

## Viewpoint: Glyphosate herbicide's 'tough year' could get much worse

Monsanto's flagship weed killer, Roundup, has had a tough year. And it could get worse.

With Roundup at the center of a federal case in the United States over [claims that it causes cancer](#), European Union officials ... weigh whether to allow the continued use of products that contain Roundup's active ingredient, glyphosate, in its 28 nations.

Because Europe makes such decisions the way Americans vote for president — with a weighted vote among its member states — the outcome is tricky to predict.

A final decision, already long delayed, is not expected until later this year. France and [Italy](#) have indicated they will oppose the reauthorization, while Germany's position remains unclear. A range of outcomes are possible, including phasing out Roundup and similar products entirely or limiting the length of their reapproval.

While Roundup still enjoys broad support among farmers and a number of European governments, sentiment against its maker is at a low point in Europe, with a petition campaign against glyphosate reportedly [surpassing one million signatures](#).

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