



DDT LEVELS IN HUMANS

Scientists at EPA announced that levels of DDT in human fatty tissues are decreasing. The national average in 1974 was 5.0 ppm, down from 7.9 ppm five years earlier. Only 26 of the 6,082 samples tested during the five years were free of DDT. Of particular interest was the very low figure of 2.3 ppm in the 0-14 years age group. Many in this group were born after the cancellation of all agricultural uses of DDT in 1972 and a decline in DDT usage which actually began a few years earlier. Fatty tissue samples were obtained from medical pathologists at statistically selected sites throughout the 48 mainland states.

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