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Pesticides

The use of pesticides is an ongoing problem in Europe and in the Americas. Despite movements to encourage organic farming, the most common practice in farming is to use sprays that not only kill insects, but cause harm to the consumers of the crops. Seasonal farm workers are having difficulties, as are the farmers in America, because of visa regulations. Having seasonal workers, or migrant workers, in America is not new. For many, many years, we have had people coming in to the United States, legally and illegally, to work on farms. Pesticides are still used in crops, and these people are working directly on top of the pesticides. DDT was a pesticide that was banned in 1972. DDT is perhaps banned but how many pesticides have been used in its place? Human life is being threatened by the pesticides. You think of how many seeds were planted in young children; here, negative seeds from the pesticides are being planted, and how many of them are being planted today on today's youth? These children working in the fields, and no-one is taking care of their health.