

## France's neonicotinoid ban a 'dead end' for farmers who need to fight pests

The ban on the use of neonicotinoids as of September 1, 2018 is leading to agronomic dead ends for many farmers. These agronomic tools help to fight insect pests, but there are still no effective alternatives today. This is one of the biggest issues facing stakeholders in the agricultural world.

.... [Since 1 September, the use of .... active substances of the neonicotinoid family is prohibited](#). This is not without consequences for farmers, who must control pests.

According to a recent ANSES report, " **biological** control, physical control by application of a protective layer (paraffin oil, clay ...), and sexual confusion control" represent alternatives to this family of insecticides .... " These agronomic tools can contribute to the fight against [pests](#), but there is no real alternative to neonicotinoids. The subject is vast and difficult, "says Aurélien Dubos, cultural advisor of the **Chamber of Agriculture of Eure**.

*Editor's note: This article was originally published in French. This summary was prepared with Google Translate and edited for clarity.*

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