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Intensive agriculture. Habitats, biocides

And no bees hum

Fabio Gomes writes: This astounding photograph of a honey bee covered in pollen, taken at the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia, is much more than just a picture of the wonders of nature. It is a warning, and a reminder that public health and nutrition needs to see humans as just one species in the interdependent living and physical world. For honey bees, and wild bees also, are continuing to die off. As warned in a long Association website [home page news story](#) three years ago, the basic cause is almost certainly the type of intensive agriculture that generates industrialised food supplies, which destroys natural habitats and is dependent on biocides. Necessarily, we are all ecologists now – and we had better get active, before the bees, and the foodcrops they fertilise, die out.



Editor's note

'Network' is edited by Fabio Gomes. Its purpose is to remind us of the contribution of the arts to our understanding of food, nutrition, health and well-being. Usually it will simply present the art without any extensive comment – though we welcome follow-up letters for publication in *Feedback*. Please send contributions to wn.network@gmail.com