

Canada will phase out two kinds of neonicotinoids in 2021, citing harm to bee populations

The federal government will begin phasing out the outdoor use of nicotine-based pesticides beginning in 2021

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Neonicotinoids, or neonics, are a class of pesticides used by farmers and hobby gardeners alike to manage pests like aphids and spider mites. Scientists blame the chemicals for weakening bees, making them more susceptible to disease and bad weather.

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The Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Canada will announce [August 15th] a three-year phaseout of two of the three main neonicotinoid pesticides currently approved for use in the country, sources close to the decision tell The Canadian Press.

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Health Canada is breaking from what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is doing an unusual move, considering Canada and the U.S. are normally in lockstep on such decisions and the reviews in both countries were a group effort.

While the EPA has yet to fully announce its decision concerning all applications of neonics, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [recently] lifted an existing ban that prevented their use in wildlife refuges.

Editor's note: For more information on neonics, please see GLP's recent article [Global consensus finds neonicotinoids not driving honeybee health problems—Why is Europe so determined to ban them?](#)

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