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New Zealand farmers and growers welcome EU glyphosate decision

New Zealand farmers and growers welcome an EU majority decision backing a five-year extension to glyphosate's licence, which was due to expire next month.

Glyphosate, a herbicide widely-used in agriculture and by gardeners, is "an efficient and cost-effective means to keeping our agricultural economy growing, our environment protected, and our country weed-free," says Agcarm chief executive Mark Ross.

"The decision is good news for farmers as they won't be forced to find an alternative solution for use on exports," adds Ross.

Glyphosate is a sensible choice for the agricultural community as it reduces the need to use other, less effective and more environmentally-damaging herbicides. It helps protect soil by reducing the need for ploughing - decreasing the release of carbon dioxide into the environment. It also enables farmers to grow crops that help produce safe, affordable, high-quality food.

The herbicide has recorded over 40 years of safe use. It continues to be rigorously tested by regulators in New Zealand and throughout the world. Regulatory agencies agree that glyphosate, when used per label directions, does not present an unreasonable risk of adverse effects to humans, wildlife or the environment.

Europe's regulatory authorities recently completed their own multi-year reassessment and found that glyphosate is safe for use.

About Agcarm

Agcarm is the industry association of companies which manufacture, distribute and sell products that keep animals healthy and crops thriving. Member companies are committed to ensuring that these products are used safely, effectively and sustainably

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