SUPPORTING IDAHO FARMERS



THE PROBLEM

For over half a century, glyphosate—the most commonly used pesticide—has enabled better yields and lower weed control costs for millions of farmers in the U.S. No health regulator anywhere in the world has ever found it to be a carcinogen.

Yet, despite the clear science behind its safety and benefits, a lack of legislative certainty has invited the litigation industry to file thousands of lawsuits fueled by over $100 million in expansive marketing and TV ads.

This uncertainty has also enabled efforts in states like California to regulate pesticides in a manner inconsistent with federal law, congressional intent, and scientific consensus.

Combined, these efforts threaten Idaho farmers' access to their #1 defense against weeds.

> **If we don't act, the future of glyphosate and other valuable crop protection tools and critical innovations may be at stake.**

THE IMPLICATIONS

Glyphosate is the backbone of modern farming. Glyphosate-based herbicides are also among the most extensively tested products of their kind, which is one reason so many growers and others continue to rely on glyphosate to help them safely, successfully, and sustainably control problematic weeds.

FOOD SECURITY

Idaho farmers rely on pesticides to grow their crops and keep yields high, ensuring we have enough to eat.

- Up to 40% of crops are lost to pests and diseases each year. Without pesticides, losses could be as high as 85%.
- As a top-5 producer in the nation of potatoes, wheat, barley, and sugar beets, Idaho farmers rely on pesticides like glyphosate for successful harvests. **For example, sugar beet farming is nearly impossible without glyphosate—98% of all sugar beet acres rely on the essential tool.**

FOOD PRICES

Without pesticides like glyphosate, lower yields and increased input costs will force consumers to pay even higher food prices.

- Pesticides save the average family of four up to 48% on their average grocery bill.
- Without glyphosate specifically, food inflation could more than double—adding up to $10 billion to the cost of food for American households every year.

FARMERS' LIVELIHOOD

Reduced access to glyphosate would increase costs and hurt the ability of Idaho's family farms to grow their crops and plan for the future.

- Glyphosate helps Idaho farmers keep their costs low. Without glyphosate, farmers' input costs could more than double.
- Without glyphosate, farmers producing crops like corn, soybeans, wheat, rice, peanuts, sorghum, oats, and barley would lose more than **$2.89 billion annually** in net farm income.

GLYPHOSATE IN IDAHO:

Idaho's phosphate mines are the foundation of the glyphosate supply chain in the U.S. Idaho is also home to the only elemental phosphate manufacturing plant in the Western Hemisphere.

Hundreds of employees **directly support** the production of glyphosate in Idaho.

THE SOLUTION

Manufacturers and the farmers who depend on their products need legislative certainty at the state and federal level that ensures that any pesticide registered with the EPA—and sold under a label consistent with the EPA's own determinations—is sufficient to satisfy requirements for health and safety warnings.

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