

Non-glyphosate certified: New label promises lower levels of herbicide residue

Scott Prentice, executive director of BioChecked, has been in the food certification business since 2010. However, he's made the most waves with a new certification: Whether food and beverage products contain any residue of the controversial herbicide glyphosate.

Glyphosate — more commonly known by the trade name Roundup and marketed by Monsanto — is the [best-selling and most widely used agricultural chemical in the world](#). It is also suspected of posing a risk to human health. The World Health Organization has labeled glyphosate [a probable cause of cancer](#) and California has [classified the herbicide as a carcinogen](#). However, scientists from the Environmental Protection Agency [remain divided on whether there is a link](#) between glyphosate and cancer.

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BioChecked, based in Sarasota, Florida, launched its non-glyphosate certification program in January.

[The Detox Project](#) also issues a non-glyphosate certification, which it began in May.

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These two organizations issuing non-glyphosate certifications have tapped into a movement driven by increasing consumer awareness of toxic chemicals and a desire for safer foods and beverages. The new symbols jockey for space among the [crowded seals and symbols](#) found on packaging today. They certify that foods, beverages or single ingredients have tested at the lowest possible threshold for the herbicide.

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