

**Overall mark: B-  
effort needed in several areas**

**Comment: Showing good progress but more**

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)?		
*indicates a company is not doing quite as much or publishing the same level of information for the given criterion as companies without a *	5 -	3 -
	1 -	1 -
	2 -	5 -
		3 -

Overall position among UK companies: in the middle group

Waitrose have made progress in some critical areas in their work towards minimising pesticide use and residues in their supply chain. They are investing in research and accreditation programmes with remits including minimising pesticides although we would like to see more priority given to phase out of endosulfan and paraquat. Waitrose provide technical support to their farmers to incorporate alternative methods. We are happy to see them draw attention to the issue of declining pollinator populations and investing in research on the decline and related issues but we would like to see them focus more on reducing exposure to bee toxic pesticides. We are also concerned in their lack of engagement with their customers on their pesticide policy. Hence we call upon them to:

- Publish their pesticide residue test results
- Publish more information regarding their pesticide policy and their progress
- 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 Waitrose 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

- \* 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.