



## **Major Food Manufacturers Earn an F Grade**

### **Reducing Pesticides in Food: Major Food Manufacturers Earn an F Grade**

By Sandee LaMotte, CNN

"Seventeen major food manufacturers earned an average grade of F for their lack of progress in reducing pesticides in the products they sell, according to a new analysis by As You Sow, a nonprofit specializing in shareholder advocacy.

'Many companies set pesticide reduction goals of 2025 and 2030 that appeal to shareholders,' said Cailin Dendas, lead author for the report, 'Pesticides in the Pantry: Transparency & Risk in Food Supply Chains.'

'It's disheartening to see so many bad grades across the board for these major food production companies,' said Jane Houlihan, research director for Healthy Babies, Bright Futures, an alliance of nonprofits, scientists and donors with a mission of reducing babies' exposures to neurotoxic chemicals."

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### **Wheat Allergies May Instead Be Allergies to Glyphosate**

8.9ha TV reports:

"A SCIENTIFIC literature review by Canadian researchers from the University of British Columbia concludes that 'glyphosate may be a critical environmental trigger in the etiology of several disease states, including celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease and irritable bowel syndrome'.

Modern farmers rely on agrochemicals to meet the needs of a growing population, and these chemicals have shifted the Western diet's chemical composition.

While the number of individuals choosing to live a wheat-free lifestyle without a celiac disease diagnosis has increased, clinical trials have shown that gluten from wheat is not responsible for causing symptoms in healthy individuals suggesting that something else is inducing symptoms.

The herbicide, glyphosate, is applied to wheat crops before harvest to encourage ripening resulting in higher glyphosate residues in commercial wheat products within North America. Glyphosate inhibits the shikimate pathway, a pathway exclusive to plants and bacteria. Glyphosate's effect on dysbiosis was not considered when making safety recommendations."

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### **New Research Links Low-Level Lead Exposure to Liver Injury**

Analysis by Dr. Joseph Mercola

"A paper presented at the AASLD — The Liver Meeting in November 2023 suggests a link between exposure to environmental toxins, including low levels of lead, and liver scarring that can lead to liver disease and cancer.

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### **Regeneration is Life!**

By Navdanya International,

"There are two main paradigms of thinking of ourselves in the world and of our relationship with the Earth. We either think of ourselves as being separate from Nature or as being one and part of it.

The industrial agriculture paradigm, which sees the world as a machine, and not as a self-organized living system, has created devastation on the planet through extraction and exploitation. Together, the ecologically destructive practices of the industrial agriculture paradigm account for 29% of all greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), making the global food system one of the main culprits behind climate change and environmental degradation. Acting as if the world were a machine undermines and eventually destroys living processes and organic systems."

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### **Vegan Meat Substitutes Are Often High in Salt and Highly Processed, Warns UN**

Plant-based products, such as those made from soy or pea protein, are among the most popular alternative meat products, often marketed as sausages or burgers.

But the UN cautioned that these products "currently tend to be highly processed and have high amounts of salt".

It added that the evidence of health impacts from lab-grown meat or fermentation-based products was also limited.

Lab-grown meat is also highly energy intensive, with a study earlier this year finding it could be 25 times more costly for the environment than beef."

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### **New Study: Nearly 40% Of Conventional Baby Food Contains Toxic Pesticides**

Tom Perkins writes in The Guardian:

"Nearly 40% of conventional baby food products analyzed in a new US study were found to contain toxic pesticides, while none of the organic products sampled in the survey contained the chemicals.

The research, conducted by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) non-profit, looked at 73 products and found at least one pesticide in 22 of them. Many products showed more than one pesticide, and the substances present a dangerous health threat to babies, researchers said.

'Babies and young children are particularly vulnerable to the health risks posed by pesticides in food – and food is the way most children will be exposed to pesticides,' said Sydney Evans, a senior science analyst at EWG and co-author of the report."

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