



Participant Information Leaflet

Study Title: Farmers perceptions of biopesticides in relation to chemical pesticides

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Introduction

You are invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether to take part, you need to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. Talk to others about the study if you wish.

Please ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Who is organising and funding the study?

This project is part of a Master's course at the University of Warwick. This project is not funded by any external sources.

What is the study about?

This purpose of this survey is to understand growers' perceptions of biopesticides relative to chemical pesticides. This will then be used to determine which characteristics of biopesticides are seen as advantageous to the industry, and which are seen as disadvantageous, thus helping to inform future development, marketing and education on what consumer needs are still unmet in this area, and how this can be addressed.

What would taking part involve?

We ask that you take part in a short questionnaire, which should take no more than 10 minutes. The questionnaire is made up of 3 sections with a variety of question types including questions requiring a typed response from the respondent.

Do I have to take part?

No. Participation in this study is completely voluntary and choosing not to take part will not affect you in any way. You can also choose to withdraw your participation without giving a reason. Further details about withdrawing from the study are provided later on in this document.

What are the possible benefits of taking part in this study?

This survey will allow you to share your thoughts on the agricultural industry and the key crop protection products that drive it.

What are the possible disadvantages, side effects or risks, of taking part in this study?

Taking part in this study will require a short amount of your time and will enable you to share your honest thoughts and opinions of aspects of the agricultural industry.

Expenses and payments

There will be no payments to reimburse respondents for their participation, nor should there be any expenses to be paid by the respondent.

Will my taking part be kept confidential?

All responses will be kept completely confidential as no identifying data will be taken. Data will be collected by a webform and will be stored securely on a password protected device, which only the lead researcher and the study supervisor will have access to.

What will happen to the data collected about me?

As a publicly-funded organisation, the University of Warwick have to ensure that it is in the public interest when we use personally-identifiable information only from people who have agreed to take part in research. This means that when you agree to take part in a research study, such as this, we will use your data only in the ways needed to conduct and analyse the research study.

We will be using information from you in order to undertake this study and will act as the data controller for this study. We are committed to protecting the rights of individuals in line with data protection legislation. The University of Warwick will keep information from you until the end of the study period

No identifiable data will be collected from you as part of this study. This means that once your responses have been submitted to the research team, it will not be possible to withdraw this data as your individual responses cannot be identified.

Data Sharing

Your rights to access, change or move your information are limited, as we need to manage your information in specific ways in order for the research to be reliable and accurate. The University of Warwick has in place policies and procedures to keep your data safe.

This data may also be used for future research, including impact activities following review and approval by an independent Research Ethics Committee and subject to your consent at the outset of this research project.

For further information, please refer to the University of Warwick Research Privacy Notice which is available here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/idc/dataprotection/privacynotices/researchprivacynotice> or by contacting the Legal and Compliance Team at GDPR@warwick.ac.uk.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on being part of the study?

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary and a decision to withdraw, by forgoing completion of the questionnaire, without giving a reason would not affect you in any way.

Please note that it will not be possible to withdraw your data after completion of the questionnaire, after which point the data will have been anonymised

What will happen to the results of the study?

These results will be discussed in a final report that will be submitted to the University

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by the University of Warwick's Biomedical & Scientific Research Ethics Committee (BSREC): Reference number MSG13408348

Who should I contact if I want further information?

Lead researcher - Jack Hope (Email: Jack.Hope@Warwick.ac.uk)

Project supervisor - Professor Rosemary Collier (Email: Rosemary.Collier@Warwick.ac.uk)

Who should I contact if I wish to make a complaint?

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm you might have suffered will be addressed. Please address your complaint to the person below, who is a senior University of Warwick official entirely independent of this study:

Head of Research Governance

Research & Impact Services

University House

University of Warwick

Coventry

CV4 8UW

Email: researchgovernance@warwick.ac.uk

Tel: 02476 575733

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter: DPO@warwick.ac.uk.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not lawful you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Thank you for taking the time to read this Participant Information Leaflet