

# Organic Strategies for Community Environmental Health

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**The 37th National Pesticide Forum | April 5-6, 2019**  
**The New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY**

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

- 11:30am–4:00pm **Organic Land Management Tour**
- 4:30–6:00pm **Understanding Pesticides: Health, Law, and Media Reception**
- 6:15–7:00pm **Reception**
- 7:00–10:00pm **Welcome and Keynotes**
- 7:00–7:20pm **Welcome**
- 7:20–7:50pm **Take Nature's Side** — Joan Dye Gussow, EdD
- 7:50–8:30pm **Urban Vegetation: Ecology and Management** — Peter Del Tredici, PhD
- 8:30–9:00pm **Restoring Ecologically Disturbed Sites** — Eric “T” Fleisher
- 9:00–10:00pm **Book Signing**

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event. No scented  
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please.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

- 8:00–8:30am **Breakfast and Registration**
- 8:30–8:50am **Welcome**
- 8:50–9:50am **Panel — Health Effects of Pesticide Use: Children and the Community**
- 9:50–10:20am **Panel — Protecting Family Health and the Environment**
- 10:20–11:00am **Panel — Science and Ecology**
- 11:00–11:15am **Break** (move to workshops)
- 11:15am–12:45pm **Workshop Block I**
- Human Health and Pesticides ■ Supporting Biodiversity and Balanced Ecosystems ■ Leveraging the Law for Health and the Environment ■ Organic Soil Biology: Nurturing Soil for Plant Health
- 12:45–2:30pm **Lunch served, followed by lunch speakers**
- 1:15–1:45pm **Urban Farmers and Youth Leadership**
- 1:50–2:00pm **Supporting the Community**
- 2:00–2:20pm **Protecting New Yorkers from Toxics in City Parks**
- 2:30–3:45pm **Panel — Adopting Organic Management Practices: Inside and Out**
- 3:45–4:00pm **Break** (move to workshops)
- 4:00–5:30pm **Workshop Block II**
- Organizing for Local Policy Change ■ Organic Land Management: For Playing Fields and Farms ■ Housing and Schools—Organic Land and Structural Pest Management ■ Creating Just, Local, Organic Food Systems
- 5:30–7:15pm **Dinner** (off-site on your own, move to 55 East 59th Street Theater)
- 7:30–11:00pm **Ground War Film, Panel Discussion, and Conference Actions**

## A Call to the Conference

The challenges and solutions to current threats to the environment and public health are well-understood and require urgent action in our communities and by states and the federal government. The cross-cutting adverse effects of toxic pesticides to air, water, land, people, and wildlife call for an immediate response at the community level—as we consider management decisions that are being made daily by local governments, school and park districts, private institutions, and households. With action to eliminate the use of pesticides in land and building management and the adoption of ecological-based organic practices, we begin to reverse the pending catastrophic events destructive of the ecosystems that support life—exemplified by the dramatic decline in pollinators (the “insect apocalypse”) and the climate crisis.

The solutions require a broader community understanding of what is known and still unknown about the delicate balance that is disrupted when toxic chemicals are introduced into living systems. Bringing that scientific knowledge and the clear uncertainty of basic complex interactions—such as exposure to mixtures of chemicals and the impacts on soil and aquatic foodwebs of life—to every decision on a pesticide use is central to the accountability and transparency required of decision makers. In this context, understanding the limitations of current statutes and regulations governing pesticide use becomes central to decisions that nurture life, protecting against a range of pesticide-induced and exacerbated diseases, such as cancer and neurological, reproductive, and endocrine system effects, including brain and behavioral impacts.

While science informs the urgency required to protect health and the environment, our understanding of the practices that prevent or avoid hazards leads to the question, “Why wouldn’t we immediately transition to efficacious and cost-effective organic methods?” Bringing the voices of scientists and practitioners of organic to every community land and building management decision, and the adoption of a policy framework to accomplish this, has become central. For this purpose, the conference is intended to support effective action that leads to rigorous use of the democratic decision making process.

Communities on the cutting edge of adopting holistic solutions to avoiding future catastrophic events are embracing a precautionary approach to toxic pesticide use. This means stopping their use, recognizing the hazards and uncertainties, and adopting organic practices compatible with nature and the complex biological systems that support life.

Thank you for joining us at the Forum. We look forward to working together in moving forward.



Jay Feldman  
Executive Director, Beyond Pesticides



Routt Reigart, MD  
Board President, Beyond Pesticides

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11:00AM–3:30PM

- **Field trip: The Battery Conservancy, and Wagner Houses Farm**

4:30–6:00PM

- **Understanding Pesticides: Health, Law, and Media** [Library Reading Room]

**Caroline Cox**, senior scientist, Center for Environmental Health, Oakland, CA; board member, Beyond Pesticides

**Melinda Hemmelgarn, RD**, investigative dietitian/host, Food Sleuth, Columbia, MO; board member, Beyond Pesticides

**Warren Porter, PhD**, professor emeritus of zoology and environmental toxicology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; board member, Beyond Pesticides

*Sarah Blucher, moderator, science and regulatory manager, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC*

6:15–7:00PM

- **Reception** [Periodicals Room]

7:00–7:20PM

- **Welcome** [Library Reading Room]

**Jay Feldman**, executive director, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC

**Roult Reigart, MD**, professor emeritus of pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; president, Beyond Pesticides

**Sarah Evans, PhD**, assistant professor, Environmental Medicine and Public Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

7:20–9:00PM

- **Keynotes** [Library Reading Room]

#### TAKE NATURE'S SIDE

**Joan Dye Gussow, EdD**, author, professor emeritus, former chair, adjunct professor, Nutrition Education Program, Teachers College, Columbia University, Piermont, NY

*Melinda Hemmelgarn, RD, introduction, investigative dietitian/host, Food Sleuth, Columbia, MO; board member, Beyond Pesticides*

*Urvashi Rangan, PhD, moderator, chief science advisor, Grace Communications, New York, NY*

#### URBAN VEGETATION: ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

**Peter Del Tredici, PhD**, botanist, author; senior research scientist emeritus, Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University; lecturer of applied ecology and planning, MIT, Cambridge, MA

## FRIDAY, APRIL 5 CONTINUED

### RESTORING ECOLOGICALLY DISTURBED SITES

**Eric “T” Fleisher**, principal, organic landscape program developer, F<sup>2</sup> Environmental Design, Pottersville, NJ

*Chip Osborne, moderator, president, Osborne Organics, Marblehead, MA; board member, Beyond Pesticides*

9:00–10:00PM

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**Maida Galvez, MD**, associate professor, Environmental Medicine and Public Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

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- **Health Effects of Pesticide Use: Children and the Community**

[Library Reading Room]

**Virginia Rauh, ScD**, deputy director, Center for Children’s Environmental Health; professor, Population and Family Health, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

**Roult Reigart, MD**, professor emeritus of pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; president, Beyond Pesticides

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9:50–10:20AM

- **Protecting Family Health and the Environment** [Library Reading Room]

**Cecil Corbin-Mark**, deputy director/director of policy initiatives, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, New York, NY

**Emanuela Taioli, MD**, director, Institute for Translational Epidemiology; professor, Population Health Science and Policy, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

**Warren Porter, PhD**, professor emeritus of zoology and environmental toxicology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI; board member, Beyond Pesticides

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 6 CONTINUED

### 10:20–11:00AM

#### ■ **Science and Ecology** [Library Reading Room]

**Jeff Pettis, PhD**, *principal*, Pettis and Associates LLC; former director, USDA Bee Research Lab; president, Scientific Commission on Bee Health-Apimondia, Salisbury, MD

**Michael Hansen, PhD**, senior scientist, Consumer Reports, Yonkers, NY

*Terry Shistar, PhD, moderator, science advisor, board member, Beyond Pesticides, Lawrence, KS*

### 11:00–11:15AM

#### ■ **Break** (move to workshops)

### 11:15AM–12:45PM

## WORKSHOP BLOCK I

#### ■ **Human Health and Pesticides** [Library Reading Room]

**Virginia Rauh, ScD**, deputy director, Center for Children's Environmental Health; professor, Population and Family Health, Columbia University School of Medicine, New York, NY

**Routt Reigart, MD**, professor emeritus of pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; president, Beyond Pesticides

**Maida Galvez, MD**, associate professor, Environmental Medicine and Public Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

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Following the health panels, discuss the latest science on pesticides and their impact on public health—from cancer, endocrine disruption, to autism, including a timely discussion on glyphosate effects. Connect with scientists and experts for an in-depth discussion on the latest research on a range of health issues associated with pesticide exposure.

#### ■ **Supporting Biodiversity and Balanced Ecosystems** [Room 20A]

**Andrew Cote**, owner, Andrew's Honey; president, New York City Beekeepers Association, New York, NY

**Jeff Pettis, PhD**, principal, Pettis and Associates LLC; former director, USDA Bee Research Lab; president, Scientific Commission on Bee Health-Apimondia, Salisbury, MD

**Anne O'Neill**, director of horticulture, sustainability, and landscape design, Battery Park City Authority, New York, NY

**Paul Mankiewicz, PhD**, executive director, The Gaia Institute, Bronx, NY

*Rella Abernathy, PhD, moderator, integrated pest management coordinator, City of Boulder, CO; board member, Beyond Pesticides*

Protecting complex biological communities, given the catastrophic decline in pollinators and the general insect population, is foundational to sustaining life. Discussion will focus on the ecological imbalance caused by indiscriminate pesticide poisoning and contamination that sacrifices the benefits of nature, while identifying strategies for protection and sustainability.

■ **Leveraging the Law for Health and the Environment** [Room 20B]

**Joel Kupferman, JD**, executive director, New York Environmental Law and Justice Project, New York, NY

**Kim Richman, JD**, founding partner, Richman Law Group, Brooklyn, NY

**Urvashi Rangan, PhD**, chief science advisor, Grace Communications, New York, NY

**Michael Hansen, PhD**, senior scientist, Consumer Reports, Yonkers, NY

**Jack Agusta**, Environmental Law Advocates, Fordham University, New York, NY

*Paula Dinerstein, JD, moderator, general counsel, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Silver Spring, MD; board member, Beyond Pesticides*

In the absence of protective action from government agencies and business, litigation assists in curtailing pesticide use. Jury verdicts against Monsanto/Bayer for the harm caused by glyphosate, and cases that challenge misleading claims of natural ingredients force a shift in marketplace practices, despite government inaction. With emerging technologies, such as genetic engineering, and inadequate attention to long-term health and environmental protection, the limits of our knowledge raise the need to embrace a precautionary approach.

■ **Organic Soil Biology: Nurturing Soil for Plant Health** [Room 21]

**Paul Wagner**, president, Soil Foodweb New York, Center Moriches, NY

**Eric “T” Fleisher**, principal, organic landscape program developer, F<sup>2</sup> Environmental Design, Pottersville, NJ

**Andrea J. Filippone**, principal, architect/landscape designer, F<sup>2</sup> Environmental Design, Pottersville, NJ

*Chip Osborne, moderator, president, Osborne Organics, Marblehead, MA; board member, Beyond Pesticides*

Recognizing the critical importance of healthy soil biology and the natural cycling of nutrients to healthy ecosystems and resilient plants in managed landscapes is key to eliminating toxic chemical dependency in land management. Restoration of disturbed sites, damaged by toxic chemicals or neglect of ecosystem interactions, depends on keen attention to life in the soil. Learn how to evaluate soil, identify deficiencies, and develop a systems approach to organic management from experienced land managers.

**12:45–2:30PM**

■ **Lunch** [Library Reading Room]

**1:15–1:45PM**

■ **Urban Farmers and Youth Leadership** [Library Reading Room]

**Maria Martins**, urban farmer and youth educator, Bronx, NY

**Jess Turner**, herbalist, urban farmer and educator, Harlem, NY

**Christina Chan**, urban farmer and educator, Randall’s Island, New York, NY

**Gabriella Rodriguez**, outreach and communications coordinator, Harlem Grown, Harlem, NY

*Autumn Ness, moderator, Hawai’i organic land management project director, Beyond Pesticides, Kihei, HI*

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 6 CONTINUED

### 1:50–2:00PM

#### ■ **Supporting the Community** [Library Reading Room]

**Sarah Evans, PhD**, assistant professor, Environmental Medicine and Public Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

### 2:00–2:20PM

#### ■ **Protecting New Yorkers from Toxics in City Parks** [Library Reading Room]

**The Honorable Ben Kallos**, New York City Council Member, New York, NY

### 2:30–3:45PM

#### ■ **Adopting Organic Management Practices: Inside and Out**

[Library Reading Room]

**Gabriela Marin**, chief horticulturalist, The Battery Conservancy, New York, NY

**Patti Wood**, executive director, Grassroots Environmental Education, Port Washington, NY

**Peter Del Tredici, PhD**, botanist, author; senior research scientist emeritus, Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University; lecturer of applied ecology and planning, MIT, Cambridge, MA

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### 3:45–4:00PM

#### ■ **Break** (move to workshops)

### 4:00–5:30PM

## WORKSHOP BLOCK II

#### ■ **Organizing for Local Policy Change** [Library Reading Room]

**Mary Jones**, community organizer for Western Massachusetts and Connecticut, Toxics Action Center, Boston, MA

**Autumn Ness**, Hawai'i organic land management project director, Beyond Pesticides, Kihei, HI

**Ling Tan**, founding member, Safe Grow; pesticide group, Sierra Club, Montgomery County, MD

**Joyce Kennedy**, outreach and advocacy coordinator, People and Pollinator Action Network, Denver, CO

**Paula Rogovin**, co-founder, New Yorkers for Pesticide-Free Parks, retired New York City public school teacher, Teaneck, NJ

**Mitchel Cohen**, coordinator, No Spray Coalition, New York, NY

*Drew Toher, moderator, community resource and policy director, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC*

Local and state campaigns assert the right to a safe environment protective of children, families, and workers by eliminating the use of toxic pesticides that are not necessary to manage landscapes and grow food. Elected officials are increasingly held accountable to exercise their responsibility to restrict pesticides and adopt organic practices in the face of inaction and existing policies that allow daily poisoning and contamination. Share strategies, challenges, and successes in designing effective campaigns.



## SATURDAY, APRIL 6 CONTINUED

### ■ **Organic Land Management: For Playing Fields and Farms** [Room 21]

**Chip Osborne**, president, Osborne Organics, Marblehead, MA; board member, Beyond Pesticides

**Eric “T” Fleisher**, principal, organic landscape program developer, F<sup>2</sup> Environmental Design, Pottersville, NJ

**Andrea J. Filippone**, principal, architect/landscape designer, F<sup>2</sup> Environmental Design, Pottersville, NJ

**Will Axelrod**, head gardener, Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm, Brooklyn, NY

*Colehour Bondera, moderator, farm owner, Kanalani Ohana Farm, Honaunau, HI; board member, Beyond Pesticides*

Organic land management, whether in agriculture or parks and playing fields, requires an approach that recognizes the importance and value of natural systems. While the adoption of ecological-based methods requires a reorientation from a product-based approach to a management system in sync with nature, the discussion will address the elements of an organic plan, organic compatible inputs, soil health, long-term cost-savings, reduced water use, and plant resiliency.

### ■ **Housing and Schools—Organic Land and Structural Pest Management**

[Room 20A]

**Andrea Mata**, senior manager, Community Health Initiatives, New York City Housing Authority, New York, NY

**Erin Johnson**, urban farm service corps, Green City Force, New York, NY

**Patrick Pizzo, EdD**, assistant superintendent for business and finance, East Meadows Schools, East Meadows, NY

*Patti Wood, moderator, executive director, Grassroots Environmental Education, Port Washington, NY*

Creating safe spaces where children live, learn, and play requires a consideration of the indoor and outdoor environment. The New York City Housing Authority in providing space for urban farms, when managed organically, offers an opportunity for residents to become a part of the food production system. The work at East Meadow School District, NY is a model for the region and nation on eliminating toxic materials in school management. Discuss the model practices being carried out at these cutting edge sites.

### ■ **Creating Just, Local, Organic Food Systems** [Room 20B]

**Michelle Cashen**, farmer and project manager, Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm, Brooklyn, NY

**Maria Martins**, urban farmer and youth educator, Bronx, NY

**Jess Turner**, herbalist, urban grower, and educator, Harlem, NY

**Christina Chan**, urban farmer and educator, Randall’s Island, New York, NY

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Ensuring a healthy food production system and access to healthy food is a basic tenet to healthy lives. People in greater numbers care about how their food is grown, its impact on the environment and workers, and safety from toxic residues. Examples abound of local, healthy, organic food systems that produce crops with respect for nature. Discussion will focus on how food systems operate, community gardens and urban agriculture, inspiring youth, and the importance of consumer and community support.

### 5:30-7:15PM

- **Dinner Break** (off-site, move to dinner; theater at 55 East 59th Street, see below)

### 7:30-11:00PM

- **Documentary, "Groundwar," Film Screening, New York City Premiere**  
[Florence Gould Hall]

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New York, NY

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- **Panel and Audience Discussion, and Conference Actions**

**Andrew Nisker**, writer, director, *Ground War*, Take Action Films, Toronto, Ontario, CDN

**Dewayne "Lee" Johnson**, former groundskeeper; won landmark case against Monsanto (Roundup™) for health and punitive damages, Vallejo, CA

**Chip Osborne**, president, Osborne Organics, Marblehead, MA; board member, Beyond Pesticides

**Ling Tan**, founding member, Safe Grow; pesticide group, Sierra Club, Montgomery County, MD

*Jay Feldman, moderator, executive director, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC*

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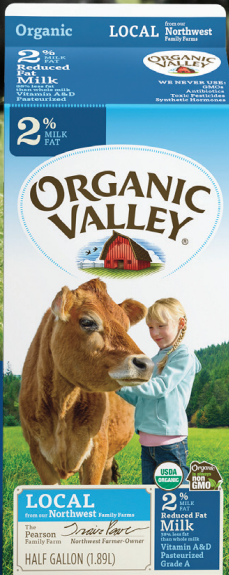
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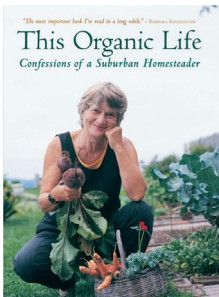


## The Fight Against Monsanto's Roundup: The Politics of Pesticides, 2019

MITCHEL COHEN

In an age where banned pesticides are simply replaced with newer and more deadly ones, and where corpora-

tions such as Monsanto, Bayer, Dow and DuPont scuttle attempts to regulate the products they manufacture, what is the effective, practical, and philosophical framework for banning glyphosate and other pesticides? The book reinforces the immediate need to link science and activism in fighting the power of vested economic interests over public health and safety decisions, as we advance the changes required for a sustainable, regenerative, and just future.

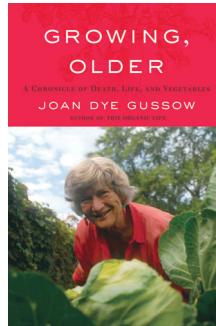


## This Organic Life, 2002

JOAN GUSSOW, EdD

At the heart of *This Organic Life* is the premise that locally grown food eaten in season makes sense economically, ecologically, and gastronomically.

Joan's story is funny and fiery as she points out the absurdities we have unthinkingly come to accept. You won't find an electric can opener in this woman's house. In fact, you probably won't find many cans, as Joan has discovered ways to nourish herself, literally and spiritually, from her own backyard. If you are looking for a tale of courage and independence in a setting that is entirely familiar, read her story.

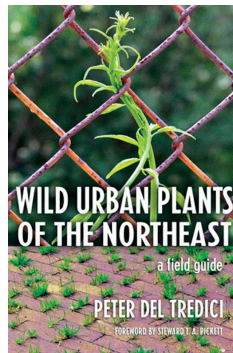


## Growing, Older, 2010

JOAN GUSSOW, EdD

This is not a tale, or message, of gloom. Rather it is an affirmation of a life's work-and work in general. Lacking a partner's assistance, Gussow continued the hard labor of

growing her own year-round diet. She dealt single-handedly with a rising tidal river that regularly drowned her garden, with muskrat interlopers, broken appliances, bodily decay, and river trash-all the while bucking popular notions of how "an elderly widowed woman" ought to behave. Gussow delivers another literary gem-one that women curious about aging, gardeners curious about contending with increasingly intense weather, or environmentalists curious about the future will embrace.



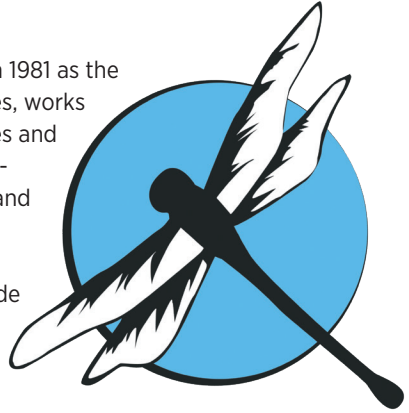
## Wild Urban Plants of the Northeast, 2010

PETER DEL TREDICI, PhD

Peter Del Tredici's *Wild Urban Plants of the Northeast* covers 222 species that flourish without human assistance or approval. Rather

than vilifying such plants as weeds, Del Tredici stresses that it is important to notice, recognize, and appreciate their contribution to the quality of urban life. Each entry is accompanied by original full-color photographs by the author which show the plants' characteristics and growth forms in their typical habitats. Read this book to learn about the ecology of urban plants.

**BEYOND PESTICIDES**, founded in 1981 as the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, works with allies for a future free of hazardous pesticides and collaborates with grassroots people and organizations to educate the public on pesticide hazards and promote non-toxic alternatives. The founders felt that without the existence of such an organized, national network, local, state and national pesticide policy would become, under chemical industry pressure, increasingly unresponsive to public health and environmental concerns.



## BEYOND PESTICIDES' DATABASES THAT SUPPORT ACTION

**Gateway on Pesticide Hazards and Safe Pest Management** ([www.beyondpesticides.org/gateway](http://www.beyondpesticides.org/gateway)) — Lists the health and environmental effects of more than 350 registered pesticide active ingredients and is searchable by chemical name, product names, or health and environmental effects. **BEE Protective Science** ([www.beeprotective.org](http://www.beeprotective.org)) — Database of over 165 studies, *What the Science Shows*, identifies adverse effects to bees and pollinators from pesticides. **Eating with a Conscience** ([www.eatingwithaconscience.org](http://www.eatingwithaconscience.org)) — Designed to help support the urgent need for a major shift to organic food consumption, the database includes information on over 80 crops. **ManageSafe™** ([www.beyondpesticides.org/managesafe](http://www.beyondpesticides.org/managesafe)) — Designed to provide information about least-toxic pest management in the home and garden, this database is organized by pest and gives the user all of the resources needed to mitigate the unwanted organism without using harmful pesticides. **Daily News Blog** ([www.beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog](http://www.beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog)) — The *Daily News Blog* is updated every weekday, providing current information on pesticides, alternatives and pertinent issues around the country. **Action of the Week** provides the public with weekly opportunities to take action to protect health and the environment. To receive action alerts, email [info@beyondpesticides.org](mailto:info@beyondpesticides.org).

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