

Hello,

Thank you for your wonderful work. I am doing what I can to educate the public about pesticide dangers.

Please view my video that is the result of months of both online research and talking with US state apiary inspectors, US state department of agriculture officials, entomologists, beekeepers worldwide and environmentalists worldwide.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_XnvZAcM0U#GU5U2spHI_4 or go to Youtube and search disappearance of the bees.

Please forward this video to your beekeeper list and suggest they might show it to growers that need hives to pollinate. The states in the United States that do not use much Imidacloprid, a neonicotinoid, for example, the state of Illinois which showed less than 2% use of this on their corn crops, had no colony collapse disorder... while New York and Florida who used up to 45% imidacloprid on crops and trees had massive losses.

We need to use common sense; it is a known fact that neonicotinoids are highly toxic to honey bees. The public has a right to know that these pesticides are highly toxic not only to bees but every bug except for spider mites. We have a mutual responsibility to save the pollinators while we can.

Jan 30th, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation announced in the past 2 years there has been a great bat die-off, somewhat similar to the bees, meaning the bats show a damaged digestive system and a weakened immune system. In one cave of 15,000 bats now only 1500 remain. In some caves the surviving bats in daytime, desperate for food, are leaving the caves early only to find no bugs, crash into snow banks, crawl on the ground or try to hide under some cover and die...this is symptomatic of bizarre behavior for bats do not fly out to eat in the daytime.

I am an American who will be visiting Stockholm June 15th through June 26. I would love to connect with any beekeeper groups that I could there and perhaps speak to them. I am especially interested in finding someone who could help me translate this video so that I can get it up on YouTube into German.

I recognize that fipronil the chemical agent in the pesticide Regent is possibly worse than neonicotinoids for it is stored in the fatty tissues of humans and causes several ailments including heart problems.

Blessings to all beekeepers,
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