



Genetically Modified Organisms



--- Banning GMOs ----

Labeling is a MUST

Banning sales of GMOs is possible

Prohibiting GMOs in agriculture is needed

--- Agricultural Bans Are Best---

- Be aware that genetically engineered plants AND animals are released from laboratories, and into farm communities that are entrusted with growing plants and animals to be consumed as food. Prohibiting GMO crops and animals nips the GMO problem at its root.
- ---As early as 1998, up to 17% of U.S. dairy cows were injected with bovine growth hormone (called rBGH or rBST) to increase milk production. This practice leads to increased use of antibiotics to combat health problems caused by the GE hormone. <http://www.sustainabletable.org/issues/rbgh/>
- ---Animal feed is typically made from GMO plants. <http://www.sustainabletable.org/issues/feed/>
- Mendocino County, CA was the first municipality in the U.S. to ban GMO crops within its borders. If you desire to begin an agricultural ban initiative, please reach out to the organizers of this campaign, or to the contacts listed in this publication. Lessons learned include:
 1. Do not go public too early with the campaign. The timing that worked in Mendocino was to begin public execution of the plan 2 months prior to the election. Don't give the opposition time to organize against you. (You will meet opposition from those who reside outside your community, and who benefit financially from GMOs.)
 2. Educate the community about GMOs: what are they? are they harmful? What has been done so far to address the problem and by whom? Invite speakers to give public presentations in the community.
 3. Locate an advocate with political connections/familiarity with your jurisdiction.
 4. Form committees, identify advisors and area coordinators. Expect to deal with all the people issues that come with bringing teams together - just work through them toward the project objective!
 5. Draft the proposed legislation very carefully, and with expert advice, and then introduce it.

Els Cooperider, a leader in this successful initiative, can be contacted via his web page: www.ukiahbrewingco.comhttp://newfarm.rodaleinstitute.org/features/0804/mendocino/index.shtml

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--- Labeling Is A Must!!! ---

- **50 countries require food products to be labeled if they contain GMOs. The U.S. is not one of them.**
European Union - (1998) - Venezuela (2004) - Columbia (2012) - Peru (2010) Brazil (2004) Chile (2006) - South Africa (2011) - Algeria (2000) - Saudi Arabia (2002) - Turkey (2008) - India (2006) - Russia (2006) - China (2002) - South Korea (2002) - Japan (2001) - Taiwan (2005) - Thailand (2003) - Indonesia (2003) - Australia (2001) - New Zealand (2001)
<http://www.greenamerica.org/pubs/greenamerican/articles/AprilMay2012/Who-requires-GMO-labels.cfm>
- ALWAYS read all ingredients in each product label before placing the item in your basket. If your fellow shoppers see this, and ask you questions, you will have an opportunity to educate others. Here is a shopping guide - order hard copy, print it now, or download it to your iPhone: <http://www.nongmoshoppingguide.com/> Here is a link to help you identify non-GMO dairy sources: <http://www.sustainabletable.org/shop/dairymap/>
- Ask yourself WHY these big companies have spent a grand total of \$25 million in an attempt to persuade Californians to vote against mandatory labeling: Monsanto, Dupont, Grocery Manufacturers Association (which represents the interests of PepsiCo, General Mills, Kellogg and others), Dow, BASF, Cargill, ConAgra, PepsiCo, CocaCola, Hormel, Syngenta, Bayer...
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/amywestervelt/2012/08/22/monsanto-dupont-spending-millions-to-oppose-californias-gmo-labeling-law/>

--- Other GMO News ---

Genetic Roulette (10 minute trailer) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TB5EBFUwaw0&feature=player_embedded

U.S. Supreme court will consider if Vernon Hugh Bowman infringed Monsanto's patents when he planted soybeans he purchased from a grain elevator. 94% of soybean crops in the U.S. are grown from GE seeds. Monsanto requires purchasers to sign a contract stating they will not use harvested seeds for planting, and acknowledging that these seeds are owned by Monsanto. Arguments will be heard, and a ruling is expected by June 2013. <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-10-05/monsanto-seed-patent-case-gets-u-dot-s-dot-supreme-court-review>

From Rosalind Peterson - an oldie but a goodie. <http://www.newswithviews.com/Peterson/rosalind126.htm>

COUNTRIES with some form of BAN on GMO CROPS

United States: Mendocino, Trinity & Marin Counties in CA
Australia - banned in 1 state
Japan - seed ban, but imported canola seed from Canadian imports has been found growing
New Zealand - Growing ban

Germany - ban cultivation or sale of GMO maize
Ireland - cultivation banned in 2009
Austria, Hungary, Greece, Bulgaria & Luxembourg - all ban cultivation and sale
France - Monsanto corn ban
Maderia - 1 small region

Switzerland - ban crops, animals, plants

India - GM eggplant
Thailand - does both kinds of farming

<http://www.examiner.com/article/what-countries-have-banned-gmo-crops?cid=PROD-redesign-right-next>
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