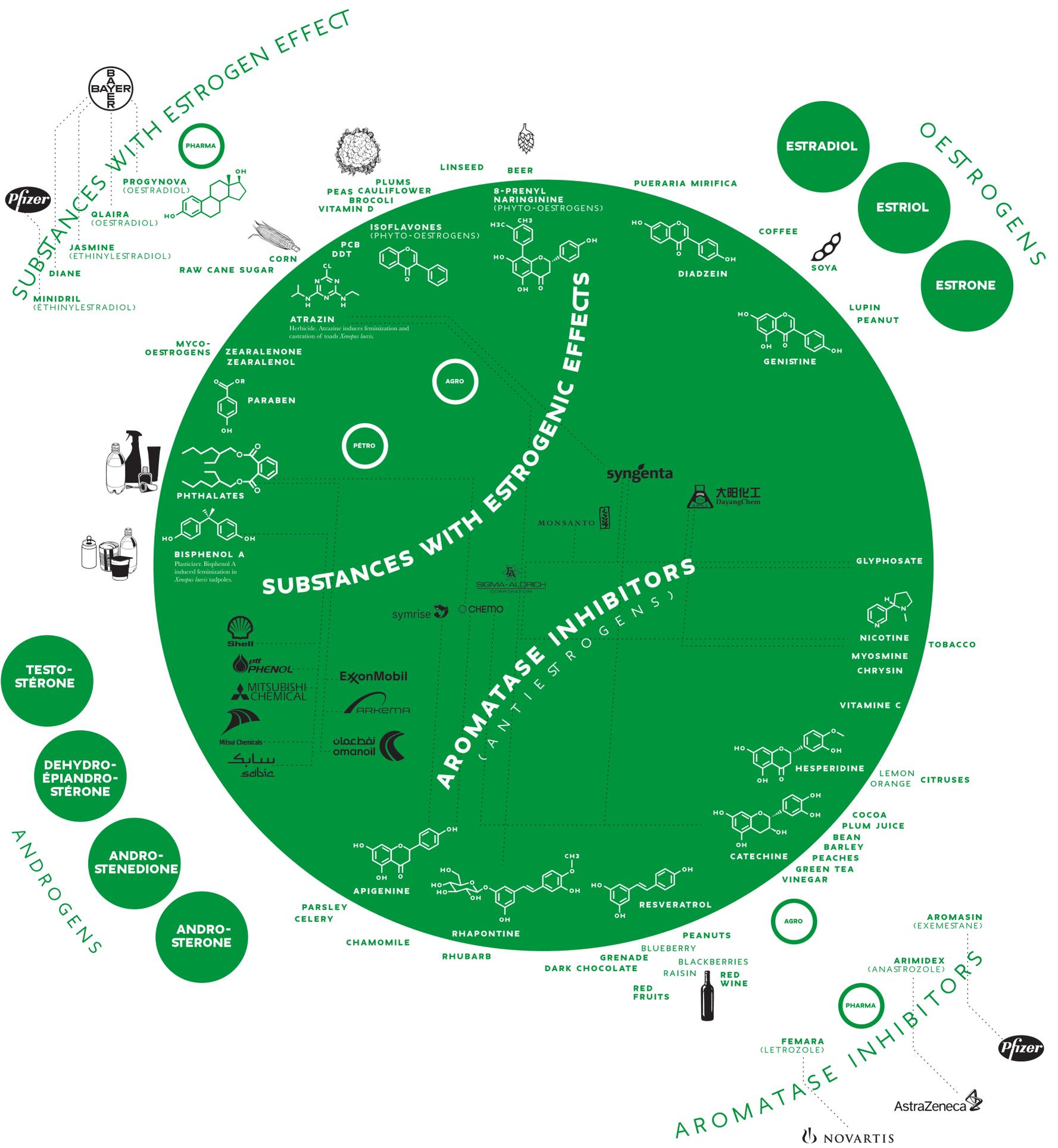


# INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS ON XENO-HORMONES AND ENDOCRINE DISRUPTIONS HORMONAL BALANCE



**ESTROGENS** present in both sexes, are significantly larger in females than in males. That is why it is said that these hormones are female. They promote the development of secondary sexual characteristics like the breasts.

**ANDROGENS** (testosterone, ...) stimulate or control the development of secondary male sexual characteristics. Androgens are the precursor molecule to estrogen.

Aromatase is the enzyme that synthesizes estrogen from of an androgen. **AROMATASE INHIBITORS** stop conversion of androgens to estrogen.

