



## Fascinating Facts

Farmers now apply nearly 5 billion pounds of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup® weedkiller on farm crops each year, worldwide. Approximately 300 million pounds are applied on U.S. farmland.

How does Monsanto get away with it? Given the mounting evidence of the damage to human health and the environment?

Mercola.com recently interviewed Carey Gillam, author of "Whitewash: The Story of a Weed Killer, Cancer, and the Corruption of Science." An investigative journalist and research director for the consumer watchdog group U.S. Right to Know, Gillam talks about Monsanto's long and corrupt path to dominance in global agriculture.

Here's just one fascinating fact from the interview: Our own government won't test foods sold in the U.S. for glyphosate—but it tests some foods destined for other countries, because those countries require it. Gillam tells Mercola:

"It's interesting to note that while we don't test [foods for glyphosate] here in the U.S. ... we do test grains and alfalfa and other things that are going overseas. We have a grain inspection agency that does glyphosate testing on different grains. Not those destined for American dinner plates but those destined for foreign dinner plates. Why? Because so many countries around the world don't want glyphosate residues in their food ..."

That situation is unlikely to improve under the Trump administration which, as this in-depth NBC News report suggests, is determined to make it easier—not more difficult—for chemical companies to unleash their poisons on us. [orgcns.org/2G2q2wV](http://orgcns.org/2G2q2wV)

## Not Cool

If you're one of the 1.3 million consumer-owners of a food co-op, you've probably come to expect high standards from your local store.

You might also be disappointed to learn that the National Co-op Grocers (NCG) has been actively promoting Ben & Jerry's glyphosate-contaminated ice cream to its member stores.

We expect chains like Whole Foods/Amazon, Costco and others to stock Ben & Jerry's—but we hoped food-coops didn't. To find out, early on in our #DumpBen&Jerrys campaign, we surveyed natural food stores and food co-ops.

Initially we found that 62 co-ops sold Ben and Jerry's and 103 didn't. (Eight stores didn't respond to our survey). Since then, three of the 62 stores have dropped Ben & Jerry's: Moscow Food Co-Op in Moscow, Idaho; New Pioneer Food Co-Op in Coralville, Iowa; and Ypsilanti Food Co-Op and River Street Bakery in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Frankly, we wondered why any co-op would sell ice cream known to be contaminated with Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller—when there are so many organic alternatives, most of which cost less than Ben & Jerry's. Then we learned from one of our members about NCG promoting it!

NCG provides business services to 147 food co-ops operating more than 200 stores in 37 states. On its website, NCG says it is a "dynamic and transparent organization with clear and meaningful ways for members to participate."

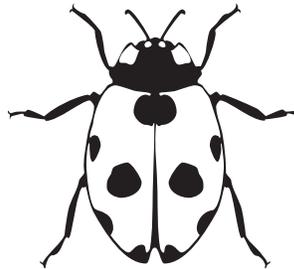
We can't think of a more "meaningful way" for consumers to participate in their co-op than to ask that NCG stop promoting Ben & Jerry's and instead urge all its member stores to #DumpBen&Jerrys.

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## Six-Legged March

Bugs—and farmers—are shaping the entire world.

That's the message, or at least part of the message, Jonathan Lundgren delivered in his TEDxBrookings talk on regenerative farming: "A Six-legged March Toward Regenerative Agriculture."



Lundgren explains how insects, through small individual actions, aggregate and synergize with one another to shape the entire world.

Lundgren, an agroecologist, entomologist, farmer and beekeeper, has always studied bugs. But his love for insects recently took him down a new path

when he started hanging out with regenerative farmers—only to find that the farmers and bugs have a lot in common.

Read 'Bugs and Farmers Are Changing the World' [orgcns.org/2DslorV](http://orgcns.org/2DslorV)

## Debate Changer?

For years, questions have swirled around the use of aluminum adjuvants in vaccines, and their potential risks to human health.

But every time concerns are raised, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) have defended their "aluminum adjuvants are safe" position by referring almost exclusively to a single study.

That study, published in 2011, by Dr. Robert J. Mitkus, a computational toxicologist in the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research at the FDA, concluded that aluminum adjuvants could safely be injected into children.

Was the Mitkus study reliable? Should it stand uncontested as the last word on aluminum in vaccine safety?

No, according to a new study published in the Journal of Inorganic Biochemistry, as reported by World Mercury Project. According to the authors of "Critical Analysis of Reference Studies on the Toxicokinetics of Aluminum-Based Adjuvants:"

To date, aluminum adjuvants per se have, perhaps surprisingly, not been the subject of any official experimental investigation, and this being in spite of the well-established neurotoxicity of aluminum.

OCA's position on vaccine safety is this: Some vaccines may be safe, some may not be safe, at least not for some people. As with any medicine, consumers have the right to know exactly what is in every vaccine, and what the latest, and best research says about the potential risk for each and every recommended vaccine, as well as the cumulative risks associated with aggressive vaccine schedules. We reject the false narrative, promoted by Big Pharma, that there are only two sides to the vaccine issue: pro-vaccine or "anti-vaxxer." Instead, as with any medication, we advocate that consumers seek guidance from reliable sources, and that medical practitioners and pharmaceutical manufacturers provide truthful, up-to-date information about the medicines they promote and profit from. Read the full study: [orgcns.org/2DrXR8I](http://orgcns.org/2DrXR8I)

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Read *Aluminum: The Neurotoxin Far Worse than Mercury*: [orgcns.org/2Ds9mNy](http://orgcns.org/2Ds9mNy)