



PETITIONING PREMIER KATHLEEN WYNNE

Save Ontario's bees: ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides

Ontario's bees are dying in massive numbers due to the pervasive use of neonicotinoid pesticides on our agricultural field crops. **Fully a third of our food relies on pollinators: without bees, Ontario's food supply could be in serious trouble.** Further, these chemicals leach into soils, groundwater and waterways, and can persist for years, killing not only bees, but other pollinators, amphibians and birds.

We already have sufficient evidence to prove that neonicotinoid pesticides are killing our bees. Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency has confirmed that last year's widespread bee kills in Ontario were caused by neonicotinoid pesticides. As well, dozens of independent, peer reviewed scientific research studies have concluded that these pesticides pose a significant threat to bees and other wildlife. Moreover, science and experience has also shown that in the long run neonicotinoids don't increase agricultural yield.

Join Ontario's beekeepers and their agricultural, environmental and scientific partners in urging Premier Wynne to ban neonicotinoid pesticides in time for the 2014 planting season. Ontario's bees are in unprecedented peril. **In the past two years alone, Ontario has seen a 35% decline in honey bees.** The time for urgent, precautionary action is now.

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