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"Balancing Costs and Damages of Pesticide Usage: Dicamba, Glyphosate, Sulfoxaflor, and Chlorpyrifos"

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The use of pesticides in agriculture has been important in controlling pests that reduce crop yields. However, uses often cause harm to humans and the environment. Recently, the use of four pesticides in the United States have raised ethical questions of how to balance costs and benefits. A reformulated version of dicamba for genetically-engineered cotton and soybeans has caused major damages to neighboring crops. Uses of glyphosate, the world's most popular herbicide, have been related to non-Hodgkins lymphoma, a type of cancer. Studies have shown that chlorpyrifos, an insecticide, is particularly dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and young children. Uses of sulfoxaflor has adversely affected pollinator species. The decisions on allowing uses of these pesticides suggest we need to reevaluate their uses and terminate uses that are accompanied by too many damages.