

Food companies are still selling products contaminated by Monsanto weedkiller

Despite these newest results the EPA refuses to set strict limits of glyphosate in food.

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Popular foods contaminated by glyphosate are still being sold by major companies in the United States.

New samples tested by the Environmental Working Group revealed that glyphosate, the main ingredient in Roundup, Monsanto's popular herbicide, is still present in children's cereal and snack products.

EWG tested 21 oat-based products. All 21 showed traces of glyphosate and all but four had levels of glyphosate that are higher than what EWG scientists consider safe for children.

The newest tests are a follow up from EWG's findings last year when the group tested samples in July and October and found consistent levels of glyphosate in many breakfast cereals and snacks, specifically ones that are likely to be marketed to and consumed by children.

This time the highest levels of glyphosate were found in Honey Nut Cheerios Medley Crunch (833 parts per billion, ppb) and Cheerops (729 ppb). The EWG's recommend level is 160 ppb.

You can find all the results from the latest tests below:

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| Product Type | Variety | Glyphosate (ppb) |
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| Oat breakfast cereal | Honey Nut Cheerios | 147 |
| Oat breakfast cereal | Cheerios Toasted Whole Grain Oat Cereal | 729 |
| Oat breakfast cereal | Chocolate Peanut Butter Cheerios | 400 |
| Oat breakfast cereal | Cheerios Oat Crunch Cinnamon | 283 |
| Oat breakfast cereal | Honey Nut Cheerios Medley Crunch | 833 |
| Oat breakfast cereal | Multi Grain Cheerios | 216 |
| Oat breakfast cereal | Nature Valley Baked Oat Bites | 389 |
| Granola | Nature Valley Granola Peanut Butter Creamy & Crunchy | 198 |
| Granola | Nature Valley Granola Protein Oats n Dark Chocolate | 261 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Fruit & Nut Chewy Trail Mix Granola Bars, Dark Chocolate & Nut | 76 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Fruit & Nut Chewy Trail Mix Granola Bars, Dark Chocolate Cherry | 275 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Sweet & Salty Nut granola bars, Cashew | 158 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Crunchy granola bars, Oats and Honey | 320 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Crunchy granola bars, Peanut Butter | 312 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Crunchy granola bars, Maple Brown Sugar | 566 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Soft-Baked Oatmeal Squares, Blueberry | 206 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Soft-Baked Oatmeal Squares, Cinnamon Brown Sugar | 124 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Granola Cups, Almond Butter | 529 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Granola Cups, Peanut Butter Chocolate | 297 |
| Snack or snack bar | Nature Valley Biscuits with Almond Butter | 194 |
| Snack or snack bar | Fiber One Oatmeal Raisin soft-baked cookies | 204 |

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Glyphosate has already been classified as a “possible carcinogen” by the World Health Organization and a known carcinogen in the state of California. In the last year, three successful cases in California have awarded over \$2 billion to victims of Roundup-caused cancer. The cases have also argued that Monsanto knew about the risks of glyphosate and attempted to cover them up.

Despite the actions of EWG and other environmental groups, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) refuses to set strict limits of glyphosate in food, nor does it plan to routinely test food for contamination.

“The only way to quickly remove this cancer-causing weedkiller from foods marketed to children is for companies like General Mills and Quaker to use oats from farmers who do not use glyphosate as a desiccant,” says the EWG.