

# GLYPHOSATE: FAKE NEWS?



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# GLYPHOSATE NEWS: SHOULD WE BE WORRIED?



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# Jurors give \$289 million to a man they say got cancer from Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller

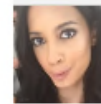


By **Holly Yan**, CNN

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# WEED KILLER INGREDIENT FOUND IN CHEERIOS, QUAKER OATS AND OTHER BREAKFAST CEREALS

BY **CAMMY HARBISON** ON 8/15/18 AT 11:59 PM

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# Newsweek



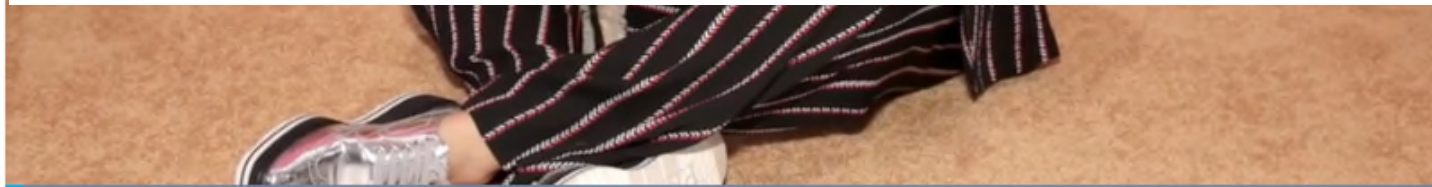


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## A \$5 Million Lawsuit Claims Rachael Ray's Dog Food Brand Contains a Potentially Harmful Ingredient



A man from New York is suing Rachael Ray's "natural" dog food brand, Nutrish, for allegedly containing the "potentially harmful" herbicide glyphosate. In the \$5 million class action lawsuit, Bronx resident Markeith Parks argues that it is deceiving for Nutrish to market its food as natural.



# ISSUES WITH GLYPHOSATE

**GMO crops**  
**Anti GMO/Monsanto movement**  
**Cancer**  
**Health related concerns (gut bioflora)**  
**Environmental Concerns**



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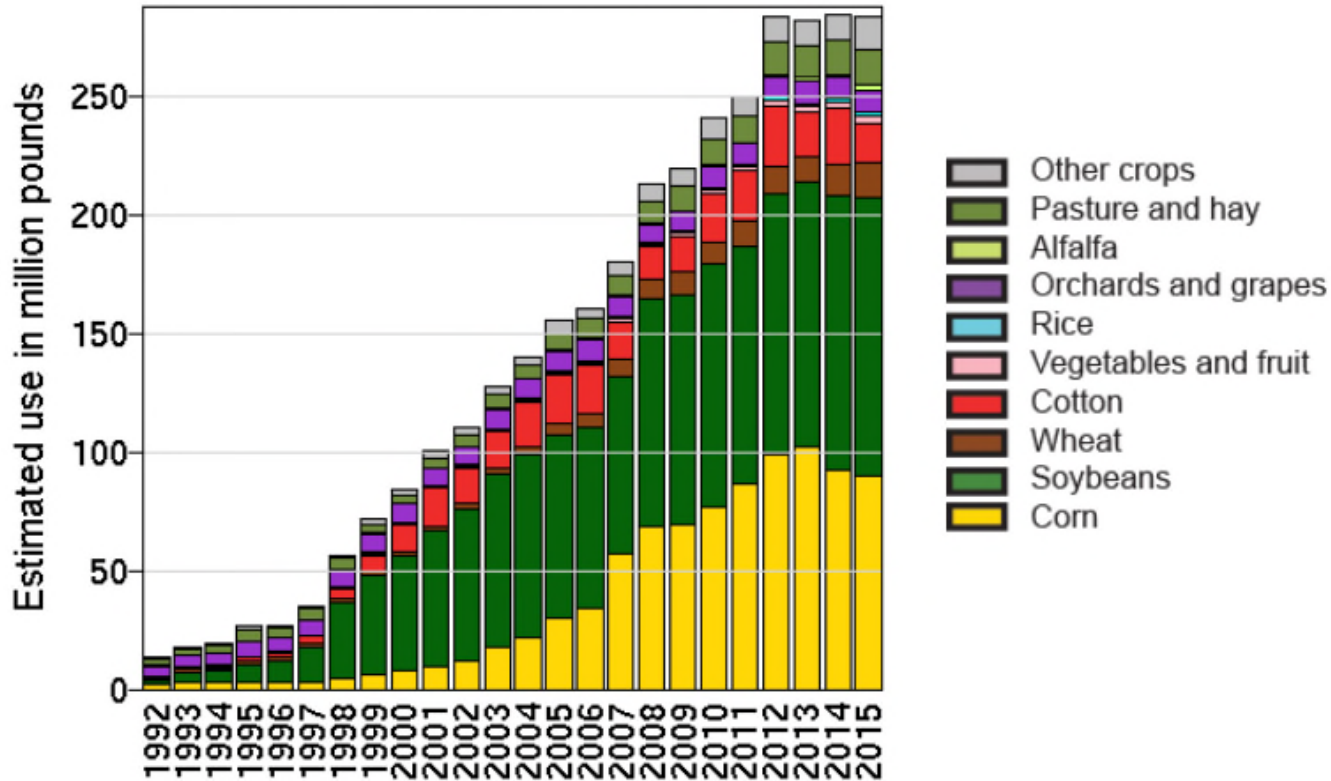
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# Use by Year and Crop



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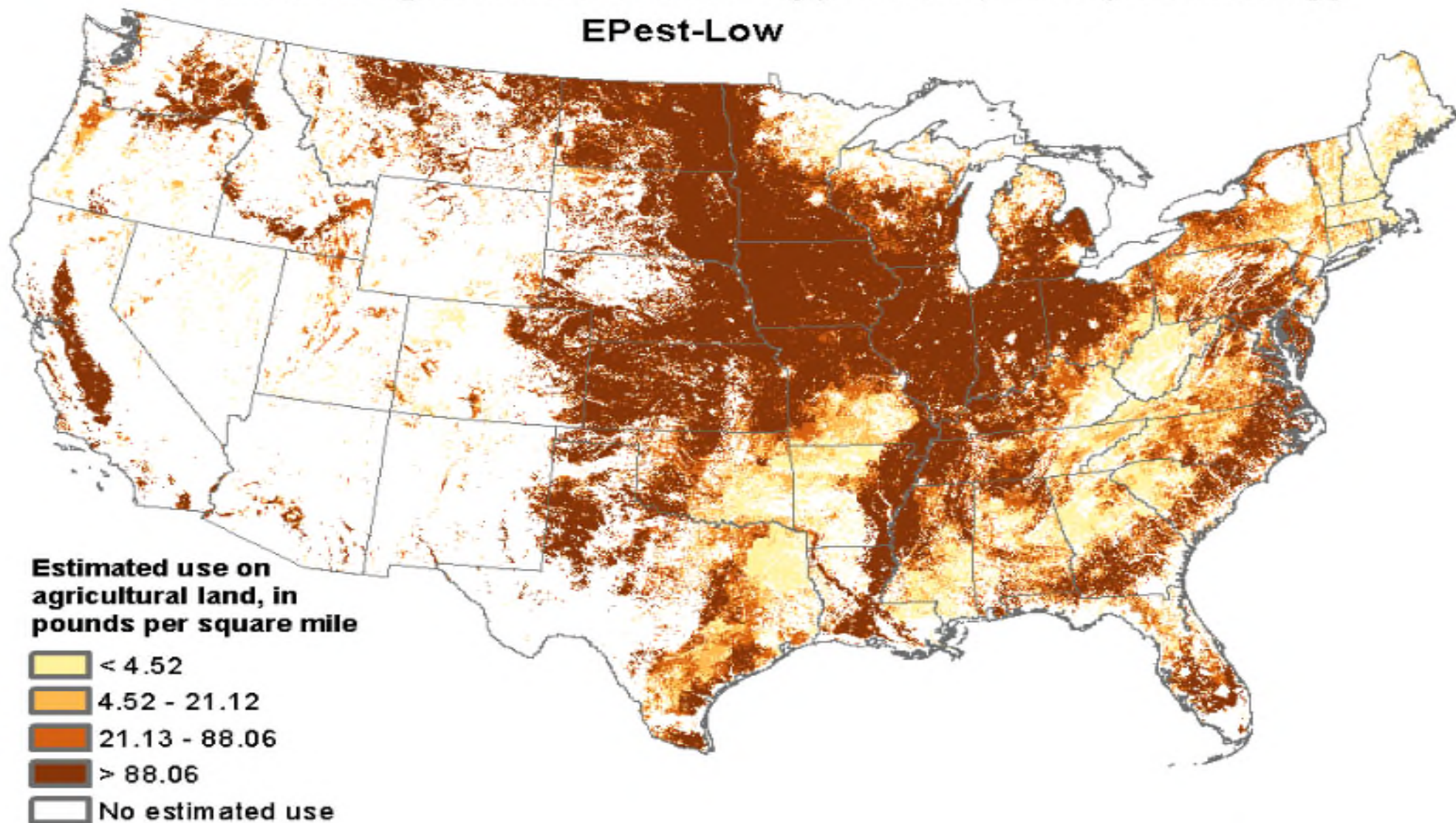
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# Estimated Agricultural Use for Glyphosate , 2015 (Preliminary)

## EPest-Low



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# Chemical Properties

- Glyphosate is “dirt loving”
- It is NOT volatile
- Mode of action: Inhibits the enzyme that builds protein in the plant. EPSP
- Plants cannot produce all of the proteins they need
- It takes several days for the weeds to die
- EPSP has NO function in animals
- May be used by some bacteria—we’ll get back to this later!

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Specially formulated for Roundup Ready crops

GROUP 9 HERBICIDE

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### 1.0 INGREDIENTS

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:  
\*Glyphosate, N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine, in the form of its potassium salt..... 48.8%  
OTHER INGREDIENTS..... 51.2%  
100.0%

\*Contains 660 grams of the active ingredient glyphosate, in the form of its potassium salt per 5.0 pounds net U.S. weight which is equivalent to 2.00 liter of this product.

### 3.0 PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

#### 3.1 Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals

Keep out of reach of children  
**CAUTION!**  
CAUSES MODERATE EYE IRRITATION  
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# **Glyphosate toxicity**

**It does NOT bioaccumulate**

**Very little to no dermal (skin) absorption**

**No inhalation risk**

**Low toxicity across all species tested**

**No neurotoxicity**

**Category III or IV**

**Dietary exposure tests used assumption of 100% crops treated at highest rate**

**No detections in mother's milk**



# Glyphosate residential uses and risk

**EPA determined the risk from residential uses was zero.**

**Glyphosate has no dermal tox**

**No inhalation tox**

**Risk assessment=No risk**



# Glyphosate toxicity

## Oral

Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> in rats is 4,320 ppm (mg/kg body weight)

Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> in mice is 10,000 ppm

Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> in goats is 3,530 ppm

## Dermal

Rabbits is >2,000 ppm with glyphosate acid

Rabbits is >5,000 ppm with the metabolite





## LD<sub>50</sub> of Some Common Products

Material	LD <sub>50</sub> (mg/kg)	Material	LD <sub>50</sub> (mg/kg)
Water	90,000	Sugar	30,000
Citric acid (o.j.)	12,000	Ethanol	7,000
<b>Glyphosate</b>	<b>5,600</b>	Baking soda	4,220
Table salt	3,000	Acetaminophen	1,944
Hydrogen peroxide	1,580	Copper sulfate	300
Caffeine	192	Nicotine	50
Vitamin D	10	Botulin	0.00001



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# Remember the product label !!

- ✓ Signal word
- ✓ Effects from chemical toxicity
- ✓ PPE
- ✓ Prevents unnecessary exposure

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## INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER (IARC): PART OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

### 6.1 Cancer in humans

There is *limited evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of glyphosate. A positive association has been observed for non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

### 6.2 Cancer in experimental animals

There is *sufficient evidence* in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of glyphosate.

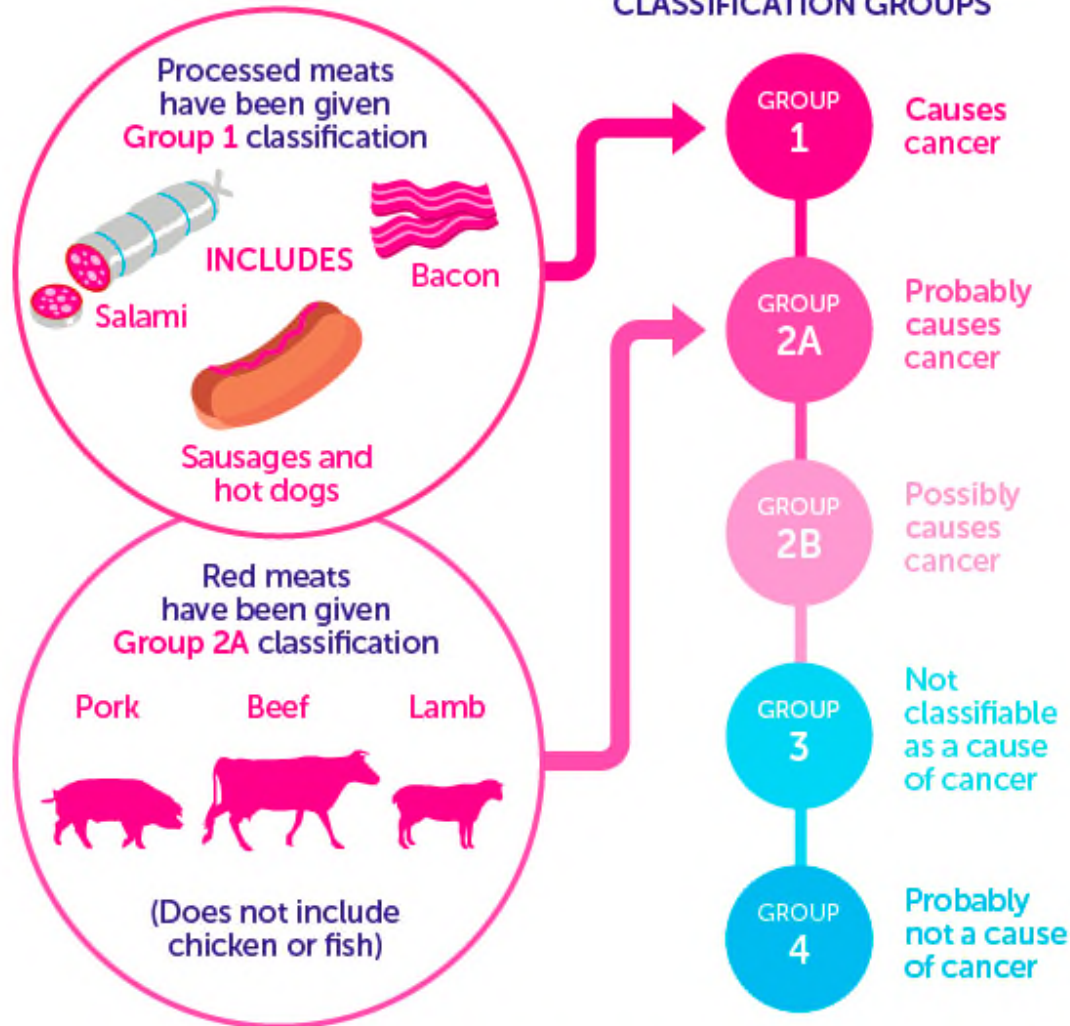
### 6.3 Overall evaluation

Glyphosate is *probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A)*.





## IARC CARCINOGENIC CLASSIFICATION GROUPS



glyphosate

2,4-D

These categories represent how likely something is to cause cancer in humans, not how many cancers it causes.



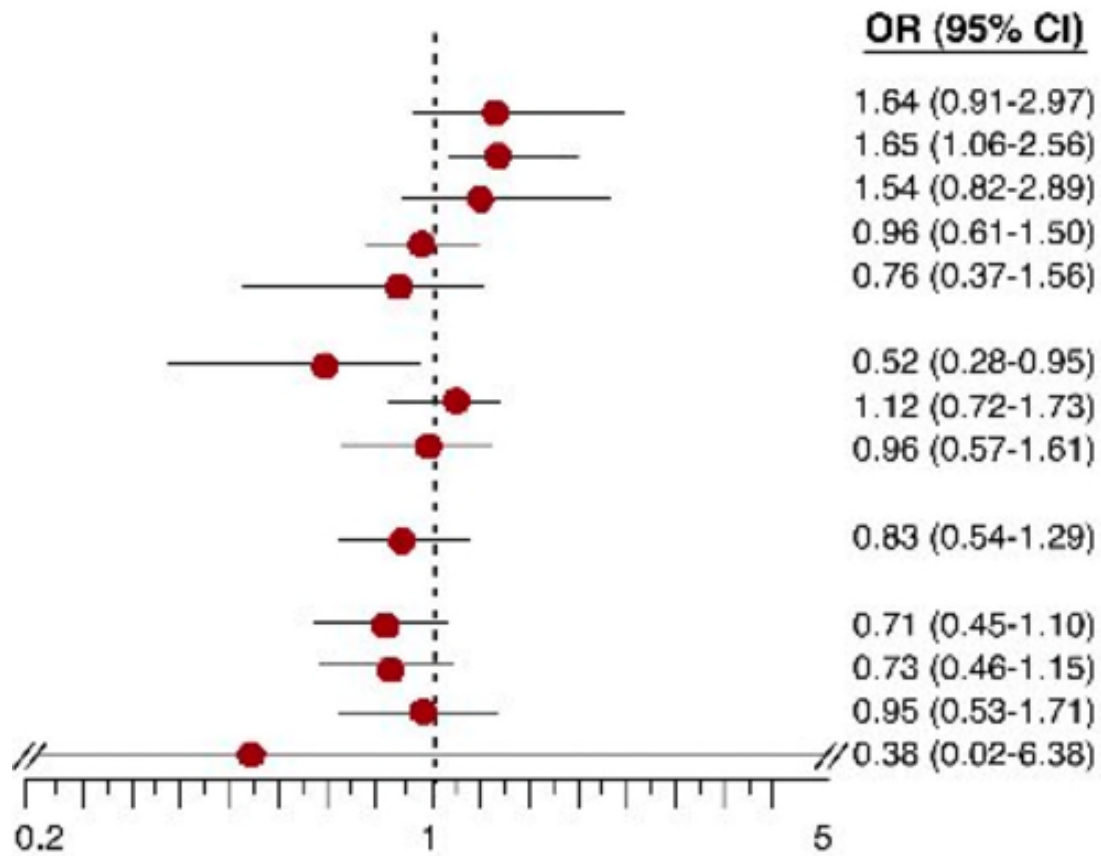
## “Odds Ratios”

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} 4 \text{ cancers in the population} \\ \text{WITH exposure} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} 4 \text{ cancers in the population} \\ \text{with NO exposure} \end{array}} = 4/4 = 1$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} 5 \text{ cancers in the population} \\ \text{WITH exposure} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} 4 \text{ cancers in the population} \\ \text{with NO exposure} \end{array}} = 5/4 = 1.25$$

*25% higher risk of  
cancer with exposure*





# TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS DATA!



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**Table 2.2 Case-control studies of leukaemia and lymphoma and exposure to glyphosate**

Reference, location, enrolment period	Population size, description, exposure assessment method	Organ site (ICD code)	Exposure category or level	Exposed cases/ deaths	Risk estimate (95% CI)	Covariates controlled
USA						
<a href="#">Brown et al. (1990)</a> Iowa and Minnesota, USA 1981-1983	Cases: 578 (340 living, 238 deceased) (response rate, 86%); cancer registry or hospital records Controls: 1245 (820 living, 425 deceased) (response rate, 77-79%); random-digit dialling for those aged < 65 years and Medicare for those aged ≥ 65 years Exposure assessment method: questionnaire	Leukaemia	Any glyphosate	15	0.9 (0.5-1.6)	Age, vital status, state, tobacco use, family history lymphopoietic cancer, high-risk occupations, high risk exposures
<a href="#">Cantor et al. (1992)</a> Iowa and Minnesota, USA 1980-1982	Cases: 622 (response rate, 89.0%); Iowa health registry records and Minnesota hospital and pathology records Controls: 1245 (response rate, 76-79%); population-based; no cancer of the lympho-haematopoietic system; frequency-matched to cases by age (5-year group), vital status, state. Random-digit dialling (aged < 65 years); Medicare records (aged ≥ 65 years); state death certificate files (deceased subjects) Exposure assessment method: questionnaire; in-person interview	NHL	Ever handled glyphosate	26	1.1 (0.7-1.9)	Age, vital status, state, smoking status, family history lymphopoietic cancer, high-risk occupations, high-risk exposures

(0.7 - 1.9)





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<a href="#">Brown et al. (1993)</a> Iowa, USA 1981–1984	Cases: 173 (response rate, 84%); Iowa health registry Controls: 650 (response rate, 78%); Random-digit dialling (aged < 65 years) and Medicare (aged > 65 years) Exposure assessment method: questionnaire	Multiple myeloma	Any glyphosate	11	1.7 (0.8–3.6)	Age, vital status
<a href="#">De Roos et al. (2003)</a> Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, USA 1979–1986	Cases: 650 (response rate, 74.7%); cancer registries and hospital records Controls: 1933 (response rate, 75.2%); random-digit dialling, Medicare, state mortality files Exposure assessment method: questionnaire; interview (direct or next-of-kin)	NHL	Any glyphosate exposure	36	2.1 (1.1–4)	Age, study area, other pesticides

 (1.1 – 4)





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<a href="#">Lee et al. (2004a)</a> Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, USA 1980–1986	Cases: 872 (response rate, NR); diagnosed with NHL from 1980 to 1986 Controls: 2381 (response rate, NR); frequency-matched controls Exposure assessment method: questionnaire; information on use of pesticides and history of asthma was based on interviews	NHL	Exposed to glyphosate – non-asthmatics	53	1.4 (0.98–2.1)	Age, vital status,
			Exposed to glyphosate – asthmatics	6	1.2 (0.4–3.3)	
<i>Canada</i>						
<a href="#">McDuffie et al. (2001)</a> Canada 1991–1994	Cases: 517 (response rate, 67.1%), from cancer registries and hospitals Controls: 1506 (response rate, 48%); random sample from health insurance and voting records Exposure assessment method: questionnaire, some administered by telephone, some by post	NHL	Exposed to glyphosate	51	1.2 (0.83–1.74)	Age, province of residence
			Unexposed > 0 and ≤ 2 days	464	1	
			Unexposed > 2 days	28	1.0 (0.63–1.57)	
				23	2.12 (1.2–3.73)	



 (0.98 – 2.1)

 (0.4 – 3.3)

 (0.83 – 1.74)


 (1.2 – 3.73)




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			Ever glyphosate – multivariate	NR	5.8 (0.6–54)	
<a href="#">Hardell et al. (2002)</a> Sweden; four Northern counties and three counties in mid Sweden 1987–1992	Cases: 515 (response rate, 91% in both studies); Swedish cancer registry Controls: 1141 (response rates, 84% and 83%); national population registry Exposure assessment method: questionnaire	NHL and HCL	Ever glyphosate exposure (univariate)	8	3.04 (1.08–8.5)	Age, county, study
			Ever glyphosate exposure (multivariate)	8	1.85 (0.55–6.2)	



 (0.6 – 54)

 (1.08 – 8.5)

 (0.55 – 6.2)



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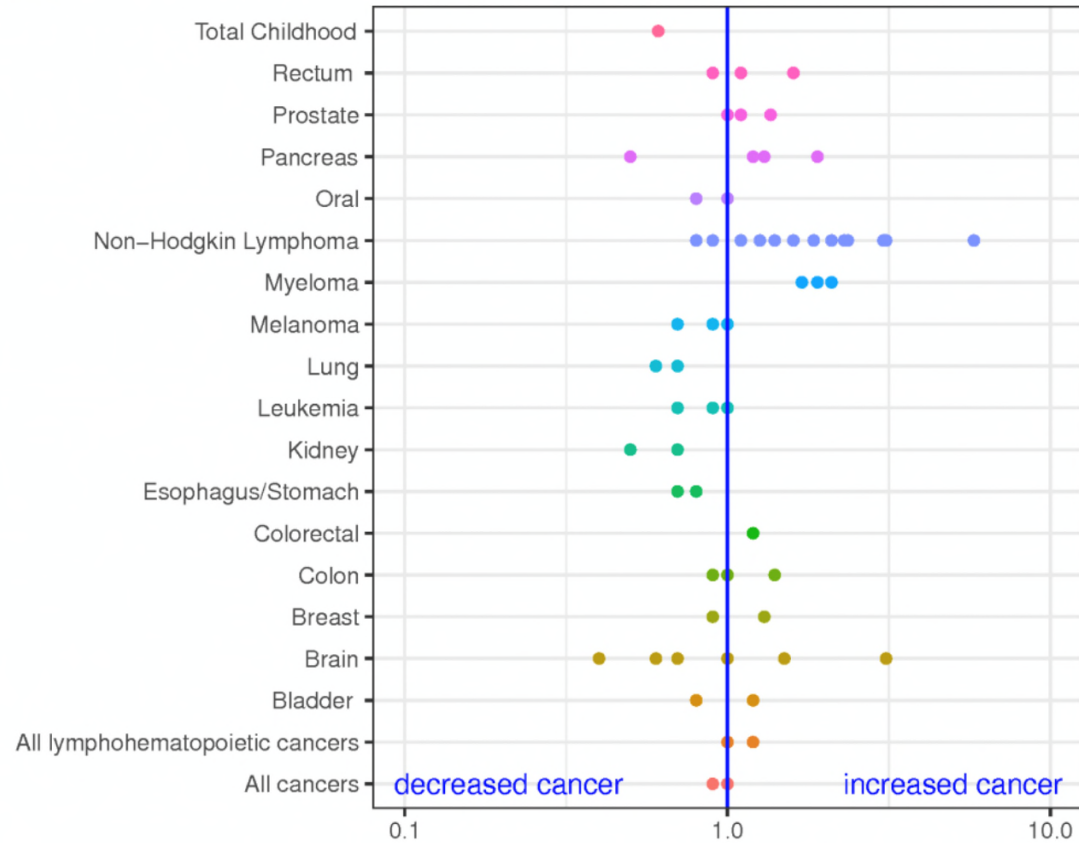
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<a href="#">Eriksson et al. (2008)</a> Sweden. Four health service areas (Lund, Linköping, Örebro and Umeå) 1999–2002	Cases: 910 (response rate, 91%); incident NHL cases were enrolled from university hospitals Controls: 1016 (response rate, 92%); national population registry Exposure assessment method: questionnaire	NHL	Any glyphosate	29	2.02 (1.1–3.71)	✓ (1.1 – 3.71)		
			Any glyphosate*	29	1.51 (0.77–2.94)	✗ (0.77 – 2.94)		
			≤ 10 days per year use	12	1.69 (0.7–4.07)			
					> 10 days per year use	17	2.36 (1.0–5.57)	✗ (0.24 – 5.08)
				NHL	1–10 yrs	NR	1.11 (0.2–5.08)	
					> 10 yrs	NR	2.26 (1.16–4.4)	
				B-cell lymphoma	Exposure to glyphosate	NR	1.87 (0.93–3.58)	✓ (1.16 – 4.4)
				Lymphocytic lymphoma/B-CLL	Exposure to glyphosate	NR	3.35 (1.42–7.87)	
				Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	Exposure to glyphosate	NR	1.22 (0.44–3.35)	
				Follicular, grade I–III	Exposure to glyphosate	NR	1.89 (0.62–5.79)	
				Other specified B-cell lymphoma	Exposure to glyphosate	NR	1.63 (0.53–4.96)	
				Unspecified B-cell lymphoma	Exposure to glyphosate	NR	1.47 (0.33–6.61)	
				T-cell lymphoma	Exposure to glyphosate	NR	2.29 (0.51–10.4)	
		Unspecified NHL	Exposure to glyphosate	NR	1.44 (0.44–2.22)	✓ (1.44 – 2.22)		







## Glyphosate and Cancer



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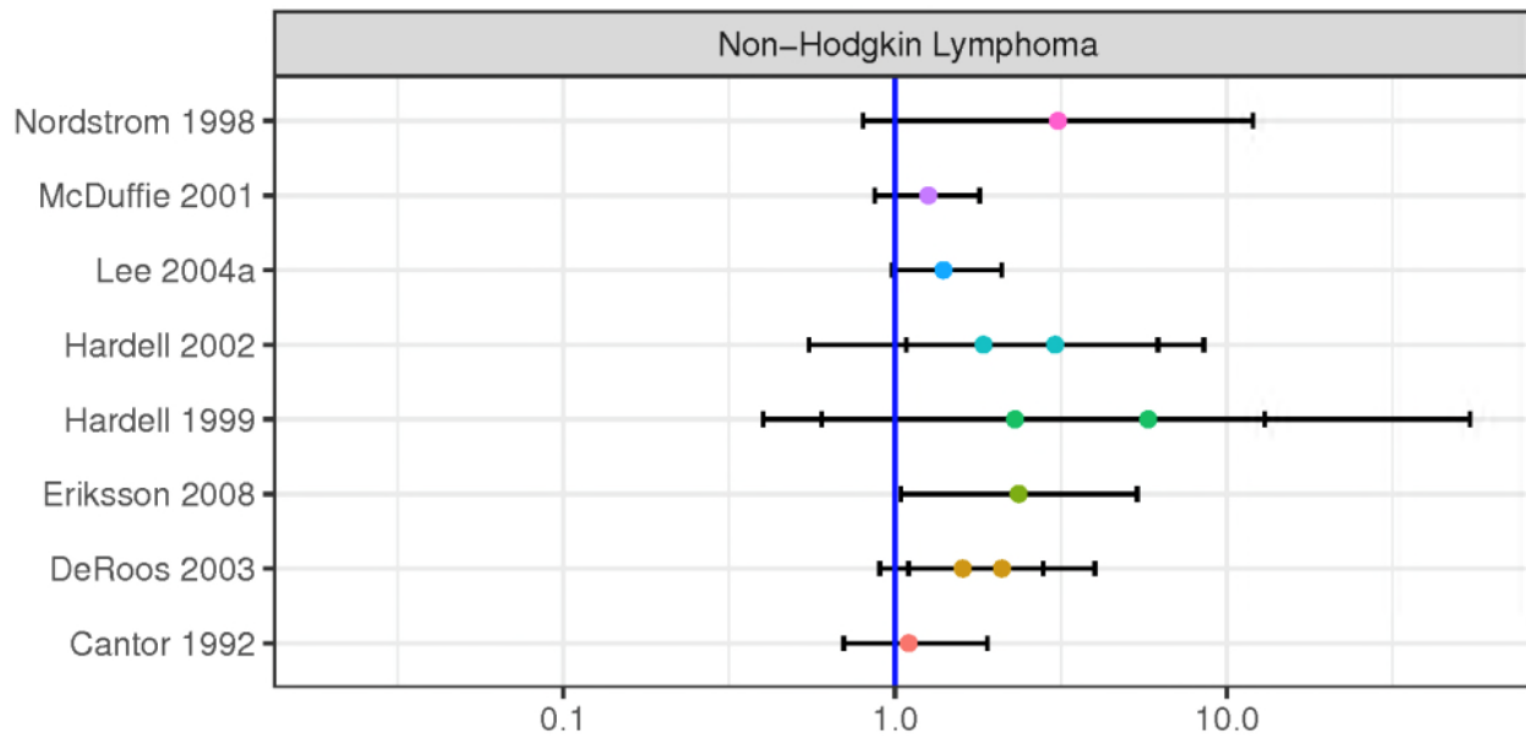
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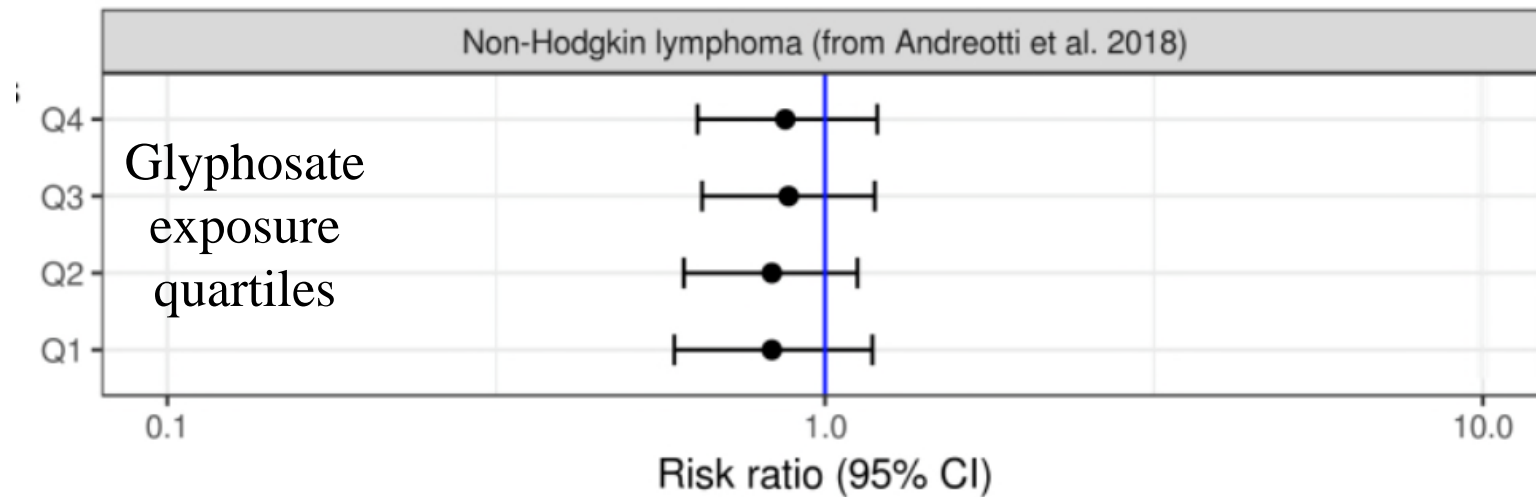
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# Cancer

- Animal studies have mixed results, but mostly negative.
- A long-term study with over 50,000 applicators found no association with overall cancer rates.
- Epidemiological data show a suggested association with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma (NHL).
- EPA classification: “Evidence of non-carcinogenicity”
- IARC classification: “Probable carcinogen”



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## International Agency for Research on Cancer



Can it cause cancer?



United States Environmental Protection Agency

Can it cause cancer?

+

What level of exposure is expected?

=

Is that exposure level likely to result in cancer?





**RISK = TOXICITY X EXPOSURE**



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# EPA Releases Draft Risk Assessments for Glyphosate

For Release: December 18, 2017

## CONCLUSIONS:

The draft human health risk assessment concludes that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans.

humans. The Agency's assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with the conclusions of science reviews by a number of other countries as well as the [2017 National Institute of Health Agricultural Health Survey](#).



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## EFSA Finds Glyphosate 'Unlikely to Cause Cancer in Humans'

BY DAN FLYNN | NOVEMBER 13, 2015

Europe's gardeners and farmers probably won't have their Monsanto Roundup weed killer or other similar herbicides taken away from them now that the influential European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has found that the ingredient glyphosate is unlikely to cause cancer in humans.

Glyphosate, which has been around since the 1970s, is used in herbicides around the world, including Monsanto's popular Roundup.

EFSA's [research findings](#) appear to trump the [conclusion](#) this past March by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), which listed glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans."

EFSA's assessment will be used by the European Commission in deciding whether to keep glyphosate on the EU list of approved active substances. Currently, glyphosate is widely used in both Roundup and in generic brands of herbicides for home gardening and agriculture.



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Glyphosate Battle

# Cancer agency left in the dark over glyphosate evidence

The World Health Organization's cancer agency says a common weedkiller is "probably carcinogenic." The scientist leading that review knew of fresh data showing no cancer link - but he never mentioned it and the agency did not take it into account.

By [KATE KELLAND](#) | Filed June 14, 2017, 1:05 p.m. GMT



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## RISK PERCEPTION IT'S PERSONAL

In the face of contradictory information, people must rely on their instincts as much as the facts to size up potential threats. © Corbis





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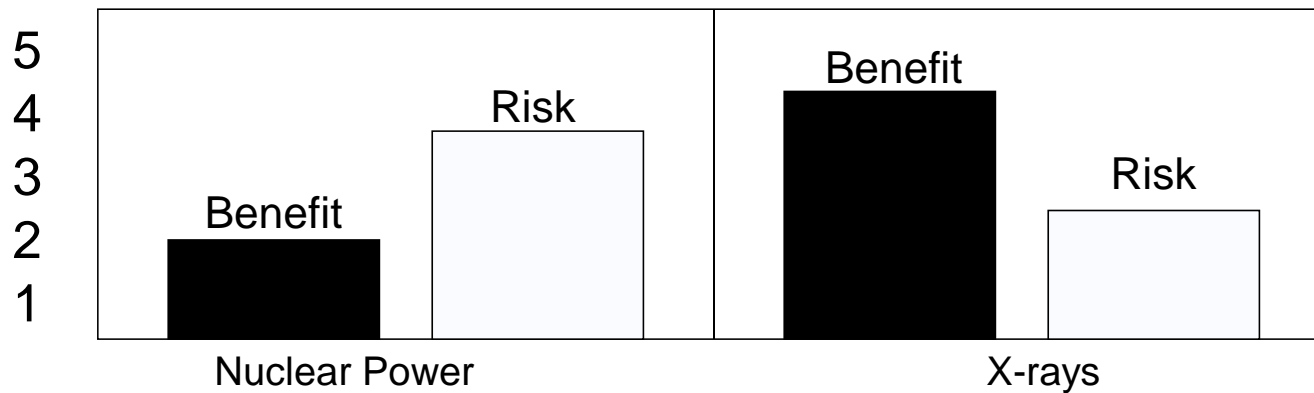
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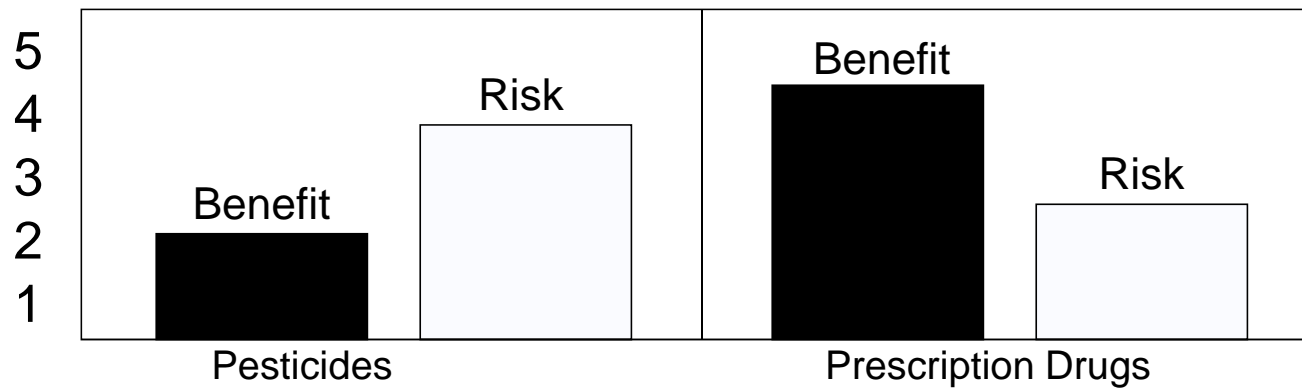
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### Radiation



### Chemicals



Data are from a national survey in Canada by Slovic et al., 1991.



# Benefits of Pesticide Applications



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# Today's Seminar about glyphosate

- A. Increased usage
- B. Chemical properties
- C. Toxicity
- D. Cancer data
- E. Risk and regulators
- F. How to make sense of it all





# NIH Agricultural Health Study

- 54,000 pesticide applicators
- No associations with NHL cancer—didn't matter how much exposure
- Some studies showed results from fertilizer exposure
- Teased out differences, eg. Smoking, family history of cancer, sleep and diet, etc.

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The Agricultural Health Study works to understand how agricultural, lifestyle, and genetic factors affect the health of farming populations.

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[2018 Study Update](#)  
25th Anniversary Edition - who is the AHS research team, the past 25 years, key findings from the study, and looking to the future.  
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AHS-related research has been published in many peer-reviewed journals.

**For Collaborators**  
The Agricultural Health Study is funded by the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in collaboration with the US EPA and NIOSH. The AHS encourages researchers to collaborate with us to focus on specific health issues related to farming practices. These studies are designed to leverage the data collected from participants.  
[Collaboration Resources](#)

**For Participants**  
More than 85,000 farmers and their spouses in Iowa and North Carolina have been involved in the AHS since 1993. Their involvement has provided, and continues to provide, the data that researchers need to help the current and future generations of farmers, and their families, live healthier lives.  
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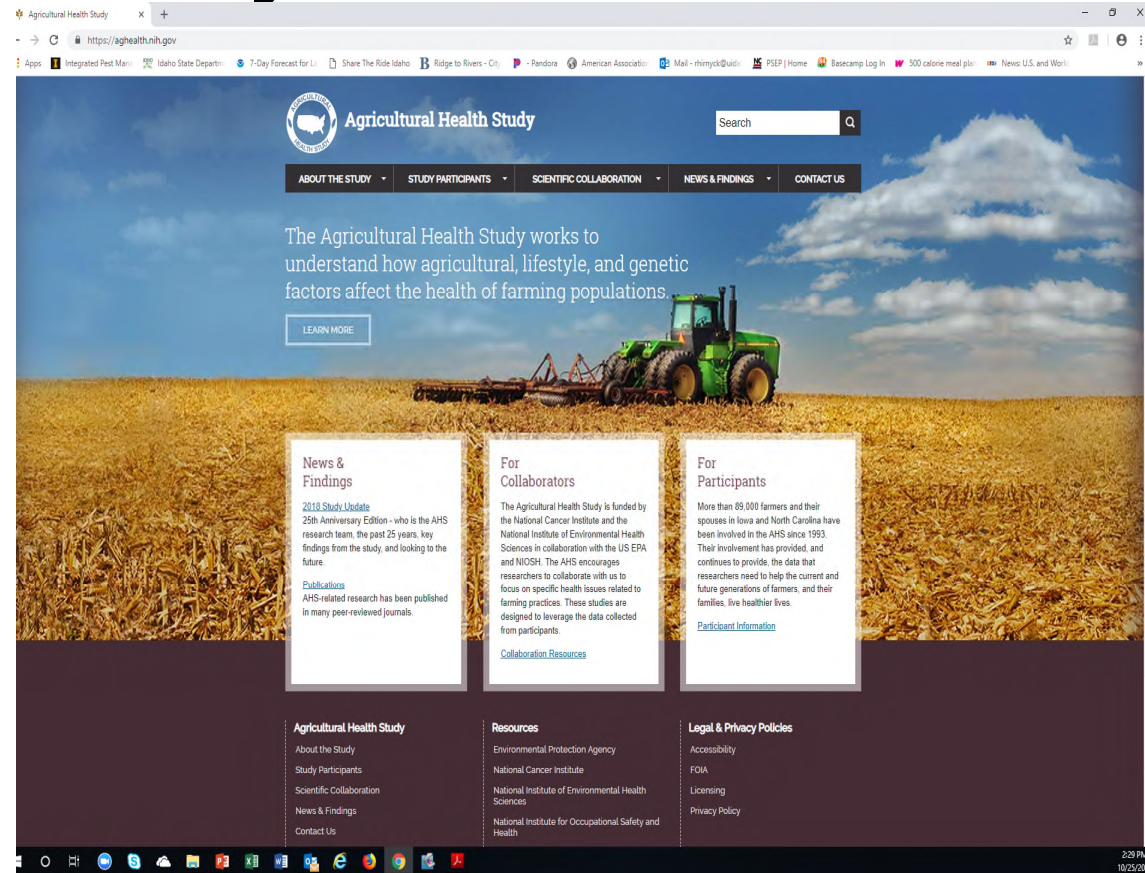
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# NIH Agricultural Health Study

- Largest study for agricultural health ever done
- Most studies use small numbers—data not very strong
- One time measurements—sometimes “looking for glyphosate exposure”
- Agricultural families and workers are exposed to many things
- Still overall, healthier than rest of population





# Jurors give \$289 million to a man they say got cancer from Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller

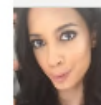


By **Holly Yan**, CNN

Updated 9:28 PM ET, Sat August 11, 2018



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Camping for the first time in Airstream's tiny new luxury trailer



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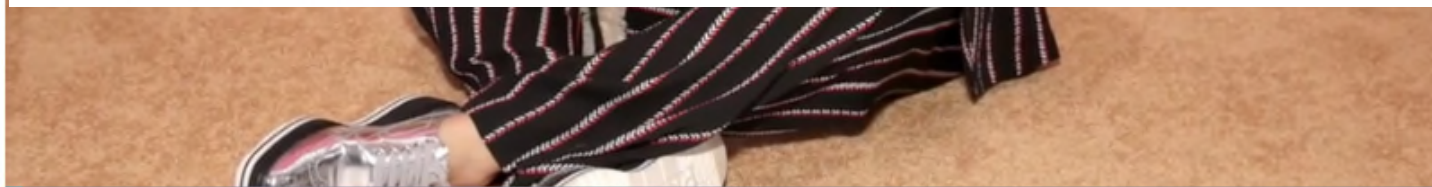


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## A \$5 Million Lawsuit Claims Rachael Ray's Dog Food Brand Contains a Potentially Harmful Ingredient



A man from New York is suing Rachael Ray's "natural" dog food brand, Nutrish, for allegedly containing the "potentially harmful" herbicide glyphosate. In the \$5 million class action lawsuit, Bronx resident Markeith Parks argues that it is deceiving for Nutrish to market its food as natural.



# WEED KILLER INGREDIENT FOUND IN CHEERIOS, QUAKER OATS AND OTHER BREAKFAST CEREALS

BY **CAMMY HARBISON** ON 8/15/18 AT 11:59 PM

Fri, Aug 17, 2018

# Newsweek

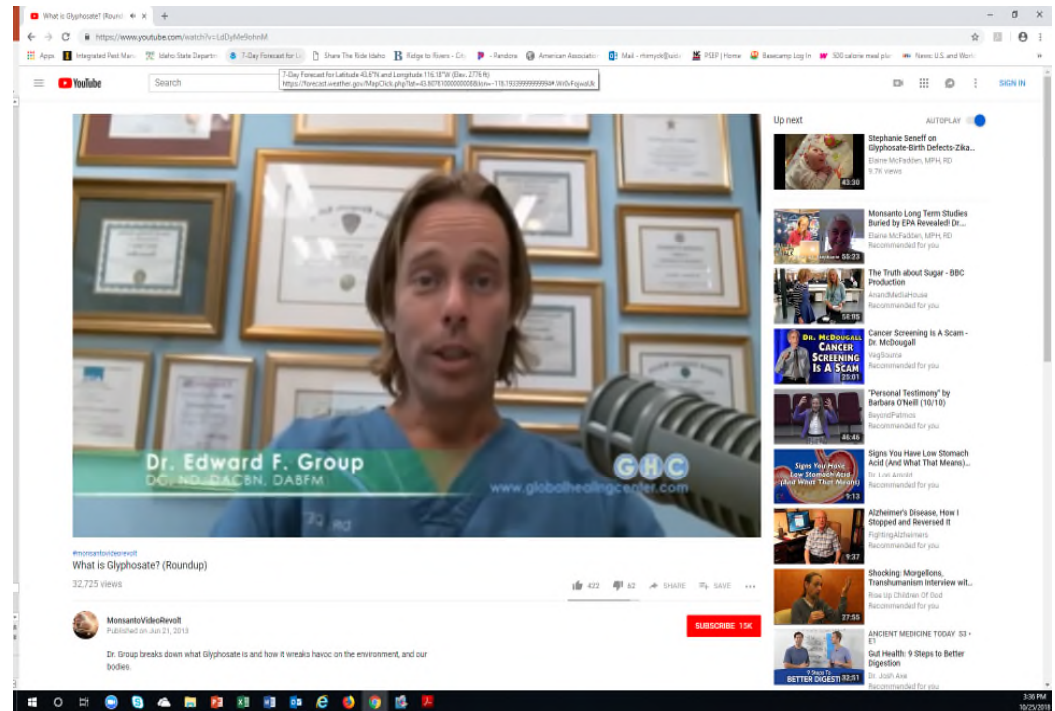


## Weed Killer For Breakfast



# Glyphosate may be active on gut bioflora

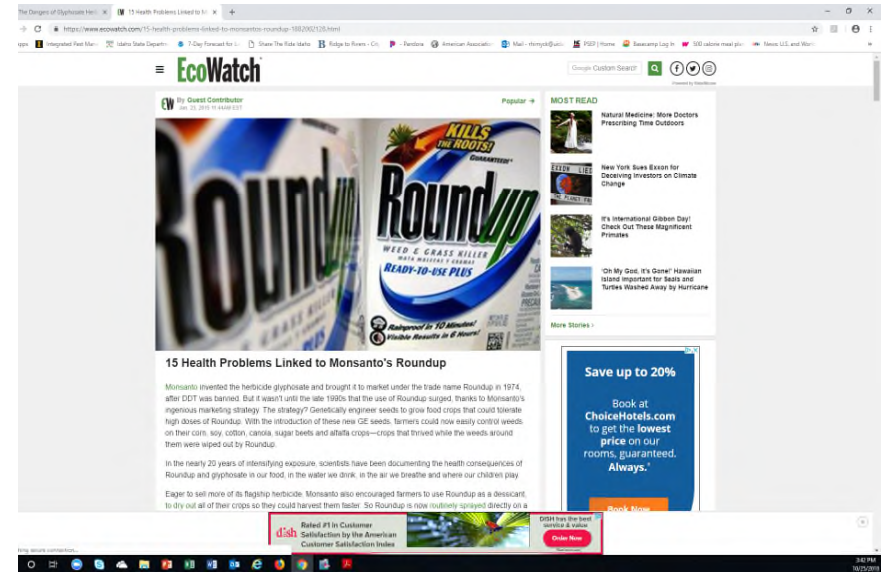
Claims on the internet:  
Residues in our diet are  
killing the bioflora in our  
gut.  
No data, at this time.  
This claim has NOT been  
researched.  
May or may not be valid





# Glyphosate and Social Media

Most information is myth  
Several “self proclaimed”  
PhDs  
Many folks are anti-  
Monsanto  
Emotions run high  
Be sure to use credible  
sources



“They’ve found that people who are sick have higher levels  
Of glyphosate in their bodies than healthy people”  
“List of 15 diseases due to glyphosate”





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