



Farm News from July

I am outraged! The US Supreme Court has just overturned a previous court



ruling that had favoured cancer patients who had sued Monsanto!

Bayer Monsanto

stocks rose by 15.75% that day and the company made billions. Roundup has been scientifically linked to cancer in numerous studies but the company never admitted it. As a result, thousands of people have and will become ill. Bayer, who owns Monsanto also owns several major pharmaceutical businesses. Is there more money to be made from a sick population or a healthy one?

Back on the farm I decided I no longer wanted Roundup products to be part of our diet. This would not be easy. Roundup is sprayed on wheat (flour, pasta), corn (glucose, fructose), canola, sugar beets (white sugar) not to mention forests. Almost every item sold in grocery stores contains at least one ingredient that has been sprayed with the herbicide. Choosing not to support the corporation

has become nearly impossible. We started with the purchase of a flour mill. Now we're grinding our own locally grown, organic wheat. Our Sunday morning pancakes have been bumped up a notch on the delicious scale.

Sugar? Lots of organic sugar available;

too bad it has to come from another continent. Many of our neighbours keep bees so we're using more honey. Then we got a pasta maker.



Pasta is something I never mastered and the first batch we made (with freshly ground flour) turned out fantastic. The second batch I tried on my own. It did not turn too well. I'm

not sure what I had created in the new pasta maker but after several attempts to reincarnate it into anything edible, I decided to give it to the pigs. It was not well accepted; more like chewing gum.

July was also a busy month for fencing. Although we use a lot of electric fencing,



when it comes to remote locations we build barbed wire fences. Even though all the farm stores sell fence posts

treated with arsenic compounds to prevent rot, we choose to cut our own from the fire ravaged forests to the west. Cut, sharpen, pound and staple, the result is a solid fence which should last for decades.

Jerry

