

Pesticide policy criterion	2009	2011
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)

Asda shares very little information on pesticide issues in the public domain and did not respond to our queries for the study. In spite of that, the evidence we have gathered suggests that Asda seems to have made some progress in their performance on pesticide issues.

We want to congratulate them on their residue reduction scheme in citrus crops. They have also made efforts in identifying some hazardous pesticides in their supply chain. We want to encourage them to take this work further and share their plans for reducing the dependence on these hazardous pesticides. We would also like to see them publish their pesticide residue test results and share more information regarding pesticides issues for their consumers.

Overall report card category:

We call upon them to

- Bring their policy for pesticide use in their supply chain in the public domain
- Regularly report on their pesticide residue tests results
- Commit to phase out the most hazardous pesticides in their supply chain
- Prioritise the potential loss of pesticides under the new EU regulation by supporting farmers in their supply chain to identify safer alternatives
- Recognise the issues related to declining numbers of pollinators by reducing the use of bee-toxic pesticides.

As a concerned consumer we call upon you to write to Asda 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.