Pesticide Indicators

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• Why?
  - Useful.
  - Required by sustainable use directive.

• Pesticide Statistics and indicators.
  - Annual sales data (National Statistics).
  - Five-yearly usage data (Pesticide Usage Surveys).
• Two schools of thought.
  - Modelling. Quantitative, aggregation data, danger of ‘junk in/junk out’.
  - Forum approach. Qualitative, ‘paint a picture’, less scientific/more subjective.

• Work in international fora.

  - OECD. Inclined to modelling, UK pushing for more flexible approach. Gathering data.
  - EU. Following OECD lead, bruised by experience of HAIR project.
• The future.

- Indicator production is resource intensive.

- Can inform and direct activity but does not in itself ensure pesticides are used more sustainably.

- Directive does not specify frequency or detail of indicators.

- Thoughts for development.
Thank you, any questions?

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