Cancer, Pesticides and Farming

There are many incorrect assumptions about farmers, pesticides and cancer. In reality, farmers using best handling practices are not at risk of increasing their risk of these cancers. Learn more below:

Cancer affects about 20 million people globally.

Cancer accounts for one in six deaths.

While studies have shown that farmers are less prone to cancer overall compared to the general population, the five cancers often examined when discussing farmer health are prostate, breast, lung, non-Hodgkin lymphoma and colorectal.

However, a new umbrella review did not find strong or consistent data associating these five cancers with occupational pesticide exposure.

Safety remains paramount. Research shows farmers using legally registered pesticides according to product labels will not increase their risk of these cancers.

Learn more at PesticideFacts.org

1 https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00420-020-01638-y