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## General Comment

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Wind-power facilities are Harming, killing 1000s, and threatening large populations of insectivorous bats in North America. Bats are voracious predators of nocturnal insects, including many crop and forest pests. Loss of bats in North America could lead to agricultural losses estimated at more than \$3.7 billion/year. Bats play an incredibly important role in the ecosystem, eating billions of crop-destroying insects like moths and beetles, as well as mosquitoes. But The Indiana bat is a temperate, insectivorous, migratory bat. In spring, reproductive females migrate and form maternity colonies where they bear and raise their young in wooded areas.

Bats help Farmers with impacts of PESTICIDES on ecosystems,... which can be substantial,... or other secondary effects of predation, such as reducing the potential for evolved resistance of insects to PESTICIDES and bats help suppression of forest insects. A single colony of 150 big brown bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*) in Indiana has been estimated to eat nearly 1.3 million pest insects each year, possibly contributing to the disruption of population cycles of agricultural pests.

Farmers get so much from these bats and birds by pollinating plants and spreading seeds and eating insects in the ecosystems.

Each year the wind industry is responsible for killing some 440,000 birds, Birds help farmers and forest spread seeds and eat insects so farmers do not need pesticides, including golden and bald eagles. According to estimates by the American Bird Conservancy, Even though many of these birds are protected by laws such as the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, in a congress 2015 report, Bureaucrats in Obama Administration routinely applied laws differently, often giving a pass to their allies while vigorously prosecuting businesses and individuals who do not share their far-left political ideals.