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Chemicals In Foods

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Concern has been expressed about what goes into food. Lately investigations into food additives and chemical residues in the diet have made some people suspect everything they eat.

University of Minnesota food scientist Ted Labuza says "we never hear anything positive" about chemicals in food. Yet some research findings can furnish encouragement to the consumer.

One investigator reported that pesticide residues in the average American diet in 1967 were twelve-tenths of a milligram per a day, which is about one-millionth of an ounce. By 1970 the amount had decreased by almost one-half.

Labuza says the reasons for the improvement are better farming techniques, better pesticide use, pesticides that are more biodegradable and changes in food handling.

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Good Old Days

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Many Americans, worried about commercially processed food, want to return to the good old days when almost everybody processed food at home.

But University food scientist Ted Labuza says frequently inexperienced home canners expose themselves to botulism--a type of food poisoning.

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