



## MARCH AGAINST BAYER & SYNGENTA

for a climate friendly global food supply

### LET'S SLOW DOWN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CATASTROPHE!

Through their pesticides and (genetically modified) seeds, Syngenta, Bayer, and BASF are enabling the cultivation of corn-, soya- and palm- oil monocultures that contribute to the deforestation of rainforests and the CO<sub>2</sub> crisis. Syngenta, for example, generates half of its sales from industrial agriculture in Brazil and Argentina. The intensive cultivation of monocultures for the world market leads to worldwide deforestation, the banishment of small farmers, and a massive loss of biodiversity. The mass of flying insects alone has declined by more than 75% in the last three decades.

### LET'S STOP CAPITALISTICAL INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE!

Climate change is a global challenge. The best foundations of an adaptable agricultural ecosystem are a wide variety of species, local seed-bearing varieties, and freely available seeds. Capitalist industrial agriculture is threatening and destroying these foundations through the use of pesticides, agricultural genetic engineering, and patents, and thus threatening global food security.

The victims of this development are the poorest in the Global South.

### LET'S STOP THE PROFITS FROM POISONS AND DEPENDENCIES!

Syngenta's pesticides are destroying the biodiversity of water systems and the drinking water of millions of people, causing bee mortality and endangering the health and lives of farm workers.

Syngenta's poisons «atrazine», «thiamethoxam», and «paraquat», are not permitted in Switzerland and the EU, but continue to be sold worldwide.

### RESISTANCE IS A MUST IN THE PESTICIDE STRONGHOLD OF BASEL!

Syngenta has its headquarters in Basel. After the acquisition of Monsanto, Bayer has now moved its European headquarters to Basel. BASF also has its headquarters in Basel. This means that three of the four largest and most destructive agricultural business groups are now present in our city.

We demand that Basel treat Syngenta victims in its hospitals and create an institute for agricultural ecology at the university.

### LET'S BREAK DOWN THE POWER OF CORPORATIONS!

The agrichemical companies expand their influence on governments by lobbying and acting in advisory functions. The power of the agrichemical companies influences political decisions not only regionally, but prevents the implementation of social and climate-friendly policies on a global level as well. We demand the protection of people and the environment instead of corporations. Let us defend ourselves against the concentration of power, the profit mania and lobbyism of multinational corporations. **Take your responsibility and get involved in «March 2020» against Bayer, Syngenta and Co. and beyond. Resistance is a duty!**

This year we have the opportunity to make our voices heard and to make a difference in agricultural policy with two popular initiatives. We call on everyone to inform themselves and actively support the initiatives «Für sauberes Trinkwasser und gesunde Nahrung – Keine Subventionen für den Pestizid- und den prophylaktischen Antibiotika-Einsatz» and «Für eine Schweiz ohne synthetische Pestizide»!

- [www.initiative-sauberes-trinkwasser.ch](http://www.initiative-sauberes-trinkwasser.ch)
- [www.lebenstattgift.ch](http://www.lebenstattgift.ch)

[www.marchagainstsyngenta.ch](http://www.marchagainstsyngenta.ch)

\* Our protest wants to convey an image of diversity, creativity and openness. We firmly oppose homophobic, nationalistic, racist or other reactionary attitudes and attempts to misuse this platform for such purposes.