



Celebrate!

On July 7, California added glyphosate, the key ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup herbicide, to the state's list of chemicals and substances known to cause cancer. This is a landmark decision in the ongoing battle against Monsanto's flagship weedkiller. Every activist who has engaged in this fight deserves to take a moment to bask in this victory. It's not everything we need, or want, but California's decision, upheld by the courts, represents a major step forward in a decades-long fight to expose the truth about Roundup and protect the public from its cancer-causing effects. The full impact of the decision remains to be seen. How much glyphosate will need to be present before a product is required to carry a warning? How many foods will exceed the glyphosate residue limits set by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment? Will Monsanto find a way to keep those warnings off all labels? Including foods and weed-killers? Time will tell. And activists will need to remain vigilant. But today, it's celebration time. orgcns.org/2uQjdr1

Do Not Pass Go

Martha Rosenberg reports on how after 33 years of labor, environmental, immigration, animal rights and food safety violations, two rotten eggs—Jack and Peter DeCoster—were finally ordered to jail for their role in a 2010 outbreak of salmonella poisoning. The reckoning was a long time coming, considering that as far back as 1982, at least one person had died from salmonella-infected eggs sold by the DeCoster-owned Quality Egg company. And in 1987, nine people died after eating DeCoster eggs, and 500 were sickened. The DeCosters were each sentenced to three months in jail. Predictably, industry groups like National Association of Manufacturers and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (whose products are central to factory farming) called the sentences “unfair”—even though the DeCosters admitted that Quality Egg workers knowingly shipped eggs with false processing and expiration dates to fool state regulators and retail customers about their age and bribed a USDA inspector at least twice to approve sales of poor-quality eggs. orgcns.org/2sUfsF2

Final Nail?

What happened when the two biggest makers of bee-killing pesticides commissioned a \$3.5-million study on the impact of neonicotinoid pesticides on bees? The scientists concluded that neonics do indeed harm bee populations. The companies (Bayer CropScience and Syngenta) that funded the largest ever field trial of its kind turned around and called the conclusions “unfair.” Bee researcher David Goulson told *Sustainable Pulse* that despite industry's reaction to the results, he had to give them a 10 out of 10 for effort: “It's reached a point where it's just not plausible to keep denying these things harm bees in realistic studies. I'd say it's the final nail in the coffin.” The study specifically found that exposure to neonicotinoids reduces honeybees' ability to survive their winter hibernation, say researchers. orgcns.org/2tQ7GeK

Travel Time!

Join fellow adventurers, nature-enthusiasts, gardeners and organic activists for an 8-day eco-tour in the central highlands of Mexico. Stay at *Vía Orgánica's* educational farm (a project of OCA), where you'll learn about the latest in organic regenerative farming and ranching. The *Vía Orgánica* eco tours also include tours to San Miguel de Allende and other World Heritage sites, trail rides and nature walks, horseback riding, and organic farming and cooking workshops. It's the perfect combination of international travel, adventure and learning. Questions? Email tour@organicconsumers.org

Round It Up!

Moms Across America designated July 7 as National Return Roundup Day. The idea was triggered in part by Linda Mulligan, a New Hampshire high school teacher who teaches a “Random



Act of Kindness” class. Students are required to come up with a random act of kindness for each day of the week. On one of those

days, the students went into barns and garages, gathered up containers of Monsanto's Roundup herbicide, and took them back to their local hardware stores.

National Return Roundup Day is a great idea, but why limit it to one day? There are countless ways to #ResistGlyphosate:

Join a local #Resist & #Regenerate Meetup, or start a new one, to start a local #ResistGlyphosate action team. orgcns.org/2pTiwQo Roundup the Roundup! Start with Roundup containers in your own garage. Return them to your local retailer. While you're at it, round up any unused and/or open containers of other lawn care poisons, including neonicotinoids and 2,4-D.

Boycott all Scotts Miracle-Gro products, even the organic ones. Scotts is the exclusive distributor of Roundup to retail stores in North America, most of Europe and parts of Latin America.

Download this leaflet, take it to your retailers, and ask them to stop selling Roundup: orgcns.org/2tFObno

Ask your Park and School Boards to stop using Roundup.

Watch this webinar on how to organize to resist pesticides: orgcns.org/2tGbddm

Download Beyond Pesticides' resource guide for organizers: orgcns.org/2gaayQx

Getting warning labels on Roundup sold in California is a great step in the right direction. What's even better? Getting Roundup out of retail stores, and out of our communities, including parks and playgrounds.

We can do it, if we organize. Just ask Kathleen Hallal, California activist, mom, and founder of Non Toxic Irvine. Hallal and other concerned citizens convinced Irvine, CA. city council to adopt an “organics-first policy” to control weeds and pests. Read Hallal's inspiring story: orgcns.org/2tFUB5P

Take Action: orgcns.org/2qSPKyf

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It's Unanimous

Regeneration. What does it mean? Chemical-free. No monocultures. Empowering women and indigenous farmers. No chemicals. Plant trees to nourish the soil. Use organic manure. And no chemicals! Last month, Regeneration International's roving reporter, Oliver Gardner, reported from the Desertif'actions International Summit on Land and Climate in Strasbourg, France. Oliver asked farmers from around the world what the term “regeneration” means to them. The most oft-repeated phrase? “No chemicals.” Oliver also recently attended the 5th Plenary of the U.N. Food & Agriculture Association's Global Soil Partnership in Rome, Italy, where he interviewed scientists and farmers about the latest soil health initiatives. youtu.be/JVhwGgDzp7U

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