

Pesticides versus The Environment

Pesticides can be harmful to the environment but they can also be safer because of them.

Pesticides are chemical mixtures used to get rid of pests. There are a lot of pesticides each with their own destructive force. Pesticides have many advantages for example they increase food production and they also prevent diseases.

Pesticides also have some disadvantages. They can be deadly to soil, water and other vegetables. Another disadvantage is that pesticides aren't toxic to insects only but also to birds, fish and non-targeted plants.



A chemical used to increase crop production is called DDT. It is an organochlorine which is a type of chemical compound developed as an insecticide and is becoming extremely infamous for its environmental

impact. Unfortunately, some countries are still using this dangerous chemical.

The Environmental Protection Agency, also known as the EPA aren't exactly sure if the fruits and vegetables we are eating today are really safer than before or not. Under the Food Quality Protection Act, also known as the FQPA, the EPA studies new and safer pesticides to ensure that they can be used without harming anyone nearby. The EPA is working to review and improve safety standards for pesticide residues on food.

In my opinion, pesticides are dangerous to the environment, so they shouldn't be used regularly. If too many harmful pesticides will be used in the future, there might be very bad consequences on human long in general.

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