate NO MEASURABLE IMPACT from the Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

Entomologists in the European Union would probably find the same to be true in their countries.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** — Bee Conspiracy Fanatics 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 Bee Conspiracy Fanatics, who are expressing MERE UNSCIENTIFIC CONCERNS regarding so-called Bee Colony Collapse Disorder. Consequently, Bee Conspiracy Fanatics are DEMANDING that governments go to EXTREME LENGTHS to IMPOSE RECKLESS AND ARBITRARY PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides used in the Agriculture Industry. Bee Conspiracy Fanatics RIDICULOUSLY ASSUME that insecticides are somehow causing bee losses UNLESS IT CAN BE PROVEN THAT THEY DO NOT. Bee Conspiracy Fanatics PRETEND THERE IS A BEE CRISIS.