

Protect Our Bees

A few facts about neonicotinoids

-  Neonicotinoids are a class of pesticides that enter the plant as they grow. The poison is present in the pollen and nectar at sublethal levels. Pollen and nectar are the only sources of food for bees.
-  One corn seed treated with neonicotinoids is toxic enough to kill 80,000 bees.
-  Elmwood beekeeper Dave Schuit lost 37 million bees – 600 hives – in June 2013, just after corn was planted.
-  96% of neonicotinoids end up in the soil – where they can persist for up to 19 years – and in groundwater. Neonicotinoids were found in 35% of wells in potato-growing areas of Quebec.
-  Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency admitted in 2013 that "... current agricultural practices related to the use of neonicotinoid-treated corn and soybean seed are not sustainable."
-  The European Union has already banned the use of three neonicotinoids. Italy banned them 5 years ago and they have found that bee-kill incidents have been reduced, while crop yields have been maintained.
-  Some nursery bedding and vegetable plants sold by North American retailers are unnecessarily pre-treated with neonicotinoids.



What you can do!

-  Tell the Senate Committee on Agroforestry how you feel about bee health in Canada. Email Kevin.Pittman@sen.parl.gc.ca.
-  Write to Kathleen Wynne, Ontario Premier and Minister of Agriculture. Email premier@ontario.ca.
-  Write to your Member of Parliament (MP) or Ontario Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP). You can find your MP and their contact information at www.parl.gc.ca.
-  Become a Bee Friendly Farmer or Bee Friendly Gardener
Eliminate chemicals and grow native, pollinator-friendly plants continuously, from spring to fall.

More Information

-  Find out more about Bee Friendly Farming® and get certified!
www.pfspbees.org
-  Read Pollination Canada's report, "Making a Beeline Toward Sustainable Agriculture in Canada."
www.pollinationcanada.ca
-  Visit the Friends of Pollinators – Grey-Bruce website.
www.friendsofpollinators.wordpress.com
-  Browse media releases and articles at Sierra Club Canada's Save the Bees Campaign website.
www.sierraclub.ca/en/Bees
-  The Ontario Bee Keepers' Association website has lots of information, news and updates.
www.ontariobee.com

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