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Mothers call for help in ridding breastmilk of glyphosate weedkiller (also known as Roundup)

Moms Across America and Sustainable Pulse released the results of tests on American women's breastmilk today.[1]

The weedkiller glyphosate was present in high levels in 3 out of the 10 breastmilk samples.

Concentrations of glyphosate in breastmilk were higher than in the mother's urine, This suggests that glyphosate builds up in the body over time.

"We have been told that glyphosate (Roundup) is excreted out of the body and so will not harm us.

"This study suggests this advice is wrong. Babies should not have to drink weedkiller in their mother's milk." Said Fran Murrell, MADGE spokeswoman, "MADGE is really concerned. Moms Across America is our sister organisation and we support their work."

Sunday night's SBS documentary "Secret Life of Breasts" showed chemicals[2] in our bodies affect our health and that of our children."

Australia grows GM Roundup Ready (RR) canola and cotton. We also import RR crops like soy, sugarbeet and maize. It is allowed in processed foods and as animal feed. Foods derived from GM are usually unlabelled due to our lax national laws.

Glyphosate is used by many councils to spray parks and roadsides. Farmers are also increasingly using glyphosate to 'dry off' crops like grains and pulses before harvest.

"We are asking for urgent testing of the level of glyphosate in Australian mums' milk" said Jessica Harrison from MADGE "We cannot allow this toxic trespass of weedkiller into our bodies and our babies."

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Moms Across America is presented by the non profit CA State Grange and is a national coalition of unstoppable Moms. "Empowered Moms, Healthy Kids."

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