

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.