Two of our feature articles this month describe studies that investigated arsenic ingestion in the context of consumption patterns. “Arsenic Consumption in the United States” examines the risks of arsenic exposure in consumers of food and drink items such as juice (especially apple), rice, milk, broth, and infant formula. Although now prohibited, arsenic has a long history in pesticide use and persists in many previously treated soils. In “Arsenic Content in American Wine,” the author examined arsenic levels in wine samples from the top four wine-producing states and found all samples exceeded U.S. EPA’s exposure limit for drinking water of 10 parts per billion. The presence of arsenic in U.S. wine is a health risk to regular consumers of wine.

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