Bumper Crop Of Roundup Lawsuits

If you or someone you know has non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma (NHL) and has been exposed to Roundup from Monsanto, hundreds of law firms are looking for you. Studies linking Roundup to an increase in NHL have resulted in a lot of lawsuits targeting Monsanto.

“We have about 800 cases in all,” says a spokesman for The Miller Firm, LLC, which has been advertising recently in farm magazines. “Most cases are settled out of court.”

According to the Miller representative, the lawsuits are now in the discovery phase. “We have several hundred thousand documents to go through,” he says.

This is phase where lawyers hope to find the smoking gun that says the defendant, in this case Monsanto, knew their product could cause problems.

The Miller firm isn’t the only one planning lawsuits against Monsanto. A quick search via Google reveals a long list of firms claiming to be representing or seeking clients. Type in “non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma Roundup lawsuit,” and you’ll get more than 200,000 results.

The law firms are basing their claims on a 2015 report from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a division of the World Health Organization. It found glyphosate to be “probably carcinogenic.” Monsanto denies there is any problem. A CBS News story updated in August 2016 quoted a Monsanto researcher as disagreeing with the IARC findings.

Dr. Donna Farmer was quoted in the story as saying, “I can’t say for sure it is safe. The data that they looked at, they cherry picked it, and then they interpreted the studies completely different than the researcher who actually did the work.”

Is there a downside to joining lawsuits like these? A report released recently by the Union National Association, the trade association for state and federally chartered credit unions, identifies downsides to class action lawsuits. Author Darla Dernoveck pointed out that actual payouts are often small.

In some cases the people doing the suing can be counter-sued or held liable for costs. When a group of cattlemen sued beef packer IBP in the late 1990’s, an appeals court assigned IBP’s legal costs to the cattlemen when overturning a lower court’s ruling.

Dernoveck advises making sure any materials you sign spell out your potential liability. If you’re not sure, consult an attorney not involved in the case.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, The Miller Firm, LLC (ph 800-882-2525; roundupcompensation.com) or dozens of other firms now advertising for clients.

Liberty Quotes

“The peak of tolerance is most readily achieved by those not burdened by conviction.”—Alexander Chase

“You can’t get rich in politics unless you’re a crook.”—Harry Truman

“No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude without finally getting bewildered as to which one is true.”—Oliver Wendell Holmes

“The measure of a man’s character is what he would do if he knew that he would never be found out.”—Thomas Babington Macaulay

“The right to be let alone is indeed the beginning of all freedom.”—Justice William O. Douglas

“A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.”—Dwight D. Eisenhower

“A man should be upright, not be kept upright.”—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

“Once we start to worry too often and too deeply about what certain individuals and what certain groups think about us, then we might start selling our souls for the sake of expediency.”—Ollie Chandler

“It is morally as bad not to care whether a thing is true or not, so long as it makes you feel good, as it is not to care how you got your money as long as you have it.”—Edwin Way Teale

“Integrity is doing the right thing, even if nobody is watching.”—Jim Stovall

“If you want to be free, there is but one way; it is to guarantee an equally full measure of liberty to all your neighbors. There is no other way.”—Carl Schurz

“If people are to be free in any meaningful sense of the word, that means they are free to foul up their lives as much as to make something grand of them. That’s the risk of liberty. Nobody wants others to screw up their lives, but each must be free to do so for themselves.”—Joel Miller

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Producing Milk Without Cows

Dairy cattle might feel a tinge of uneasiness these days because a California startup company has started making milk without the benefit of cows. Ryan Pandya and Perumal Gandhi are using genetically engineered yeasts “programmed” to produce proteins and other ingredients found in plants or animals on an industrial scale. "We’re attempting to produce a product with all the nutritional benefits of cow’s milk, but none of the compromises,” says Pandya.

The company’s manufacturing process is very intricate. It involves taking food grade yeast and adding DNA sequences developed using synthetic biology to produce the proteins found in milk. What emerges from four different cases is that produce 2 proteins that form the whey, along with lactoglobulin and lactalbumin. This mixture is placed in a fermentation tank with corn sugar and other nutrients. When that process is completed the proteins are harvested and added to water, minerals and other plants based fats and sugars to make “milk” that is lactose-free.

The company, Perfect Day, is in discussions with at least 3 big dairy companies about partnering with them to produce non-cow milk. Soy milk and almond milk are cow milk substitutes that have already found a market. Perfect Day says its product will be much closer to the real thing and can be used for cheese, yogurts, ice cream and other products made from dairy milk. Perfect Day milk should reach store shelves in late 2017 (www.perfectdayfoods.com).

Ole and Lena went on a big game hunt with Lena’s mother. One night in the jungle, Lena woke up to a very loud noise outside the tent. Waking Ole, she insisted on trying to find her. In a clearing not far from camp, he came upon a chilling sight: his wife was missing.

"Nuttin'," said Ole. "Dat lion got disself into dis mess. Let him get disself out of it."

Ole picked up his ri...