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Gateway on Pesticide Hazards and Safe Pest Management

[http://beyondpesticides.org/gateway] Database that lists the health and environmental effects of close to 350 registered pesticide active ingredients and is searchable by chemical name, product names, or health and environmental effects. The database is designed to provide decision and policy makers, practitioners, and activists with easier access to current and historical information on pesticide hazards and safe pest management, drawing on and linking to numerous sources and organizations that include information related to pesticide science, policy and activism. The toxicological and environmental information presented in the Gateway for each chemical is sourced from a wide variety of U.S. and international resources and databases including information from U.S. regulatory documents, the National Institutes of Health, National Toxicology Program, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), California's Proposition 65, University Extension Services, the European Union, and others, including independent peer-reviewed scientific studies.

The Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database

[http://beyondpesticides.org/health] Presents epidemiologic and laboratory studies based on real world exposure scenarios that link negative human health effects to pesticides. These scientific studies document elevated rates of chronic diseases among people exposed to pesticides, with increasing numbers of studies associated with both specific illnesses and a range of illnesses.

Currently the database is searchable for over 600 scientific references relating to Alzheimer's, Asthma, birth defects, body burden, cancer, diabetes, endocrine disruption, learning and developmental disabilities, Parkinson's, and sexual reproductive dysfunction. The current database, which contains hundreds of studies, is added to consistently. We urge users of the database to send studies that you think should be added to the database to info@beyondpesticides.org.

Eating with a Conscience

[http://beyondpesticides.org/organicfood/conscience] Designed to help explain the urgent need for a major shift to organic food consumption. The database, which includes information on 80 crops. Though this list is helpful in alerting consumers to hazardous residues on food, food residues are only part of the story. Those foods that are often referenced as "clean" commodities may be grown with hazardous pesticides that get into waterways and groundwater, contaminate nearby communities, poison farmworkers, and kill wildlife, while not all showing up at detectable or elevated levels on our food. Database users select an individual crop which will brings up a page that lists all of the pesticides that have registered tolerance (legal residue) allowances on that specific crop. The database lists the human health (acute, and chronic effects) and environmental (surface water contaminant, ground water contaminant, wildlife poison, bee poison, long-range transport) effects linked to each pesticide. The page also includes reported California farmworker poisoning incidents.