



## Foiled Again

Monsanto can't catch a break, not that it deserves one. The \$50-billion mega-corporation, now owned by Bayer, has taken a beating this year, both in the courts and in the public eye. On August 10, a jury ordered Monsanto to pay \$289.2 million to a former groundskeeper who successfully argued that the company's flagship weedkiller, Roundup, caused his cancer. A few days later, Monsanto lost its bid to keep glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, off of California's Proposition 65 list of carcinogens.

Now this: On September 6, a Manhattan judge threw out a subpoena filed by Monsanto against an activist group, going so far as to lecture Monsanto on the importance of free speech and democracy.

The 168-page subpoena, issued on behalf of Monsanto from a New York court, would have forced the global activist organization Avaaz to hand over decade's worth of internal campaign communications, including personal information belonging to millions of activists who signed petitions against Monsanto's genetically modified crops and Roundup weedkiller. [orgcns.org/2xcySV6](http://orgcns.org/2xcySV6)

Take Action: [orgcns.org/2N856HT](http://orgcns.org/2N856HT)

## Note from RFK, Jr.

As hard as we at OCA work to expose the devastating consequences of Roundup (and all toxic agri-chemicals, for that matter) on human health and the environment, we're keenly aware that we are not alone.

Thankfully, there are hundreds of good organizations, millions of people, hard at work to end the poisoning of our food system. One of those people is Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Kennedy was co-counsel for the recent trial in San Francisco, which pitted one of Monsanto's victims against a cadre of Monsanto attorneys. Throughout the trial, he provided us with eyewitness accounts of, how he puts it, the "spectacle" of Monsanto's lawyers as they tried to deny that Roundup weedkiller caused Dewayne "Lee" Johnson's cancer. Kennedy writes:

I watched Monsanto's hired guns tap dance and dissemble, as they tried to explain Monsanto's herculean 40-year campaign to hide the truth about Roundup's deadly cancer-causing properties.

We're grateful for Kennedy's reports, and work, on the landmark trial that ended in the jury awarding Johnson \$289.2 million. We're also grateful that he was willing to reach out to our networks to ask for support for our latest fundraising campaign. We hope you'll read his plea, written on our behalf.

Read the letter from RFK, JR: [orgcns.org/2x81BeE](http://orgcns.org/2x81BeE)

Help us reach our fall fundraising goal: [orgcns.org/2NFVsZF](http://orgcns.org/2NFVsZF)

Learn about other ways to support our work:

[orgcns.org/2LJU5vz](http://orgcns.org/2LJU5vz)

## Raw Deal?

States are allowed to write their own laws governing the sale of raw milk.

But thanks to a 1987 ordinance passed by the FDA, all milk sold across state lines, even between two states where raw milk sales are legal, must be pasteurized.



We think that's wrong. So, on September 26, the Organic Consumers Association will join our allies at the Real Food Consumer Coalition, the Organic and Natural Health Association and the Ican Grassfed Association to bring the truth milk to Congress.

help? We're calling on all raw milk farmers and drinkers to join us in educating their members of Congress about the benefits of raw milk.

Take Action: Register for our pre-lobby-day training webinar on Sept. 17, at 8 pm EDT:

[orgcns.org/2PN75Cs](http://orgcns.org/2PN75Cs)

Take Action: Join our lobbying team in Washington, DC, on Sept. 26: [orgcns.org/2MsvQBQ](http://orgcns.org/2MsvQBQ)

Learn more: [orgcns.org/2PJHPNi](http://orgcns.org/2PJHPNi)

## Deadline Extended

If you think meat labeled "Product of U.S.A." should come from cattle actually raised in the U.S.—not imported from other countries—you're not alone. The American Grassfed Association and the Organization for Competitive Markets have submitted a petition to the USDA asking that the USDA change its labeling policy for grass-fed meat.

Here's the issue. Current policy allows imported beef to be labeled "Product of U.S.A." if the meat passes through a U.S.-based inspection plant, or is blended with meat from cattle actually born and raised in the U.S.

That policy deceives consumers. And it puts U.S. grassfed beef producers at a huge disadvantage.

Following a "significant interest from stakeholders," the USDA has extended the public comment period for another month—so if you haven't yet weighed in, you're in luck. Take Action: [orgcns.org/2LEjBwK](http://orgcns.org/2LEjBwK)

## Miraculous Abundance

Regeneration International and Kiss the Ground have teamed up to create a video series they call "Trails of Regeneration." Their latest segment takes you to Normandy, France, for a closer look at a farm that has been highly successful over the last 12 years: Farm du Bec Hellouin.

By what yardstick do farmers Charles and Perrine Hervé-Gruyer measure the success of their farm business? For starters: yield.

Using regenerative practices, the husband-and-wife team says they can grow as much food on one-tenth of a hectare (one hectare equals about 2.3 acres) of land as neighboring farms grow on only one hectare of land! How? The organic farm, based on the principles of permaculture, uses mound cultivation, agroforestry, associated crops, animal traction, fragmented ramal wood, effective microorganisms, terra preta and more.

But better yields is just one aspect of this farm's success. These farmers are also restoring soil fertility, sequestering carbon and cultivating biodiversity. [orgcns.org/2xbDyuA](http://orgcns.org/2xbDyuA)