Canadian Consumer Specialty Products
Association
Survey of BC Residents Regarding a Potential
Pesticide Ban

Executive Summary of Results

July 21, 2011

Executive summary

- This summary presents an overview of the results of a short survey of BC residents. The survey was administered using Vision Critical / Angus Reid's BC online panel, representative of BC residents aged 18 and over. It was fielded on July 6 and 7, 2011.
- This executive summary presents key charts and tables representing responses to the main questions on the survey.

Respondent profile: geographic distribution

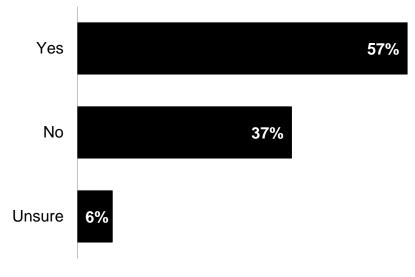
	All respondents (n=805)		
Region			
GVRD / Lower Mainland*	51%		
Vancouver Island	21%		
Southern Interior	22%		
North / Interior	6%		
Urban versus Rural			
Urban**	88%		
Rural	12%		

^{*}Lower Mainland includes Abbotsford, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley, Lion's Bay, Maple Ridge, Westminster, North Vancouver, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Tsawwassen, City of Vancouver, White Rock

^{**} Urban / rural is based on classification of postal codes by Stats Canada and is based on population concentration

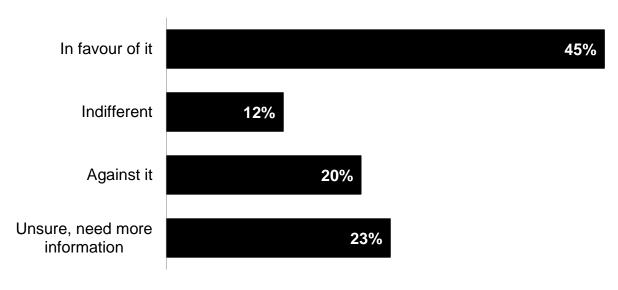
Awareness of a potential pesticide ban in BC

Have you heard that the BC government is considering a ban on the use of pesticides on residential property and/or public green spaces across BC?



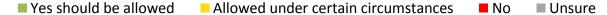
Attitudes toward a potential ban

How would you describe your general attitude towards a ban on the use of pesticides on residential property and/or public green spaces across BC?



Attitudes toward insect control scenarios

For each of the following, please indicate whether you think it should be allowed, not allowed, or allowed under certain circumstances.

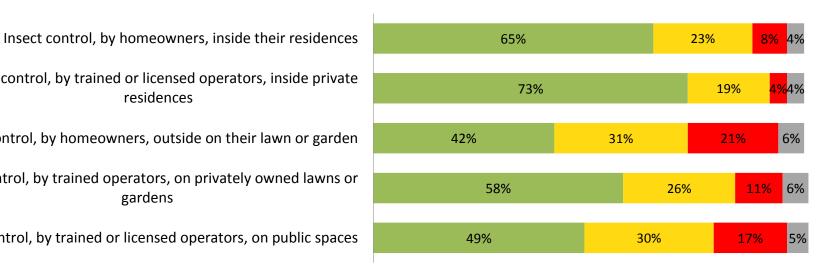


Insect control, by trained or licensed operators, inside private residences

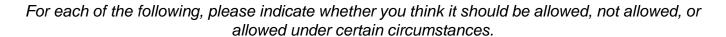
Insect control, by homeowners, outside on their lawn or garden

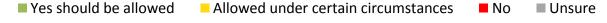
Insect control, by trained operators, on privately owned lawns or gardens

Insect control, by trained or licensed operators, on public spaces



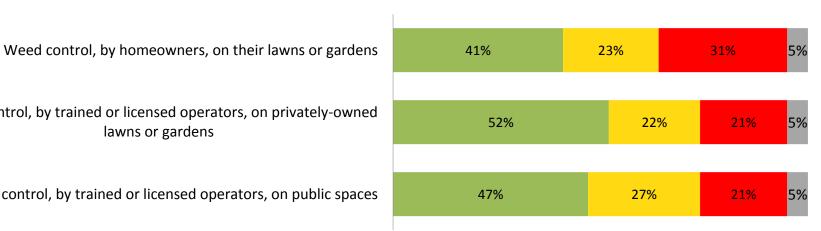
Attitudes toward weed control scenarios





Weed control, by trained or licensed operators, on privately-owned lawns or gardens

Weed control, by trained or licensed operators, on public spaces



Ranking of scenarios, in order of sum of "yes" and "yes, under certain circumstances"

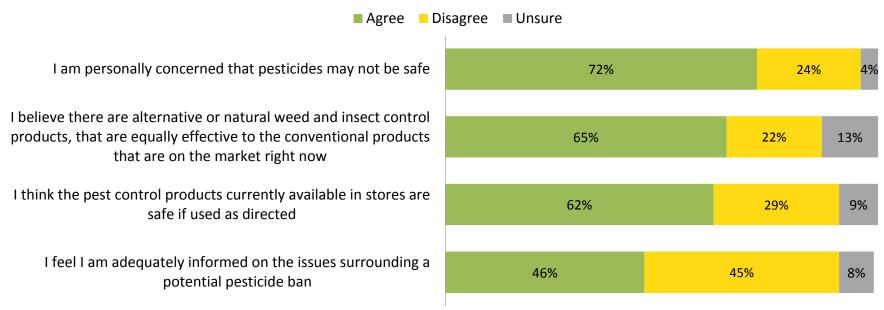
N=805, entire sample	Yes, should be allowed	Yes, should be allowed under certain circumstances	No, should not be allowed	Unsure
Insect control by licensed or trained applicators, inside private residences	73%	19%	4%	4%
Insect control applied by homeowners, inside private residences	65%	23%	8%	4%
Insect control applied by licensed or trained applicators, outside on private property	58%	26%	11%	6%
Insect control applied by licensed or trained applicators, on public spaces	49%	30%	17%	5%
Weed control applied by licensed or trained applicators, on private property	52%	22%	21%	5%
Weed control applied by licensed or trained applicators, on public spaces	47%	27%	21%	5%
Insect control applied by homeowners, outside on their lawn/garden	42%	31%	21%	6%
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Further analysis of the pattern of responses to the scenarios

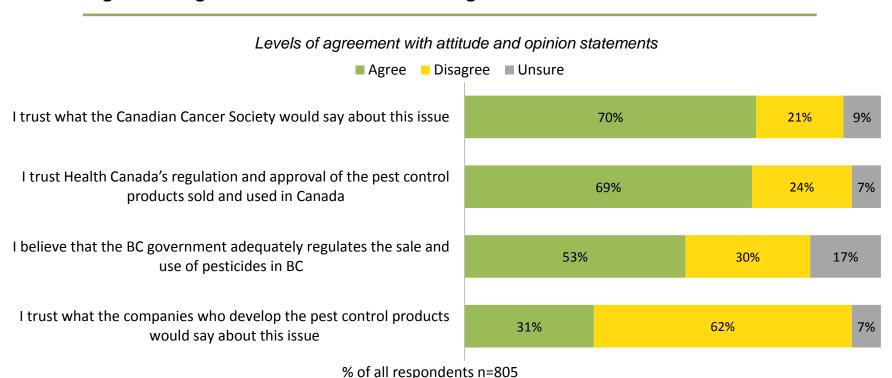
- 25% said "yes" to all scenarios, and 83% said "yes" to at least one scenario
- 39% didn't say "no" to any scenario (i.e., they said "yes" or "yes under certain circumstances" to to every scenario)
- 40% did say "no" to at least one scenario
- Less than 10% said "no" to 6 or more of the 8 scenarios (there is not a group just saying "no" to everything). Only 2% said "no" to every scenario
- 89% always had a response. 11% were unsure to at least one scenario. The same people were not always "unsure."

Agree / disagree statements – attitudes about pesticides

Levels of agreement with attitude and opinion statements

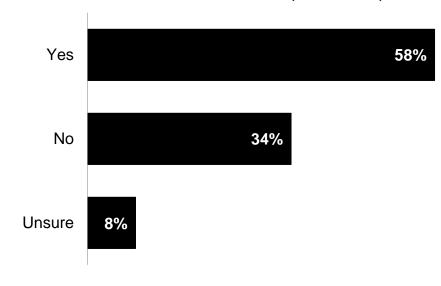


Agree / disagree statements – related to organizations / trust



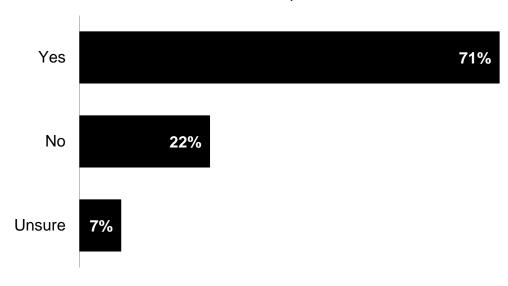
Awareness of BC Government role in regulating pesticide use

Are you aware that the BC government requires retailers to provide information to consumers about certain pest control products, at the time of purchase?



Awareness of Health Canada's role

Are you aware that Health Canada regulates and approves all pesticides sold and used in Canada?



Unsure

Concerns about possible impacts

Below are some concerns raised by Ontario residents since the ban was implemented. For each one of them, please indicate whether you would be concerned about it or would not be concerned about it if the same type of pesticide ban were to be implemented in BC.

Moderately concerned

Some people ignore the ban and purchase the products in other provinces or in the US, or make their own "home brews," some of which may be dangerous

Not very or not at all concerned

Some people with allergies or asthma are experiencing worse problems, which they attribute to an increase in pollen coming from weeds

Unchecked dandelions and weeds spread easily, making neighbourhoods and residential lawns look unkempt

Residents find that the weed and insect control products that they are now allowed to use are not very effective

Public green spaces such as parks, sports fields, and roadways have numerous dandelions and other weeds, making these places less enjoyable



■ Very concerned

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Percent very or moderately concerned about possible impacts like those seen in Ontario

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