FOOD & WATER WATCH

SAVE THE BEES

Dear Friend,

Imagine you're at the grocery store. You walk into the produce aisle, but the shelves are scarce: just a few lonely potatoes where there should be a bounty of fruits and vegetables.

Welcome to a world without bees. And without our intervention, it will be our reality.

U.S. bumblebee populations have declined nearly 90 percent in the last 20 years. Between 2018 and 2019, we lost more than 30 percent of our honeybee colonies. But despite these devastating declines, Big Ag keeps pushing the Environmental Protection Agency to greenlight bee-killing pesticides — putting bees and our food sources at risk.

Saving bees isn't just about safeguarding the variety of produce we're used to. Bees are responsible for more than a third of the food the world eats — **without bees, global food inequity will deepen, with the richest populations spending more to stay well fed and the poorest suffering from increased food insecurity**.

We have an opportunity to stop this injustice, but we need your help.

Food & Water Watch uses people power to organize, mobilize and push back. With our dedicated supporters, we fight in Congress, deploy our lawyers to the courts, and organize protests in the streets — together, we'll save the bees and protect our climate!

Will you join us and donate $25, $35, $50 or more to stop the EPA's attack on bees and fight for a world where everyone has enough to eat?

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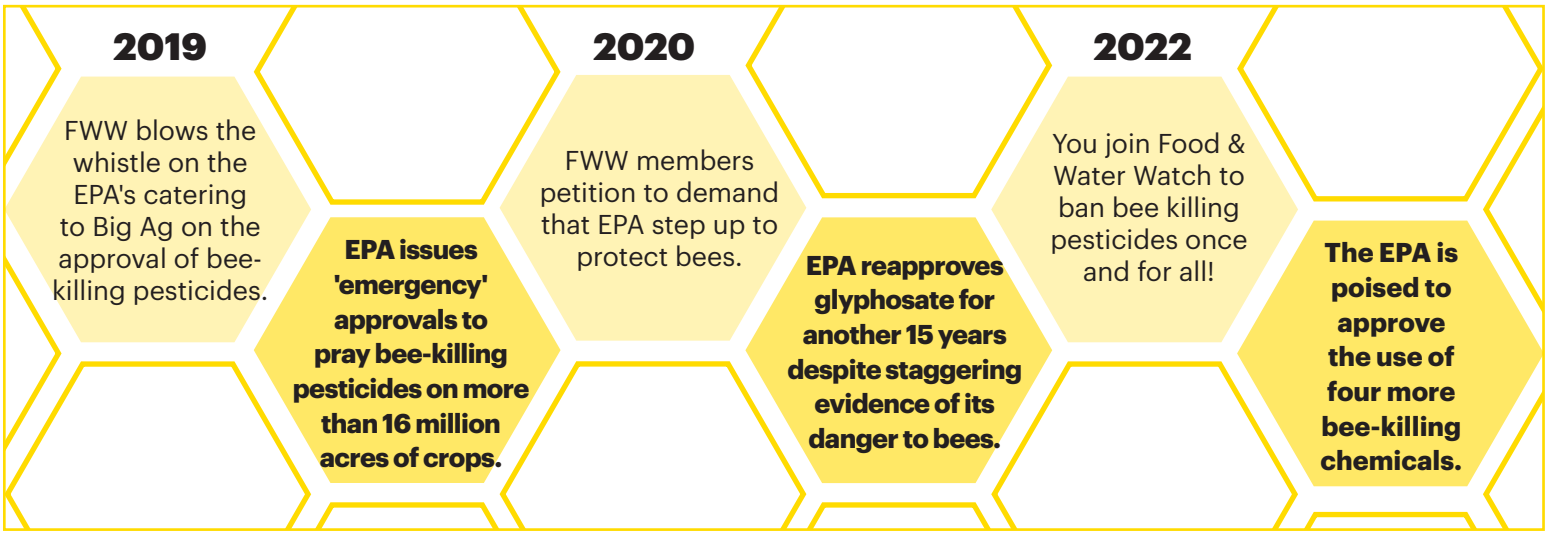

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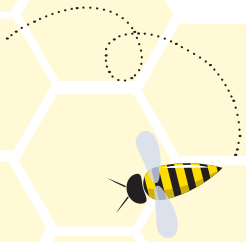
The American bumblebee has disappeared completely from eight states.



Their population has declined at such an alarming rate that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering adding them to the endangered species list.

The Environmental Protection Agency has that name for a reason — it's supposed to protect the environment. But time and again, the EPA has sided with giant multinational pesticide corporations, putting private profits over the wellbeing of people. In Washington D.C., money means influence.

We must put an end to this corruption. At Food & Water Watch, we fight for a democratic government that works for the people. We know that large-scale change starts with holding our government agencies accountable, and that means making sure they're doing their jobs to serve the people, not corporations.

While some Big Green groups think it's enough to condemn the use of bee-killing pesticides, Food & Water Watch goes further — to the core of the crisis. We're not only working to ban dangerous pesticides, but we're also fighting to beat back the corrupt corporate influence of Big Agriculture, to hold laissez-faire Environmental Protection Agency bureaucrats accountable, and to check the abuses of industrial agriculture across the country. We're saving bees by fighting for better food.

It's time the EPA put people over profits!

A CLIMATE WHERE BEES (AND PEOPLE) CAN THRIVE

Climate change is here, and we're all feeling the effects. Yet our government continues to approve the expansion of fracking and drilling, worsening air pollution and environmental destruction — and the impacts on bees are devastating.

Extreme weather caused by climate change destroys plants that pollinators depend on. It also disrupts the timing of plant flowering and the migration patterns of pollinators.

With you, we're advancing uncompromising, long-term solutions to the serious problems that are driving the climate crisis. Our grassroots organizers have already had incredible success fighting fracking in our backyards, including achieving a permanent ban on fracking in the Delaware River Basin and winning a directive from California Governor Newsom to implement a fracking ban by January 1, 2024.

We're working local, but we're thinking big, fighting to propel these grassroots wins into a national ban on fracking. With you by our side, we'll end fracking and preserve a livable climate for bees and humans alike.

TRANSFORMING OUR FOOD SYSTEMS

Here's something Big Agriculture corporations don't want us to know. We grow more than enough calories to feed the world, yet roughly 815 million people worldwide go hungry, 75 percent of them family farmers who together produce the majority of the world's food.

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That's because our food production is in the hands of a few giant corporations that prioritize profit over people. Big Ag uses techniques that make money but are unhealthy for people and planet alike — for instance, monocropping and the overuse of dangerous chemical pesticides.

These practices strip land of the rich ecology necessary for pollinator survival. In contrast, organic farming is good for humans and bees alike. That's why we're taking bold measures to transform our failing industrial farming practices into a system that is sustainable, diverse and local.

Farmers like Tiffany Tripp and her husband Andy are leading the way for sustainable farming. On their livestock farm, they graze their pigs on land that hasn't been touched in 20 years. As the pigs graze, they dig up native plant seeds which grow into a rich habitat for pollinators.

"We're seeing more diversity in the birds and the butterflies, insect population, all those things that are important for the farm." —Tiffany Tripp, GRAISE Farm, MN

When you join Food & Water Watch, you'll be joining a national movement to put an end to factory farming across America and ensure we all have the essential resources we need to thrive. We're determined to keep fighting until we fix the root causes of problems like these and ensure a more secure future for generations to come.

BUILDING A PRO-POLLINATOR FUTURE

At Food & Water Watch, we put people first in our solutions to climate change, protecting our food sources and the pollinators that allow them to thrive. We know that saving our precious pollinators goes beyond banning pesticides. Our end goal to protect pollinators involves systematically transforming our food and farming systems and implementing bold solutions to the climate crisis, including ending fossil fuel subsidies and transitioning to 100 percent clean and renewable energy by 2030.

And these aren't the only ambitious projects we're taking on. With dedicated supporters like you by our side, we're working from all angles to protect people's health, communities and democracy.

Please, give a gift of $20 or more today to join our movement for a livable climate, clean water and abundant food for us all. Together, we can harness the power of democracy to save our pollinators and promote food security across the globe!

Sincerely,

Wenonah Hauter
Executive Director

P.S. Food & Water Watch is working on local issues all across the country. Whether you're contributing funds or time, we're a people's movement reliant on your investment. Please join us today!

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