

# For Monsanto, a Season of Woes

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Agribusiness giant Monsanto Co. is confronting some of its stiffest challenges in years, as it contends with consumer criticism of biotech foods, farmers tightening their belts, and a global health agency that has labeled its trademark weed killer as a potential carcinogen.

The latest and most prominent threat came from a World Health Organization agency's classification last week of glyphosate—which Monsanto sells under the Roundup brand—as likely having the potential to cause cancer in humans. The finding marks the...