Anti-Neonicotinoid Prohibition Inflicts White Grub Damage In The United Kingdom

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Crows Are Destroying Cambridge University Lawns

Two Colleges Are Now Having To Renovate And Re-Turf Their Lawns After Crows Took Advantage Of A Soaring Chafer Grub Population

The Use Of Nematode Insecticides
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Pembroke College Is One Of Those Said To Be Re-Turfing Its Lawn After Being Targeted By Crows Because Of EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides

The immaculate lawns of Cambridge University are being spoiled by crows feasting on European Chafer Grubs after ARBITRARY EUROPEAN UNION PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticides, it has emerged.

This population of White Grubs has SOARED after Neonicotinoid Insecticides was ARBITRARILY PROHIBITED by the European Union (EU) because they are supposedly toxic harmful to bees. [?!?!]

As a result, crows have had a field day digging up the lawns looking for the Chafer Grubs, a soil-dwelling insect that feasts on the roots of the grass.

That makes the lawn vulnerable to damage and when the crows dig for the Chafer Grubs the weakened grass roots mean they also dig up the turf.

The famous lawns at seven colleges have been DESTROYED, and two, at Jesus and Pembroke, are having to be RENOVATED AND RE-TURFED.

The colleges have introduced Nematode Insecticides, microscopic worms that eat and destroy the Chafer Grubs, in a bid to combat the problem.

[Unfortunately, Neonicotinoid Insecticides DO NOT WORK!]

But that is not without its problems and Jesus College had to RENOVATE AND RE-TURF their entire first court lawn because Nematode Insecticides DID NOT WORK!

A post on its Facebook page said —

The situation has become quite severe over the last two to three weeks and large areas of lawn have suffered as a result, First Court in particular.

THE USE OF NEMATODES HAS PROVED UNRELIABLE.

Our gardeners will apply topsoil and seed along with fertiliser, which the birds dislike [?!?!], once the destructiveness has ceased.

Some people are asking why some colleges are affected and not others.

Paul Gallant, the head gardener of Selwyn College, said it all depends on the type of soil —

The Chafer Grubs like light sandy soil like the soil at Selwyn.

Wolfson and Robinson don't have the problem because they're on clay.

Thankfully because the Chafer Grubs cannot fly very far or very high making it hard from them to travel between colleges.

However, Mr Gallant said that Selwyn's infestation had come over from the Sidgwick site.

In April 2013, the EU IMPOSED A EUROPE-WIDE ARBITRARY PROHIBITION of three bee-harming pesticides called Neonicotinoids, including the active ingredient imidacloprid.

In January 2016, this ARBITRARY PROHIBITION was reviewed, but in April 2016 it was confirmed that imidacloprid, a Neonicotinoid Insecticide, is somehow highly toxic to bumblebees [?!?!] and was taken off the market.

The winter weather could halt the problem temporarily as the cold will make the Chafer Grubs go deeper into the soil and out of range of the crows.

But if they do burrow down the problem will come back in spring, just in time for the annual May Ball.

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The Lawns Of Cambridge University Are Being Torn Apart By Crows Feasting On White Grubs After An EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides

Lawns at seven colleges have been blighted by birds digging up ground in search of the Chafer Grubs, an insect that lives in soil and feeds on grass roots.

The population has soared since the IMPOSITION of an ARBITRARY EU-WIDE PROHIBITION against Neonicotinoid Insecticide called imidacloprid.

The substance was outlawed because it is supposedly harmful to bees. [?!?!]

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Destroyed — The Immaculate Lawns At Cambridge University Have Been Torn Apart By Crows Because Of EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides

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On The Hunt $\,-\,$ The Birds Are Digging For The European Chafer Grubs, Which Feeds On Grass Roots, After EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides

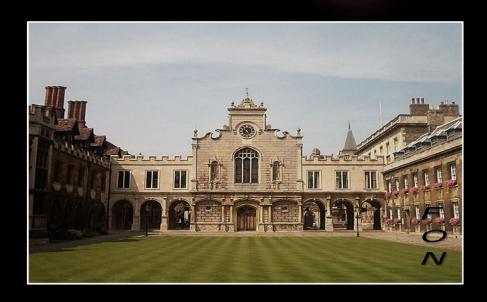
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Population Rise — The Number Of Chafer Grubs Has Increased Since An EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides

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At Risk — Some Colleges Have Been More Badly Affected Than Others, Like Peterhouse College, Because Of EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides

The problem is so severe at two colleges, Jesus and Pembroke, that the lawn is being RENOVATED AND REPLACED.

Gardeners have applied Neonicotinoid Insecticides that eat Chafer Grubs in a bid to combat the problem, but the method DOES NOT WORK.

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Torn Up — The Crows Have Caused Bad Damage To The Lawns At Cambridge University, Because Of EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides

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Pests — Crows Pictured On The Grass Outside One Of The Colleges In Cambridge University, Because Of EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoids

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Widespread Problem Because Of EU Prohibition Against Neonicotinoids

NORAHG Responds Against Nematode Insecticides — Using Them Amounts To Doing Nothing!

With reckless and arbitrary pesticide bans, green spaces invariably become PEST-INFESTED DANGEROUS GARBAGE DUMPS. http://wp.me/P1jq40-44q http://wp.me/P1jq40-4z3 http://wp.me/p1jq40-7C4 Cambridge University had better get used to living with GARBAGE DUMP GREEN SPACES, since it is IMPOSSIBLE to adequately control damaging pests, like European Chafer, without the use of conventional insect control products. Recommending entomo-pathogenic nematode insecticides for controlling damaging insects of turf is mis-guided and wrong! It would be better to do nothing rather than use nematodes. Entomo-pathogenic nematode insecticides are not viable, efficacious, practical, or economical green alternatives to replace conventional insect control products. Entomopathogenic nematode insecticides cannot be consistently considered as true alternatives to conventional insecticides, since the insect pests are often only suppressed, and not controlled. Laboratory and field tests tend to indicate that the best nematode species are only marginally effective in controlling insect infestations. On the other hand, conventional pest control products fully and effectively control insect pests. In fact, conventional insect control products, such as Merit (imidacloprid), are deemed safer than entomopathogenic nematode insecticides. NO ONE WANTS THIS #@!!% NONSENSE!

WE SPEAK THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT NEMATODE INSECTICIDES, FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE!

We are the <u>National Organization Responding Against H</u>UJE that conspire to destroy the <u>Green space and other industries</u> (NORAHG). As a non-profit and independent organization, we are environmentalists who are dedicated to reporting about Truth-Challenged Pesticide-Hating Fanatics who conspire to destroy businesses that are dependent on their use of conventional pest control products. We also report on the work of Respected and Highly-Rated Experts who promote Environmental Realism and Pesticide Truths. http://wp.me/p1jq40-8DV If you wish to receive free reports on issues that concern you, please contact us at ... force.of.de.nature@gmail.com We Dare To Defy The Pesticide-Hating Fanatics By Exploring The Whole Truth

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FOR THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT NEMATODE INSECTICIDES, PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING LINKS ...

NEMATODES -- MARGINALLY EFFECTIVE ... BETTER TO DO NOTHING (Web-Page)

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