



The Agricultural Health Study

Answering questions
about farming and health

Please stay involved!

What we found:

- Farmers have a higher risk for developing some cancers, including prostate cancer.
- Gloves Matter! Use of chemically resistant gloves can reduce pesticide exposure 50-80%.
- Rotenone and paraquat are linked to increased risk of developing Parkinson's disease.
- Allergic asthma in men and women may be associated with use of some organophosphate insecticides.
- Accidental high pesticide exposure events may affect health later in life.
- Diabetes and thyroid disease risk may increase for users of some organochlorine chemicals.

The AHS is a multi-agency project led jointly by



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Why we need the study:

- More than a million Americans work in agriculture.
- The health risks and benefits of farming are not well studied.
- The (AHS) began in 1993 to better understand agricultural factors related to health and, ultimately, to protect the health of farm families.

Why the study needs you:

- Your continued involvement helps future generations of farmers live healthier lives.
- Your participation will ensure that the results best reflect the experience of all farm families.

Please complete the next AHS survey when you receive it, regardless of your health status or whether you are still farming.

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