



# Raised Bill HB 5155 An Act Concerning Pesticide Reporting Modernization

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# Pesticide Use in Connecticut

- US Geological Survey testing of Connecticut Rivers show as many as 30 pesticides present
- One class of pesticides stands out, neonicotinoids, present at levels lethal to keystone river insect species, such as mayflies
- We are seeing declines in sensitive river insect life, the foundation of our aquatic ecosystems
- New threats are emerging to marine shellfish



# Legislative Progress Last Year! Connecticut Bans Use of Neonics on Lawns and Golf Courses—350,000 Acres



# What We Learned About Pesticide Use Reporting While Advocating for Neonic Policy

- Data from neighboring states is available, but not from Connecticut.
- Though applicators are required to submit information, it is uploaded as an image of a hand-written form to DEEP's eLicense portal.
- It's filed under the name of the person reporting and isn't searchable by chemical name. No summaries of use can be created.
- There is no easy way for researchers, the public, policy makers or the agencies to access the information on the thousands of pages uploaded each year.

**Part III: Commercial Pesticide Usage**

Pesticide Product Name	EPA Product Registration No.	Total Amount of Pesticide Used Before Diluting (check gals or lbs)	<input type="checkbox"/> gal or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lbs
Round-up	EPA 524-535	6.8	<input type="checkbox"/> gal or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lbs
4 Plus Post Emergent	EPA 2217-930	2.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gal or <input type="checkbox"/> lbs
Eagle Fungicide	EPA 62719-461	4864	<input type="checkbox"/> gal or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lbs
Dimension Plus Fertilizer	EPA 10404-86	408G	<input type="checkbox"/> gal or <input type="checkbox"/> lbs
Poly Plus Fertilizer	098638	408G	<input type="checkbox"/> gal or <input type="checkbox"/> lbs
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**Part IV: Certification of Accuracy**

"I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement in the submitted information may be punishable as a criminal offense, in accordance with Section 22a-6 of the General Statutes, pursuant to Section 53a-157b of the General Statutes, and in accordance with any other applicable statute."

Signature of Certified Supervisor: Robert Puszka      Date: 1/23/25  
 Printed Name of Certified Supervisor: ROBERT PUSZKA      Title: owner

(Preferred) E-mail Commercial Applicator Pesticide Use Summary Report to: DEEP.PesticideProgram@CT.Gov  
 Or  
 Mail completed Commercial Applicator Pesticide Use Summary Report to:

# Council on Environmental Quality

## Pesticides in Connecticut Report (2025)

- Identifies major deficiencies in the way Connecticut collects and reports pesticide use data.
- HB 5155 addresses some of these by requiring DEEP to “institute the use of modern technology and methodologies for the reporting of pesticide applications in the state and enable ready knowledge of where pesticides are being used, what pesticides are being used and the quantities of pesticides that are being used.”



# Location of Use is Missing for Landscapers

- Private pesticide applicators (largely farmers) report more information than Commercial Applicators (largely landscaping companies) including location of pesticide use.
- Please help us encourage the legislature to strengthen HB 5155 by adding a requirement that commercial pesticide applicators submit location information.
- This could be done in a way that does not expose individual addresses as is done in other states. (California and New York are examples).



## One Concern You May Hear:

A searchable database would make farmers vulnerable to being targeted for using pesticides.

### Response:

- Farmers' names and addresses appear in the current system, which the public can access
- Potentially a modernized system could provide farmers with more protections.
- The intent of this bill is not to target individuals, but to gather data to better understand what pesticides are going onto the landscape.

# Tracking Treated Seed is Key

- In 2015, EPA exempted neonic-treated seeds from regulation, despite evidence of extensive contamination and harm resulting from leaching and dust escaping during planting.
- Vermont has tracked seed sales since 2021
- HB 5155 requires seed sellers to report sales in CT
- Uses on corn, soy and wheat have been shown in hundreds of field trials to be ineffective.

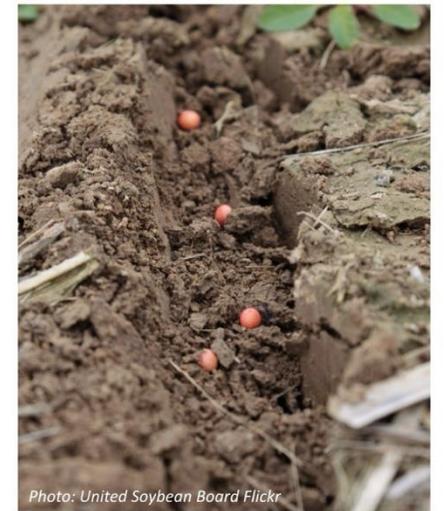
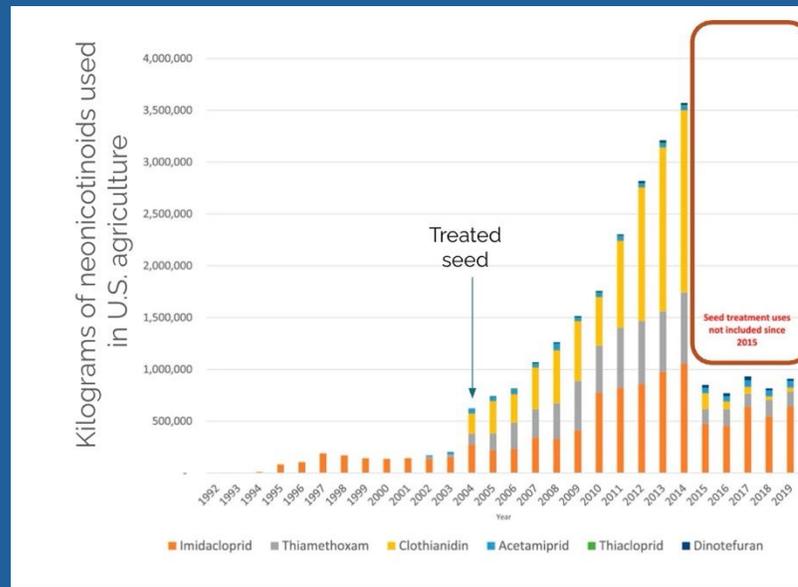


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# HB 5155 Aligns with DEEP's 20BY26 Initiative

- HB 5155 addresses goals (9) Enhanced Public Records Transparency, and (10) Expanded Tools for Online Services.
- DEEP states that while it supports the goal of modernization, it lacks the resources to accomplish that goal.
- DEEP gained a new employee as part of the neonics bill passed last year.
- A 2017 CEQ report states that the fee revenue collected by DEEP from pesticide businesses (up to \$3 million/year) would cover the costs of a properly-staffed Pesticide Management program.

