**Glyphosate issue: Let’s consider the facts**

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Now that the heated debate on Glyphosate has subsided, the time seems opportune to calmly reflect and reconsider the decision to ban this herbicide in some parts of the country considering currently available evidence/facts.

**What is Glyphosate?**



**Glyphosate** (*N*-(phosphonomethyl) glycine) is a broad-spectrum [systemic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herbicide%22%20%5Cl%20%22Classification) herbicide

 used to kill [weeds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weed), especially annual broad leaf weeds and grasses known to compete with commercial crops grown around the globe. It was discovered in 1970 by John E. Franz, a Chemist working for the MONSANTO Company in the USA. (Franz received the National medal of technology in 1987 and the [Perkin Medal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perkin_Medal) for Applied Chemistryin 1990 for his discoveries. He was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2007). Monsanto brought Glyphosate to market in the **1970s** under the trade name **Roundup**, and Monsantos last commercially relevant United States [**patent**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patent) **expired in 2000**.