

Now under attack for minute glyphosate residues in its ice cream, is Ben and Jerry's a victim or the culprit?

[July 2017], the New York Times reported that Ben & Jerry's ice-cream products "have tested positive for glyphosate," a widely used herbicide.

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The response from Ben & Jerry's actually made things worse. Rob Michalak, the company's global director of social mission (whatever that is), essentially apologized: "We're working to transition away from [GMOs], as far away as we can get," he told the Times.

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I happen to be one of those conventional dairy farmers, and our farm is even located in the rolling hills of Vermont....

We don't grow GMOs on our farm and most of our dairy winds up in cheese rather than ice cream. But we do rely on GMO crops because they're the source of much of what we feed our cows. Organic farms can't grow enough crops to satisfy the needs of Vermont dairy farmers, or lawmakers for that matter, to say nothing of the rest of the country's food demands. They're too inefficient.

Yet instead of standing up for ordinary farmers against a common foe, Ben & Jerry's has once again chosen to criticize a safe and sensible tool of modern agriculture.

When it comes to informed choices, consumers deserve more than supposed conspiracy theories and fake news. They deserve facts and critical thinking.

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