

Press Release: Disturbing Toxin Results in American Children and Food Samples

Surprising Impact for Gluten Free, Vegan, Vegetarian and Organic Consumers

May 5, 2017 Mission Viejo, CA- [Moms Across America](#) releases their report on their recent findings of toxins in 36 American children, tested at [Great Plains Lab](#), along with results from the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)(CFIA). The results are disturbing and have an important message for Gluten Free, Vegan, Vegetarian and Organic American consumers and food manufacturers.

“79% of the children tested had ADHD or autism symptoms, 21% did not. 100% of all the children tested positive for serious toxins. Over 50% tested positive levels of 3X higher than the average. We expected the children who ate organic to have lower levels of toxins than the children who did not. This was not the case for the majority of the children. Upon the release of the CFIA data we realized why, and we hope consumer and food manufacturers take note of these important findings.” - Zen Honeycutt of Moms Across America.

The [CFIA data](#), compiled in the book “Poisoned Foods of North America” by Tony Mitra, showed that non organic gluten free foods and non organic foods which largely make up vegan and vegetarian foods such as wheat, garbanzo, white and black beans were very high in glyphosate, the world’s most widely used herbicide, up to 12,699 ppb. Health conscious parents who try to feed their children organic, are much more likely to feed their children gluten free, vegan and vegetarian foods whether or not they are also organic, thus unintentionally poisoning their children with higher levels of glyphosate. This shows that health conscious consumers who are eating gluten free, vegan and vegetarian foods must be sure those foods are also organic in order to avoid this toxic herbicide.

However some foods are contaminated whether they are organic or not. Particularly alarming was the finding that even organic garbanzo beans, organic chickpeas, and some organic lentils were highly contaminated with glyphosate. These foods should be avoided completely from North America if one wants to avoid consuming glyphosate herbicides.

“Although the levels of glyphosate-based herbicides (GBH) were lower than the 167 other toxins we tested for, it’s important to understand that studies have shown that

GBH increases the harmful impact of other toxins and metals, making it's role a key player in the toxic burden of our children and decline of the health of America. The only way to prevent the exposure to these toxins is for farmers to stop using them and to have the EPA remove them from the market." Honeycutt continued.

Claims that glyphosate-based herbicides are safe are widely believed, as Roundup and other GBH brands have been used for 40 years. In the past ten years there has been a significant increase of the use of glyphosate directly on non organic food as a drying agent in addition to GMO crops. Honeycutt and her organization assert this is unsafe, and a major contributing factor to the skyrocketing childhood illnesses in America today.

"Proponents of GMO and chemical farming claim glyphosate-based herbicides are safe, according to the EPA. But the EPA policy is to require safety studies on one declared active chemical ingredient, not the final formulation of the herbicide. They have admitted to not having *any* long term animal studies on the final formulation of Roundup. Therefore, any claims that Roundup and GBH are safe are completely unfounded. We call on farmers to stop using harmful chemicals on all of our food and feed crops immediately. We must reduce the toxic burden on our children and protect the future of our country, " says Honeycutt.

To read the full report go to www.momsacrossamerica.org/blog

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