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Campaigns to Ban Glyphosate Are Gaining Steam!

The World Has Changed, But Monsanto's Glyphosate Remains

Alexis Baden-Mayer writes for the Organic Consumers Association: "In 2015, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer acknowledged the carcinogenicity of glyphosate, the main ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup herbicide. This made lawsuits on behalf of Roundup-exposed cancer victims possible and resulted in billion-dollar jury awards.

Shamefully, the IARC decision didn't influence the Environmental Protection Agency, but Bayer (which now owns Monsanto) said that, to limit liability, by 2023 it would stop selling glyphosate-based herbicides to consumers, limiting sales to farmers and pesticide professionals.

It's 2023. Did Bayer keep its promise?

No it did not. Bayer is still selling Monsanto's glyphosate-based Roundup herbicide directly to consumers for home use."

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More Than 800 Tons of Agricultural Pesticides Leach Into World's Rivers Each Year, Research Finds

Cristen Hemingway Jaynes for Eco Watch:

"The study looked at where 92 of the most frequently used agricultural pesticides travel after application and found that every year about 77,162 tons of potentially hazardous chemicals leach into aquifers. These pollutants have a damaging effect on freshwater resources and ecosystems.

This degradation of pesticides often occurs as a 'cascade' of molecules into the surrounding environment, which can persist in the environment for a long time and can be just as harmful as the parent molecule or applied pesticide. One such example is glyphosate. Although it is highly degradable, it breaks down into a molecule known as AMPA that is both highly persistent and toxic.

The study revealed that approximately 80 percent of pesticides applied to crops end up degrading into byproducts known as "daughter molecules" in the surrounding soil."

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Mysterious Chinese Bio-Lab Discovered In Remote California City

ZeroHedge reports:

"Why would a bio-lab run by a shady Chinese company be operating in Reedley, CA in the central San Joaquin Valley?

YourCentralValley.com reports that the discovery was made after a local code enforcement officer noticed [a] garden hose poking out a back wall of the building.

Public Health staff also observed blood, tissue and other bodily fluid samples and serums; and THOUSANDS of vials of unlabeled fluids and suspected biological material...

Is this illegal lab the tip of the iceberg? How many additional bioagent labs will be found?"

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Why Regenerative Agriculture?

The key to regenerative agriculture is that it not only "does no harm" to the land but actually improves it, using technologies that regenerate and revitalize the soil and the environment. But what are the technologies and how do they work? Here's a breakdown of the Regenerative Agriculture benefits: Feed the world, Decrease GHG emissions, Reverse climate change, Improve yields, Create drought-resistant soil, Revitalize local economies, Preserve traditional knowledge, Nurture biodiversity, Restore grasslands, Improve nutrition.

Read more: https://orgcns.org/2Msd7eJ

Walking Through Truth: Indigenous Wisdom

Donald Warne writes for the Stanford Social Innovation Review: "In recent years, there's a broad recognition of the importance of the social determinants of health, including measures such as poverty and educational attainment. Much of the focus has been on health and economic disparities through a deficits-based approach. However, Indigenous Peoples and cultures hold many strengths... Learning across borders means respecting diverse cultures and practices and making wise decisions when developing solutions to improve outcomes. The well-being of future generations—our grandchildren—depends on it. Mitakuye Oyasin. All my Relations" Read more: https://orgcns.org/3YuO1ql

Why Are Corporate Studies of Glyphosate a Problem?

Stacy Malkan writes for USRTK: "Regulators in Europe and the United States, Canada and elsewhere have repeatedly affirmed the corporate assertions of glyphosate safety. In making determinations about safety, these regulators have relied in part on tests that are conducted by or for the companies that have not been published or peer reviewed. The corporate studies have long been kept secret, even by regulators."

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Medicine Is Plagued by Untrustworthy Clinical Trials. How Many Studies Are Faked or Flawed?

Richard Van Noorden reports in Nature:

"For years, a number of scientists, physicians and data sleuths have argued that fake or unreliable trials are frighteningly widespread. They've scoured randomized controlled trial (RCT) in various medical fields, such as women's health, pain research, anaesthesiology, bone health and COVID-19, and have found dozens or hundreds of trials with seemingly statistically impossible data. Some, on the basis of their personal experiences, say that one-quarter of trials being untrustworthy might be an underestimate. "If you search for all randomized trials on a topic, about a third of the trials will be fabricated," asserts Ian Roberts, an epidemiologist at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

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