



## PesticideSmart News

January 2018 Newsletter

New Year Greetings!!

Join us in starting the new year by taking just a few simple actions for a healthier personal lifestyle and a healthier world. You can make a difference this month by increasing your organic purchases and holding retailers responsible for honest advertising.

**The Vote with Your Fork, Vote with Your Wallet, Go Organic! Campaign is now live and will be growing at [GoOrganicMD.org](http://GoOrganicMD.org)!** While our monthly newsletter will include some Campaign highlights, visit our new site to learn about the Go Organic Campaign's mission, partners, and many connections for healthy living--from lower cost organic food to crib bumpers, cosmetics, linens and more. Take the first step toward a lifestyle with less pesticide impacts to your health, your family, our state and world. [Visit GoOrganicMD.org here.](http://GoOrganicMD.org)



### IN THE NEWS



**Did you know that Bigelow tea contains toxic weed killer? Tell Bigelow: There's nothing 'natural' about Monsanto's Roundup(R) in my tea. [Read more.](#)**



- **Raising the Bar: Choosing healthy snack bars versus gimmicky junk food.** Legitimate claims or just marketing hype? This report from the Cornucopia Institute examines what's really in the bars, and whether some bars are healthier than others. [Read more.](#)



- **The best organic, eco-friendly coffee brands.** Many pesticides banned in the U.S. are used to grow coffee beans abroad. [Read more.](#)



- **Study finds U.S. organic farming hotspots have a positive economic impact,** lowering county-level poverty rates with higher median household incomes. [Read more.](#)

## ORGANIC FOOD ON A BUDGET



**Just adding a few more organic food items to your shopping cart can improve your health by lowering your chemical body burden.** Environmental Working Group's [Dirty Dozen](#) and [Clean 15](#) provide guidance on what conventionally-grown produce to avoid, and what to prioritize when buying organic produce. **Also check out Food Babe's** ["How To Eat Organic On A Budget."](#)

## POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ



- **EPA considers spraying of bee-killing pesticide on 165 million acres of U.S. farmland.** [Read more.](#)

- **Pesticides more harmful to bees than previously thought.** Intensive agriculture makes them more vulnerable. [Read more.](#)

- **Bumblebee queens slower to start colonies after minimal neonic pesticide exposure.** [Read more.](#)

*Help the Maryland Pesticide Education Network continue to protect our babies, bees and the Bay.*

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## OTHER NEWS & VIEWS



- **Toxic exposures may cost the world 10% of GDP**

Current calculations woefully underestimate how much pollution costs countries, say researchers. [Read more.](#)

- **Center for Biological Diversity's 12/17 analysis: EPA routinely allows ongoing use of untested pesticides.** [Read more.](#)



- California has officially listed chlorpyrifos as a "developmental toxicant." [Read more.](#)

- The number of people over age 50 testing positive for glyphosate rose 500% between 1993 & 2016. [Read more.](#)

## TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING



[Best winter de-icers](#)

[Best air purifiers](#)

[Best baby strollers](#)

[Create a winter refuge for beneficial wildlife](#)

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