



Amazon*

Summary Of Amazon* Grade



Pollinator Health Policy



5 Out Of 45 Points

EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Amazon acquired Whole Foods Market in 2017, signaling its commitment to expand organic offerings.

Amazon does not have a written, publicly available pollinator health policy for food and beverage supply chains that addresses the need to reduce use of posticides of concern to pollinator and human health and to expand healthy, bee-friendly organic offerings. A strong policy would include shifting to least-toxic farming approaches in order to avoid regrettable substitution of one toxic pesticide with another. The ecological farming methods that underpin organic farming, integrated pest management and regenerative agriculture reduce farmers' overall need for pesticides.

Commitment to reduce pesticide use

0 out of 15 points

Avoiding regrettable substitutes

0 out of 5 point

Commitment to least-toxic approaches in non-organic supply chains

Commitment to organic

5 out of 15 points



Implementation



5 Out Of 90 Points

EXPLANATION OF POINTS -

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Amazon has not taken any other discernible action to reduce use of pesticides of concern to pollinator and human health or expand organic farming and other least-toxic approaches in its supply chains. The actions we evaluated include: 1) tracking use of pesticides in company supply chains, 2) measurably reducing pesticide use in the past three years and publicly reporting on data, 3) supporting farmers in nonorganic supply chains to shift to least-toxic approaches such as integrated pest management and regenerative agriculture, 4) measurably expanding organic offerings in the past three years, 5) demonstrating support for U.S. growers to transition to organic farming, and 6) demonstrating advocacy for public policies aimed at reducing agricultural pesticide use, protecting pollinators and supporting the expansion of organic agriculture in the U.S.

Irack pesticide use in supply chain

0 out of 10 points

Measurably reduce pesticide use

0 out of 15 points

Prioritize least-toxic approaches in non-organic supply chains

O out of 20 points

Prioritize USDA certified organic

5 out of 25 points

Support domestic organic growers

O out of 15 points

Support public policies

out of 5 points



Transparency & Accountability

0 Out Of 21 Points

EXPLANATION OF POINTS -

Amazon does not have publicly available commitments or policies related to reducing use of pesticides of concern to pollinators and human health in its supply chain or expanding organic offerings and other least-toxic alternatives. Amazon does not appear to include reduction of pesticides of concern to pollinators and human health or expansion of organic offerings in company Key Performance Indicators or other formal sustainability criteria. Amazon does not have educational content online about pesticides or organic farming, such as a full definition of the USDA certified organic label (prohibition of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, GMOs, antibiotics, and growth hormones, and promotion of farming methods that protect soil, water and biodiversity) or content on the value to pollinator and human health of decreasing use of toxic pesticides and expanding organic offerings.

Make policies and commitments publicly available

0 out of 6 point

Oversight

0 out of 5 point

Educate consumers

0 out of 10 points



Collaboration

5 Out Of 10 Points

EXPLANATION OF POINTS -

Amazon has communicated with Friends of the Earth in the past year.

Amazon has not briefed Friends of the Earth on meaningful action the company has taken on pesticides and pollinator protection in the past three years.



Complimentary Home & Garden Policies

0 Out Of 9 Points

EXPLANATION OF POINTS -

Amazon has not made a public commitment to reduce or phase out use of neonicotinoids in live goods and garden plants. Amazon has not made a public commitment to remove neonicotinoid or glyphosate products from store shelves.

Policy for live goods

0 out of 4 point

Policy for on-shelf pesticide products

0 out of 5 poin



Bonus Points

0 Out Of 40 Points

EXPLANATION OF POINTS

*Although Amazon acquired Whole Foods in 2017, we graded these companies separately given that Whole Foods still maintains distinct policies and a substantially different business model. As of September, 2021, 502 of Amazon's 538 brick-and-mortar grocery locations are Whole Foods stores. The remainder are Amazon Go and Amazon Fresh stores.

15 Points

