

Ontario farmers support the responsible use of pesticides. The Ontario government is proposing regulations to prohibit the cosmetic use of pesticides that will affect our farming businesses. These regulations are not based on science!

The absurdities:

- No explanation or criteria for adding products to the prohibited list.
- Sports fields can be treated if hosting “national events”.
- Ontario’s Pesticide Advisory Committee has no role in determining where non-commercial products are classified.
- “Natural” products such as arsenic, mercury and lead are equated with “safe” while synthetic products are “unsafe” – where is the science?
- Outdoor plants can be brought indoors to be sprayed.

The impacts:

- Active lobbying to apply restrictions or bans to farming operations.
- Negative public perception of farming operations and products.
- Neighboring infestations of weeds or pests become the farmer’s problem.
- No new chemistry will be introduced in Ontario jeopardizing our competitiveness.

All Ontario citizens should rally against bad regulation. We invite you all to contact your MPP to insist the pesticide regulations be delayed to enable the development of scientific criteria as the basis for these regulations

**Farmers must insist on science-based regulation! Contact your MPP today!**

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