

TESCO

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Overall mark: B- Comment: Showing good progress but more effort needed in several areas

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?		
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)?		
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Overall position among UK companies: In the middle group

Tesco has shown some discernible improvements in their attitude towards pesticides. We want to congratulate them on their programme to support their farmers in minimising pesticide use. They are working on eliminating Endosulfan from their supply chain. We would like to see them follow suit for Paraquat. They share very little information on pesticide issues in the public domain. We would like to see them publish their pesticide residue test results and share more information regarding pesticides issues for their consumers.

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
- Reduce use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes
- 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 Tesco 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.