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ROUNDUP READY ALFALFA TIMELINE

June 2005 – USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service [APHIS] approves Monsanto's petition to deregulate Roundup Ready alfalfa.

February 2006 – A coalition of advocacy groups and farmers led by the Center for Food Safety sues USDA over its deregulation of RR alfalfa.

February 2007 – U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer, in San Francisco, rules that APHIS improperly deregulated RR alfalfa without an adequate environmental assessment.

March 2007 – Judge Breyer vacates the APHIS deregulation decision and imposes a temporary injunction to halt sales of RR alfalfa seed.

May 2007 – Judge Breyer imposes a permanent injunction on cultivation of RR alfalfa pending a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

August 2007 – Monsanto files an appeal to overturn the permanent injunction against RR alfalfa cultivation.

January 2008 – APHIS files a notice of intent to prepare an EIS on RR alfalfa.

June 2009 – A federal appeals court in Los Angeles rejects Monsanto's appeal to overturn the permanent injunction against RR alfalfa cultivation.

November 2009 – Monsanto asks the U.S. Supreme Court to review the injunction against RR alfalfa cultivation.

December 2009—APHIS publishes a draft EIS on RR alfalfa.

January 2010 – Supreme Court agrees to take on Monsanto's RR alfalfa appeal.

March 2020—Comment period closes on draft EIS.

April 2010—Supreme Court hears arguments in the RR alfalfa case.

June 2010 – Supreme Court issues ruling [overturning Appeals Court June 2009 decision] in the RR alfalfa case.