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Dear reader,

Our strawberry report shows that most citizens are still exposed to dangerous pesticides. Substances that can disrupt the development of children or harm our health do not belong in our food, not even in low doses. They don't have to be there, for some growers show that food can be produced without these pesticides. But the EU is paralysed by the narrative of the pesticide industry. Instead of doing their job by protecting health, our drinking water and our environment, politicians plan to greenlight many dangerous pesticides. Let them know that you don't agree; every message helps.

Ban pesticides - For Health, Bees and Farmers

The PAN Europe Team

News from the team

EU pesticide approval system has kept neurotoxic pesticide on the market for years

The fungicide fluazinam can harm brain development, but this evidence was effectively hidden from regulators for more than a decade- new research from scientists at Stockholm University has revealed. This can be branded as a criminal act by the producer, but is also a serious failure of the authorities that should protect our health. So what's next? [Read more.](#)



EFSA's new health-based values for TFA

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has acknowledged that TFA - a common PFAS pesticide metabolite and widespread pollutant - is far more toxic to human health than previously recognised. The health-based guidance values have been cut by over 70%. PAN Europe and Générations Futures welcome this long-overdue step, but warn the revised values still are not protective enough. Nevertheless, EFSA's conclusions confirm NGOs' demands: all PFAS pesticides must be banned without delay. [Read more.](#)

European strawberries widely contaminated with pesticides

Many strawberries produced in the EU are significantly contaminated with cocktails of highly toxic pesticides. PFAS pesticides were detected in 58% of the samples. The most frequently identified pesticides are fludioxonil and cyprodinil, two endocrine disruptors that should have been banned under EU law. But it does not have to be this way. We also found conventional strawberries without any pesticide residue. [Read more.](#)



Wristbands expose pesticide exposure of farmers and citizens

A large-scale study assessed the level of exposure to pesticides, using wristbands worn by farmers and citizens living close to fields. The results show the important exposure to pesticides via pathways other than food. These are not included in the current risk assessment. A total of 173 pesticides were detected, with a median of 20 different ones per sample. [Read more.](#)

Commission delays ban on cypermethrin despite EU Court judgement

After our win at the EU Court of Justice, the EU had to take a new decision on Cypermethrin. Instead of banning this bee-toxic and endocrine-disrupting pesticide, the EU Commission has decided to shelve the matter and initiate a lengthy administrative procedure. [Read more.](#)



Families suffering from pesticides demand better health protection

Parents of children harmed by pesticide exposure, joined by a former Dutch politician who was himself affected by childhood pesticide exposure gathered to share their story and urge EU lawmakers: put public health first and reject

any attempt to weaken Europe's protections from pesticides. [Read more.](#)

Commission backtracks on promise to end EU exports of banned pesticides



NGOs from the 'End Toxic Pesticide Trade Coalition' called out the European Commission following media reports that it would not hold its promise to end the toxic export of EU-banned pesticides to countries in the Global South. The promise for a legislative proposal was announced in 2020 under the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS) to put an end to this double standard. [Read more.](#)

Conferences

06/10/2026: Protect our Health, Water & Biodiversity from Pesticides (in person in Dublin and online) - [Register here](#)

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