To be used with:  
*Risks vs. Benefits in Food Production*  
Name ________________________________

**Risks vs. Benefits**

The use of agricultural chemicals has both risks and benefits. Determine whether each statement represents a risk or a benefit and write your answer on the line.

1. _________ More food can be produced using agricultural chemicals.

2. _________ Farmers may become ill if they apply agricultural chemicals improperly.

3. _________ Agricultural chemicals destroy disease-carrying insects.

4. _________ Federal, state, and local governments strictly regulate usage of agricultural chemicals.

5. _________ Excessive use of agricultural chemicals may cause runoff into rivers, ponds, and lakes, harming fish and other wildlife.

6. _________ Agricultural chemicals can lower crop production costs for farmers.

7. _________ If the wind blows agricultural chemicals onto other kinds of plants, those plants may be harmed.

8. _________ Agricultural chemicals help the U.S. have the most abundant supply of safe food in the world.

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