



## Sorry, Not Safe

Last summer, OCA announced that our testing of Ben & Jerry's popular ice cream flavors for glyphosate (the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller) turned up positive results in 10 of 11 samples we tested.

Our critics fired back that the glyphosate levels we found were "well below" the levels that the EPA tells us are "safe."

Now a new pilot study, soon to be published in the prestigious scientific journal *Environmental Health*, suggests that EPA "safe" levels aren't safe at all—especially for kids. The Global Glyphosate Study pilot experimental phase, the first study of its kind, suggests that exposure to glyphosate at levels the EPA wants us to believe are "safe" can in fact lead to "certain important biological parameters, mainly relating to sexual development, genotoxicity and the alteration of the intestinal microbiome." Has the EPA known all along that its guidelines were bogus? This wouldn't be the first time the agency charged with protecting consumers has been accused of colluding behind the scenes with Monsanto to keep consumers in the dark. Take Action: [orgcns.org/2voBgQ8](http://orgcns.org/2voBgQ8)

## Squeezed.

If you've ever read "The Meat Racket" you know that the U.S. meat industry is rigged against everyone in the supply chain—except for the handful of giant corporations that control it.

By now you also know that the factory farm industry is responsible for the millions of acres of GMO monoculture crops that dominate our farmland, and the toxic chemicals used to grow them. The industry is also the source of widespread water pollution, horrendous animal cruelty, asthma-inducing air pollution and the alarming contamination of our food.

But there's one aspect of the factory farm industry that doesn't get a lot of attention—the industry's practice of hiring undocumented workers, paying them as little as \$6 dollars an hour, and subjecting them to unsafe and unhealthy working conditions, knowing that the workers can't fight back.

In her latest article for OCA, Martha Rosenberg reports on recent raids of U.S. slaughterhouses, and how the meat industry squeezes even more profits out of an already-rigged system, by paying undocumented workers in cash, to avoid paying millions in payroll taxes. [orgcns.org/2rN2pmp](http://orgcns.org/2rN2pmp)

## Your Money

You probably don't lie awake at night thinking about the Farm Bill. But you might, if you realized that a huge chunk of the \$90 billion—of your money—doled out by this massive piece of policy went to support billionaire absentee farm owners instead of struggling family farmers.

Your U.S. Representative is about to vote on a Farm Bill (H.R. 2) that would impose strict work requirements on poor families who need food stamps, while letting rich people collect farm subsidies—even if they don't live or work on the family farm.

In fact, the top Farm Bill safety net programs—federal crop insurance, Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage—are primarily serving only to make the top 10 percent "commercial farm businesses" more profitable.

It's just another example of politicians supporting handouts for the wealthy, and cutbacks for the people who most need, and deserve, support.

If you'd rather your money go toward helping independent family farmers survive and thrive, please contact your member of Congress today.

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## 'Look & See'

"I think when the traditional people disappear, the traditional values will disappear." So says Wendell Berry in a recent film that portrays the changing landscape and shifting values of rural America and describes the lives of farmers who have been deeply affected by the industrial agricultural era.

*Look & See: Wendell Berry's Kentucky* features observations by this prominent writer, farmer and activist on how the agrarian way of life has been lost. Berry is one of the most ardent defenders of rural America and traditional farming

techniques that use nature as the model. In the last 83 years this poet, novelist and essayist has published more than 40 books. He's widely revered and celebrated by people eager for his words of wisdom. And words of wisdom are just what viewers of *Look & See: Wendell Berry's Kentucky*. [orgcns.org/2rLAXEO](http://orgcns.org/2rLAXEO)

## How? When?

Somewhere in the world right now, Monsanto's Roundup is raining down on a field, killing soil microbes and poisoning the air. The weedkiller's toxic residues will run off into waterways.

Eventually, some of those residues will end up on food. Food that you eat, food that you feed to your children.

Since 1974, 18.9 billion pounds of glyphosate, in the form of glyphosate-based herbicides like Roundup, have been sprayed worldwide—3.5 billion of which were sprayed in the U.S.

And it's still going on. Despite mounting evidence that glyphosate is linked to everything from kidney disease to birth defects to cancer.

We know from emails exchanged between Monsanto and the EPA that people within both those organizations have raised serious concerns about the impact of glyphosate on human health.

Yet, today, someone, somewhere will dump more glyphosate into the environment. Because our government values Monsanto's profits over your health.

As we learn of yet another study—the most comprehensive to date—calling into question the safety of the world's most widely used herbicide, we can't help but be reminded, again, of environmentalist Jane Goodall's common-sense, yet unanswered question: "How could we have ever believed that it is a good idea to grow our food with poisons?"

And we ask two more questions of our own: How can we still believe it's a good idea? And when will we stop?

From our Millions Against Monsanto campaign, to our support of U.S. Right to Know's investigative work, to our participation in the International Monsanto Tribunal, to our own lawsuit against Monsanto for misleading consumers about the true dangers of Roundup, OCA has been engaged in the battle to stop the poisoning.

We won't stop. Until the poisoning stops.

Thank you for your loyal support. You make our work possible.

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