

Untested, unnecessary and propping up the GM industry

GM soya and maize feed animals worldwide, allowing GM to expand.

Yet we simply don't know the extent of the many problems with GM crops, including:

Untested

Industry claims that GM is safe are not based on independent data. GM DNA from feed gets into animals' blood, so may be present in the food we eat – but is anyone testing to find it? Independent studies raise questions about:

- GM damaging animals' guts
- GM lowering food nutritional content
- GM causing problems in immune systems and allergies
- GM impairing the fertility of mice

Damages the environment

More and more evidence shows:

- GM has resulted in chemical-resistant "superweeds" that even the GM industry admit need older, more dangerous methods to control.
- pesticide residues in GM animal feed are not monitored, so we don't know what is being eaten. We do know the maximum legal limit in food for weedkiller Roundup was raised by 200% when GM soya come on the market.
- Native species of maize in Mexico are now contaminated with GM, even though growing GM maize is banned there.



Corporate control

Patented GM crops give companies like Monsanto and Bayer unprecedented control over our food supply:

- They say we need GM animal feed to keep costs down, but costs are going up even with GM feed – and we pay extra to avoid it
- Non-GM farmers whose fields have been contaminated with GM get no compensation. Instead Monsanto sues many of them for breach of patent.

Our right to choose

The rejection of GM food means that the vast majority of GM crops have no place to go except into animal feed. Yet without labels, we don't know where GM is used. A 2006 NOP poll found that 87% want a label to help them avoid GM animal feed.

Worse still, the NFU wants to allow unapproved GM crops into animal feed, although, there is no evidence that this would keep prices down or that current EU GM policy has contributed in any way to price rises.

There is another way

The Austrian Government wants to phase out GM animal feed. In Switzerland biotech companies, not consumers, pay to segregate GM.

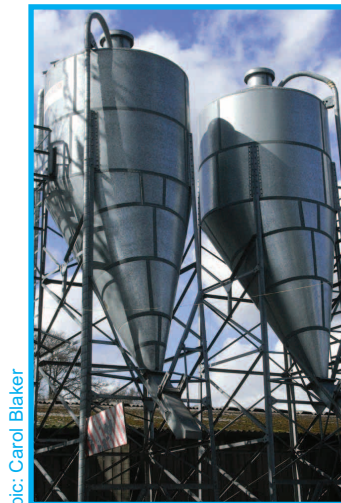
Brazil alone grows more than enough non-GM soya to feed all Europe's humans and animals without cutting down any more rainforest, and non-GM maize is grown in the EU. Due to the rising cost of imported feed, many farmers are reviewing the ways they feed their livestock, such as feeding cows on grass and clover mixes.



pic: Eve

So your supermarket can and should insist that the dairy products, meat, fish and eggs you buy are produced without GM crops and back this up with clear GM-Free labels.

Tell them to ditch GM once and for all.



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Supermarkets listen to their customers.
UK supermarkets you can write to include
(see letter overleaf):

Aldi: Paul Foley, Managing Director UK and Ireland,
Holly Lane, Atherstone, Warwickshire CV9 2SQ

Budgens: Chris Martin, Chief Executive Officer,
Musgrove House, Widewater Place, Moorhall Road,
Harefield, Middlesex UB9 6NS

The Co-op: Peter Marks, Chief Executive,
The Co-operative Group, New Century House,
Manchester M60 6ES

Iceland: Malcolm Walker, Chief Executive,
Second Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside,
Flintshire CH5 2NW

Lidl: Tony Parker, UK Director, 19 Worpole Road,
London SW19 4JS

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Waterside House, 35 North Wharf
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Morrison's: Mark Bolland,
Chief Executive Officer, Hilmore House,
Gain Lane, Bradford BD3 7DL

Netto: Richard Lancaster,
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Elmsall Way, South Elmsall,
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Sainsbury's: Justin King,
Chief Executive, 33 Holborn,
London EC1N 2HT

Tesco: Sir Terry Leahy,
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Waitrose: Mark Price,
Managing Director, Waitrose Central
Offices, Southern Industrial Area,
Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 8YA



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Please get writing today

You can help end the use of GM animal feed and get clear labels on meat, dairy products, fish, eggs and processed foods made without GM feed, here's a draft letter to supermarkets you could use or adapt:

Dear Sir,

I am very concerned that you continue to sell food produced using GM animal feed. Please can you tell me when you intend to phase it out? In the meantime, will you label the products you sell that come from animals fed a GM-free diet so I can buy them to avoid GM?

I hope you will take up this issue with the greatest urgency, as I do not want to support the biotechnology industry when I do my shopping. I fear that your lack of action may undermine my ability to choose to buy non-GM products, as is my right.

I am comparing your policies with other companies to see where I can do my shopping without buying hidden GM.

Yours sincerely,

Please copy any replies you get to;

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GM Animal Feed — The hidden GM in your trolley

When genetically modified (GM) food hit supermarket shelves people rejected it. Today it is hard to find food with GM ingredients - shops can't sell what people won't buy.

There is a hidden exception: milk, cheese, meat and eggs from animals reared on GM feed do not legally need a GM label.

So there is no way to tell if your pint of milk or ready meal supported the GM industry.



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