



Morrisons

Date of Report: 23 November 2011

Overall mark: C+

Comment: Has made improvements

| Pesticide policy criterion | 2009 | 2011 |
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| 1. Publish its residue testing results? | | |
| 2. Action plans to tackle residue problems beyond legal compliance? | | |
| 3. Commit to phase out specific hazardous pesticides? | | * |
| 4. Stated aim and actions to reduce use of pesticides? | | |
| 5. Pest management strategy promotes alternatives to pesticides? | | |
| 6. Technical support for growers to reduce reliance on pesticides? | | |
| 7. Info for consumers on pesticide use issues? | | |
| 8. Engage with consumers on unnecessary use of pesticides for cosmetic appearance of fruit & vegetables? | | |
| 9a. Does it promote pollinator-friendly practices? | | |
| 10. Does it reduce exposure to bee-toxic pesticides? | | |
| 11. Address potential loss of pesticides under new EU law? | | |
| 12. Phase out plans for PAN International targets for global bans (endosulfan and paraquat)? | | |
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Overall position among UK companies: Bottom of the middle group (joint)

We are glad to see that Morrisons has made some progressive movement in their attitude towards pesticide issues. In response to our study they shared their strategy towards minimising residue, control and monitoring of pesticide use. They are also committed towards eliminating some of the most hazardous pesticides in their supply chain. There is more they can do to further develop their work in these areas and to engage with their customers on pesticide issues. We would like to see them take proactive measures towards reducing reliance on pesticides in their supply chains.

We call upon them to

- Regularly report on their pesticide residue test results
- Invest in reducing the reliance on pesticides through investment in research and support for farmers in their supply chain to identify safer alternatives
- Restrict use of bee-toxic pesticides
- Recognise the importance of engaging with customers on cosmetic appearance of food and reduce the amounts of pesticides used just for cosmetic purposes.
- Engage with their customers on pesticide issues by sharing information about their pesticide policy, initiatives and progress on their website.

As a concerned consumer we call upon you to write to Morrisons to ask for more transparency and encourage further actions on these critical issues.

KEY



The company is taking concrete actions for a specific criterion and describes in some detail the aims and methods



The company works on the issue but gives no detail on how this is implemented, or lacks targets or reporting on progress.



The company may be addressing the issue, but does not provide any information on it, or the information is too vague to judge whether it is making a genuine effort



There is no policy commitment or no information provided for consumers

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Indicates that there is considerably more the company could do to address the issue, or to report their progress or plans. The star therefore indicates that the company is not doing as well in that area as companies with the same 'score' without a star.