

Viewpoint: Farmers use glyphosate to grow healthy crops, not because 'Big Ag' makes them

Until the public sees agriculture and the agricultural landscape for what it is and quits calling a circle a square, the attempts by me and anyone else trying to convey an honest picture of what it's like to farm in Canada will be perceived as kowtowing to the fictitious puppeteer of big ag.

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Your smartphone, your computer, your vehicle were all made by corporations large enough that they should — all things equal — trigger the same level of distrust many have for agricultural companies.

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Buying Roundup is not like walking up to the counter at an Apple store to buy a phone. Farmers don't dream about ag chemicals and then, one day, give in to an impulse to purchase a product that will put a smile on their faces until a new chemistry comes along.

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We routinely refer to the things we need to grow a healthy crop as tools. These are the things needed to grow the crops we grow in the agricultural landscape as it exists today. The goal is quality crops for strong markets.

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