Farmworkers are exposed to toxic pesticide residue long after application. Neurotoxic pesticides are linked to Alzheimer’s & Parkinson’s in adults.

In pregnant farmworkers, toxins can pass through the placenta & have significant impacts on the developing brain of fetus. Exposed children risk birth defects, early puberty, asthma, lower IQs, childhood cancer, attention & behavioral problems (ADHD), dyslexia & obesity.

Farmworker safety:
- Farmworker training on potential harms & application.
- Wear gloves & face protection in the field.
- Wash hands before eating.
- Don’t take kids to fields or let them ride in the car home from work.
- Wash work clothes separately from family’s laundry.

EPA regulators focus on single chemicals rather than real-world mix of chemicals people are exposed to daily.

Consumer safety:
- Eating organic or unsprayed produce can dramatically affect your pesticide intake.
- Recognize some produce is more contaminated than others.
- Eating a variety of fruits & vegetables avoids overloading on one pesticide.
- Throw away outer layers of leafy vegetables.
- Wash all produce thoroughly under cold running water 20 seconds without soap.
- Dry your produce with a clean towel or paper towel.