

Glyphosate in Oats

Most oats are grown on family farms in Canada, many of which are multi-generational operations with strong ties to the land where farmers live and thrive. To grow a crop of oats takes great care, and Canada's top-quality oats are highly prized for their colour, weight, and health benefits. Glyphosate continues to be one of the most widely tested ag products around the world. It is registered in over 160 countries and no major regulatory agency in the world considers it a health risk. Below is some additional information on how and why it's used:



Canadian oat growers aim to produce the best quality oats, and it all starts in the field.

Oat farmers work to grow a quality crop that is sustainable and safe. Glyphosate is one product commonly used by farmers to control grass weeds prior to planting or after the crop is harvested. It also allows farmers to save topsoil by using no or low-till farming practices.

- Using this product makes it possible to reduce tillage, reduce fuel use and, therefore, GHG emissions which protects soil and water, a very important global issue.
- The 'Keep it Clean' campaign reminds farmers to only use crop protection products (pesticides) that have been registered for use in Canada and to always follow the rates and timing listed on the label. Farmers have done this for decades so they can leave their land better for the next generation, usually their own children or grandchildren.
- Canadian farmers continue to look for ways to reduce chemical use on their farms for many reasons: it's an added cost to them for product and application costs, and it also takes considerable time to apply, taking away valuable time from other farming or family activities.

Canadian oat growers take consumer health seriously

Any levels of glyphosate that may remain after processing are trace amounts and significantly below the 30 parts per million (ppm) limit set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and international bodies as safe for human consumption.

Tests on oat products have found glyphosate levels to usually be about 30 times lower than the regulatory limit.

Consumers can choose to buy organic oats

If you are still concerned, you can purchase organic oats to help you reduce your exposure to even lower trace amounts of crop protection products.

Of course, farmers take care and pride in the products they produce. This way, they can feel confident when they sit down for a meal with their family, knowing it's a great, safe product for families everywhere.



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