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Monsanto unanimously wins first Roundup™ trial since U.S. Supreme Court decision

Missouri verdict demonstrates that plaintiffs could not prove their claims following the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Durnell*

St. Louis, October 29, 2026 – A Missouri Circuit Court jury today reached a unanimous defense verdict in favor of Monsanto in the three-plaintiff case of *Theresa Aretino, et al. v. Monsanto Company*, the first Roundup™ trial to take place since the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark ruling in *Monsanto v. Durnell*. The jury found for Monsanto on the design defect, fraud and negligence claims that each of the three plaintiffs pursued at trial following the Supreme Court's favorable decision in *Durnell*, which preempted their failure-to-warn claims.

"We are pleased with the jury's favorable verdict for Monsanto validating our belief that there is no evidence to prove design defect, fraud or negligence claims in the Roundup™ litigation," said Bill Doderer, U.S. General Counsel and Global Head of Litigation. "This verdict should send a strong signal that plaintiffs who wish to pursue claims in the court system following the *Durnell* ruling will face significant challenges both in demonstrating they have viable claims and putting forth the necessary evidence to prove them in court."

The first trial following *Durnell*

In June 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling in the *Durnell* Roundup™ case, affirming that the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) expressly preempts state law claims based on failure-to-warn theories when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made a definitive determination on product safety. These claims have been a central theory in the Roundup™ litigation to date. With

failure-to-warn claims no longer available, the *Aretino* plaintiffs pursued design defect and negligence claims. The verdict marks the first time a court has tested the sufficiency of evidence to support design defect and negligence claims at trial in the post-*Durnell* landscape.

Glyphosate's safety

Glyphosate remains one of the most studied agricultural tools in history. The overwhelming weight of scientific evidence and the consensus of regulatory bodies and their scientific assessments worldwide support the safety of glyphosate-based herbicides when used as directed. The U.S. EPA has repeatedly and unequivocally determined that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic and has consistently approved Roundup™ labels that contain no cancer warnings.

The company will continue to back the safety of its glyphosate-based herbicides – critical tools that farmers rely on to produce affordable food and feed the world – and will vigorously defend its products in any remaining litigation.

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