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## **EU agrees total ban on bee-harming pesticides**

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**The world's most widely used insecticides will be banned from all fields within six months, to protect both wild and honeybees that are vital to crop pollination**

The European Union will ban the world's most widely used insecticides from all fields due to the serious danger they pose to bees.

The ban on neonicotinoids, approved by member nations on Friday, is expected to come into force by the end of 2018 and will mean they can only be used in closed greenhouses.

Bees and other insects are vital for global food production as they pollinate three-quarters of all crops. The plummeting numbers of pollinators in recent years has been blamed, in part, on the widespread use of pesticides. The EU banned



the use of neonicotinoids on flowering crops that attract bees, such as oil seed rape, in 2013.

Read more in Friday's issue of [The Guardian](#).

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