



Neonics on One Corn Seed Can Kill a Quarter-Million Bees!

Bees Are Dying

By Alexis Baden-Mayer, Political Director at Organic Consumers Association:

In the 1980s, Bayer invented synthetic neonicotinoid compounds that could be applied to the seed of a plant and remain effective for the plant's entire lifespan.

By 2004, Bayer had agreements with the top genetically modified seed companies to coat their seeds with massive amounts of neonics.

By 2007, 80 percent of the corn seed sold by market-leader Pioneer (Monsanto's rival-cum-partner) was treated with Bayer's clothianidin-based Poncho.

By 2008, Colony Collapse Disorder was a worldwide problem.

Today, nearly all corn seeds and about half of soybean seeds are coated in neonics.

TAKE ACTION! Tell Your State Legislators to Ban Neonic Seed Treatments! <https://orgcns.org/4bF6nSC>

American Academy of Pediatrics Advises Avoiding GMO Foods Due to Glyphosate Residues

By Claire Robinson, GM Watch:

"The AAP report authors, three eminent pediatricians, note that glyphosate is a probable carcinogen and may be an endocrine (hormone) disruptor in humans. They also point out the link between high urinary levels of glyphosate in pregnant women with an increased risk of premature births. They add that other herbicides used on GM crops – dicamba and 2,4-D – are "possible" carcinogens, according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

Given all these facts, the authors consider what advice pediatricians can give to families in a climate of public mistrust of GMO foods."

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/42NK0GK>

EPA Proposes Adding PFAS To Hazardous Waste Cleanup Law

Shannon Kelleher reports for The New Lede:

"Federal regulators today announced a proposal to update the definition of hazardous waste in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to include a class of chemicals known as PFAS, a move designed to help ensure cleanups of these so-called "forever chemicals" at hazardous waste facilities.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s proposed rules will also add nine per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to a list of substances in the act that are considered in assessments of facilities used to treat, store, and dispose of hazardous waste. The updates will strengthen protections for communities located near the 1,740 hazardous waste facilities across the US, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said in a statement."

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3T6N25n>

Monarch Butterflies Wintering in Mexico Drop to Second-Lowest Level Ever Recorded

Paige Bennett writes for EcoWatch:

"Experts say the endangered insect numbers fell by 59% this year, blaming pesticide use and climate change for the reduction.

The estimated number of monarch butterflies migrating to Mexico for winter has reached its second-lowest level ever for the 2023 to 2024 overwintering season. The estimate, based on the size of the butterflies' hibernating forest area, has dropped by about 59% from the previous year, according to officials.

Monarch butterflies face three primary threats, including habitat loss for their breeding and overwintering; the use of pesticides, which can be toxic to the butterflies or can kill their food source, milkweed; and climate change, which can shift their migratory patterns."

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/49JUx7L>

Listen to Plants, Says Indigenous Forager and Activist Linda Black Elk

Kate Nelson writes for Civil Eats:

"How can we improve our relationship with plants, animals, and the natural environment around us?

On an individual level, it is about getting out there, introducing yourself to the natural world, and being willing to speak and listen. Plants do communicate with us if we take our time and approach them in a respectful way. For example, one spring day I noticed chickweed had started randomly growing right outside my kitchen door, which seemed so strange because it had never grown there before. Then I found out I had a thyroid issue. Chickweed has historically been used for thyroid regulation, so I realized that plant was communicating with me, being like, "Here I am. You need me."

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/48rhN9m>

The Beauty of Self-Sustaining, Biodynamic Agriculture

Dr. Joseph Mercola reports:

"It's like organics on steroids – this certification goes way beyond to guarantee the highest quality food, as well as greater nutritional density and concern for the environment.

Biodynamic agriculture is a spiritual-ethical-ecological approach to agriculture, initially developed by Austrian scholar Rudolf Steiner, 2 Ph.D., (1861-1925). Today, it meets both organic and regenerative certification standards, and then some.

Biodynamic farming provides superior crops both in volume and increased density of nutrients. Biodynamic farms are also completely self-sustaining — something that cannot be said even for most organic farms. For example, biodynamic standards do not simply require farmers to use organic animal feed. Most of the feed must actually originate from the farm itself."

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