

French president Macron backtracks on proposed glyphosate ban in wake of scientist, farmer protests

French president Emmanuel Macron says that the phasing out of glyphosate-based weed killers in France by 2021, as previously announced, will be impossible, as it would hurt the agricultural industry....

"I'm not going to lie to you, it's not true," Macron said on [January 24] about the government's ability to phase out the herbicide by 1 January 2021.

In November 2017 President Macron rejected a European Commission decision to reapprove the use of glyphosate for five years. He [pledged to ban the product](#) within three years.

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Farmers have been pushing back, saying that three years is not enough time to find an alternative that is both economically viable and environmentally friendly. Glyphosate....is the key ingredient in RoundUp, the world's most widely used weed killer. It....is not immediately dangerous for birds, insects or other animals, which is why farmers have been pushing back on the ban.

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