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JOHN'S CORNER:

WEEDS and HERBICIDES: "Round-Up" (Part 3)

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A lot has happened over the last few months since my last update. Several more countries have banned GMO crops. The list now includes Venezuela, Italy, Austria, Poland, Wales, Germany, Slovenia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Latvia, France, Cyprus, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Poland, Germany, Greece, Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia, Taiwan and Italy. While at home the USDA, EPA and the President Obama administration continue to try and ram GMO's down the throats of the American people, even appointing former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack (pro BioTech Governor of the Year) as USDA secretary. In spite of this marketing and manipulation effort, several states and a few counties in other states have banned the planting of GMO crops and are requiring labeling.

Note: The DARK (Deny Americans the Right To Know) act was temporarily defeated in congress. Monsanto and its congressional pawns are now trying to attach it to a financial spending act as a rider.

Round-Up ready crops have been a dismal failure as they were designed to reduce herbicide usage. A 2009 study showed over the previous 13 years that Round-Up usage *increased by 383 million pounds* just the opposite of what was promised. The federal courts ruled that approval of GMO alfalfa violated as it failed to analyze the risks properly. Consumers whom ingest GM alfalfa (or eat the meat from animals fed GM alfalfa) are likely risking their health. Even the USDA admits that "acute toxicity in mice were observed".

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ronnie-cummins/obama-usda-poised-to-take_b_432185.html

From the Paper: "Monsanto Hid Evidence of Roundup As A Human Carcinogen"

A new paper by Anthony Samsel and Stephanie Seneff shows that Monsanto's own studies demonstrated unqualified links to cancer for over 30 years. Entitled "Glyphosate, pathways to modern diseases IV: cancer and related pathologies," the authors use Monsanto's own studies that had been sealed by the EPA. Samsel's "freedom of information requests pried out of the EPA's files, and demonstrates that glyphosate fed to rats produced tumors and cancers throughout the organs and glands of the animals. Similarly, many types of

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cancers, including thyroid, liver, bladder, pancreatic, kidney and myeloid leukemia have risen in the US population in parallel with their increased exposure to glyphosate in the food supply. The authors cite over 250 studies, that Glyphosate ties up key nutrition elements which shut down metabolic pathways, and that it is also an antibiotic that kills off beneficial gut bacteria (explains why we have to take probiotics now to stay healthy). It also damages the mitochondria and throws off the delicate balance of the hormonal system. They also demonstrate how the same disruptions are likely contributing to a whole host of other diseases, including autism, diabetes, kidney disease, and fatty liver disease. They also found that very low dose exposure did the greatest damage. Note: As a result Monsanto quit testing for low dose exposure. In addition they found that glyphosate also causes DNA damage. Other findings were glyphosate was associated with an 80% increase in melanoma and that it stimulated the growth of human breast cancer cells.

Since most corn is now GMO we need to quit eating corn chips and salsa unless they are made from GMO free corn. Ask your Mexican restaurant if they serve corn chips from GMO corn and if they do, find another restaurant. I suspect other corn chip products like Frito's and Doritos would also be dangerous to our health if they are made with GMO corn (only a label would let us know).

On the positive side Campbell's soups have announced they will label products that contain GMO's and will try to remove them from their products. Chipotle's Restaurants have already stated they will not serve any food made with GMO's.