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Food Irradiation Myths

FDA Approves Cow Hormone

F&W Joins Anti-BGH Fight

The Clinton Administration has once again demonstrated that it would rather risk the health of the American people than offend a major corporation. Despite substantial evidence that synthetic bovine growth hormone (BGH) threatens the well-being of consumers, dairy cows, and family farmers, the Food and Drug Administration approved the controversial drug for use last November. Now that a 90-day congressional moratorium on the sale of BGH is over, dairies are free [illegible]ly en- [illegible]one. Food & [illegible] with a num- [illegible] farm, and [illegible]ps to [illegible]es that do not reject milk produced with BGH.

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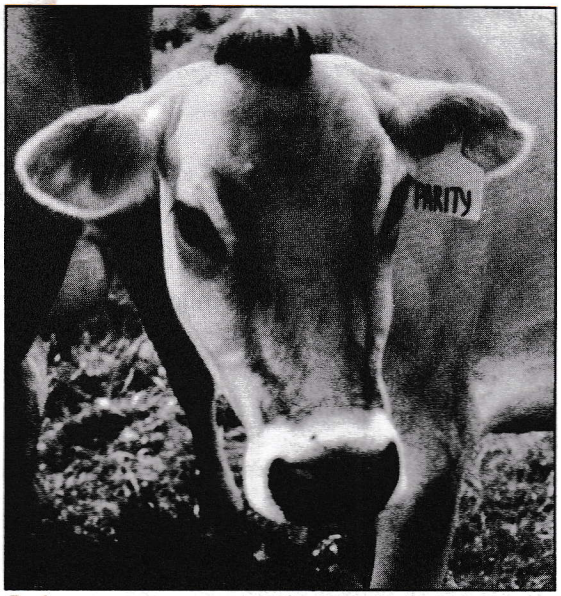

Dairy cows treated with BGH suffer increased rates of disease and require large doses of antibiotics to remain productive.

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F&W Launches Pesticide Campaign

For the last eight years, Food & Water has led the fight against food irradiation in the United States. Now, in addition to continuing work on food irradiation, Food & Water is launching the Consumer Campaign to Stop Pesticides, the first stage of which will focus on the Declaration of Opposition to Negligible Risk. Using strategies similar to that of the Stop Food Irradiation Project, this campaign will fight the threat that pesticides pose to the safety of our food and to our health.

Imagine how many people must have wondered at some point in their lives, while pushing a cart

(Cover Story: Pesticide Campaign continued on pg. 18)

Help Stop Pesticides!
Sign and mail the declaration on page 19.

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"Every person is the right person to act and every moment is the right moment to begin."
— J. Schell

New Campaigns

Much has happened at Food & Water since the last *Safe Food News* went to press. Food & Water's Consumer Campaign to Stop Pesticides is now up and running. The cover story "F&W Launches Pesticide Campaign" describes it in detail. A Declaration of Opposition to Negligible Risk—the first stage of the campaign—appears on the back page of this issue. To get involved, simply sign the Declaration, tear it off, and send it in.

The other big news is that, while continuing our work on food irradiation, Food & Water has decided to join the fight against genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (BGH), starting with an Action Alert against Land O'Lakes (see page 15). The cover article "FDA Approves Cow Hormone" explains how BGH threatens the well-being of consumers, farmers, and animals. To the many members who wrote or called urging us to tackle the issue, thanks for your input. You convinced us to get involved.

Vindication. . . Finally

Remember the story ABC's 20/20 did on food irradiation back in 1991? The one that viciously attacked Food & Water for opposing the technology?

Well, vindication has finally come for Food & Water. A recent report for the media watchdog group Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting shows that Victor Neufeld, 20/20's Executive Producer, has a strong pro-nuclear bias that appears to be related to his wife's work as a top public relations representative for the nuclear industry (see story, page 7).

In the Activist Toolbox on page 6, Executive Director Michael Colby explains the lessons Food & Water learned from the 20/20 experience. Based on those lessons, he offers the following warning to grassroots activists: "Live by the media, die by the media."

How to Make Life Easier for Us

If you are an individual member, your membership expiration date should appear in the upper right-hand corner of the mailing label on the back of *Safe Food News*. Please check to see when your membership is up, and send in your membership renewal if the expiration date is near. Doing so will save us the time and expense of sending you renewal notices. *—M.D.C.*

Food & Water Statement of Purpose
Food & Water (F&W) is a national non-profit, educational organization formed in 1986 by Dr. Walter Burnstein. After more than 25 years as a family physician, witnessing extraordinary increases in degenerative diseases, Dr. Burnstein founded F&W as an extension of his commitment to the prevention of both disease and environmental degradation. F&W educates the general public about various threats to the nutritional integrity of the food and water supply. F&W researches and publicizes environmental and health impacts of food irradiation and other food treatments, before and after harvest. F&W exposes the critical interconnections between health and environmental problems and challenges the need for technologies, processes or additives which threaten both. The organization's primary focus has been the issue of food irradiation and the dangers posed by this technology.

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