

Overall mark: B
fallen behind the front runners

Comment: Good work in some areas, now

| 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? | | |
| 9b. Does it reduce exposure to bee-toxic pesticides? | | |
| 10. Address potential loss of pesticides under new EU law? | | |
| 11. Phase out plans for PAN International targets for global bans (endosulfan and paraquat)? | | |

*indicates a company is not doing quite as much or publishing the same level of information for the given criterion as companies without a *

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| 4 - | 4 - |
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Overall position among UK companies: Top of the middle group

Sainsbury continues to be one of the better performers in our comparison, although they have fallen behind the front runners, due to giving less priority to pesticide reduction than they did in 2009. They support research and implementation of projects on eliminating residues and on pollinator friendly practices and have strategies in place on pesticide usage. We would like for them to share their pesticide policy on prohibited, restricted and phase out pesticides, and to reinstate publishing their residue test results. We would also like to see them engage more proactively on cosmetic use of pesticides with their customers. This is not only critical towards reducing pesticide use but is also crucial towards reducing food waste.

Hence we call upon them to

- Publish their pesticide residue test results
- Restrict use of bee-toxic pesticides
- Strengthen action on pesticide phase-outs
- Recognise the importance of engaging with customers on cosmetic appearance of food and reduce the amounts of pesticides used just for cosmetic purposes.

As a concerned consumer we call upon you to write to Sainsbury to encourage them to widen their efforts to provide you with safer food and call upon them to expand their areas of focus to include reducing pesticide use for cosmetic purposes.

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.