

5 Ways You Can Keep A Natural Foods Choice

1. Tell the FDA You Want GE Foods Tested and Labeled, a Moratorium Imposed Until They Are Proven Safe

Write the FDA a personal letter (or e-mail) telling them your concerns about genetically engineered food.

Ask:

- That all GE foods be labeled to give you a choice.
- For a moratorium on all GE foods since there have been no long term studies exploring their impact on human health or the environment.
- For independently verified safety testing on all GE foods.

Express Concern That:

- Emerging studies show GE foods could create new toxins, antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions, and other dietary risks for consumers, and therefore should not be "generally recognized as safe (GRAS)".

- Individuals with ethical or religious dietary concerns may be unwittingly consuming foods that contain genes from other species.
- GE foods have been shown to be a significant threat to the environment.
- GE agriculture puts organic foods at risk — organic crops are being contaminated by "genetic drift."

2. Send a Copy of Your Letter to President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and your U.S. Senators and Representatives. Their addresses are listed below.

3. Contact the Media with letters to the editor, op-eds, and requests for stories.

4. Photocopy this Flyer, distribute it to friends, family, and others, and ask them to take action on this issue.

5. Buy Organic Food. It is the highest quality food on the market today and does not allow the use of genetically engineered seed or materials.

TO SEND A LETTER TO THE FDA MAIL TO:

Commissioner Jane Henney
Docket No. 99N-4282
FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville MD 20852

TO SEND THE FDA AN E-MAIL:

Visit their website at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets>

Also include this in your comment:

"Also apply to Center for Food Safety lawsuit
Docket # 98-1300 (CKK) (DDC) Filed 5/27/98"
(this lawsuit is asking the FDA to require pre-market safety testing and mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods)

TO SEND A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CLINTON:

President Clinton
The White House, Washington D.C., 20501
E-MAIL: president@whitehouse.gov

TO SEND A MESSAGE TO VICE-PRESIDENT GORE:

Vice-President Gore
The White House, Washington D.C., 20501
E-MAIL: vice.president@whitehouse.gov

TO REACH YOUR SENATOR OR CONGRESSMAN:

Write to: U.S. Senate, Washington D.C., 20510
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C., 20515

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*PLEASE STOP PRODUCTION-SALE of
GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD AND
STOP TERMINATOR SEED
TECHNOLOGY*

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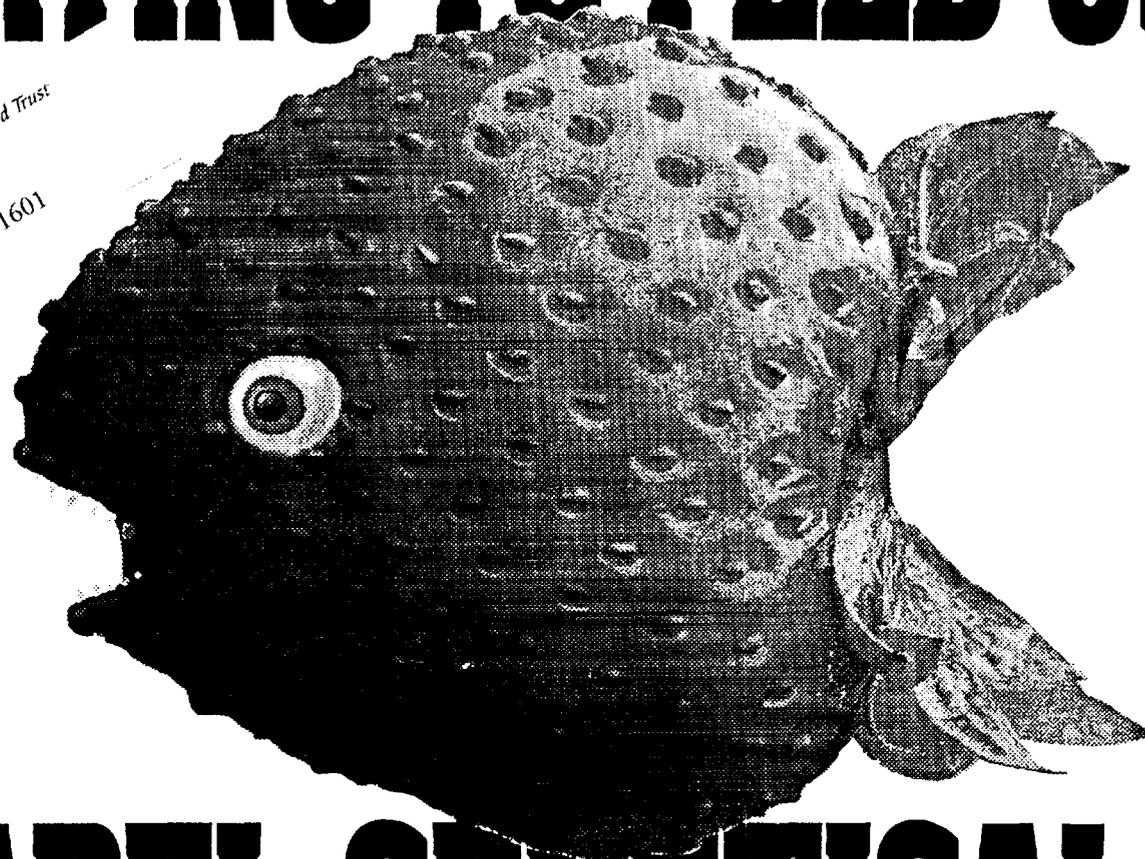
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WHAT'S THE FDA TRYING TO FEED US?

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LABEL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD!

Genetically engineered (GE) foods are created by inserting genes from plants, animals, viruses or bacteria into another plant or animal, often using antibiotic-resistant material. This completely unnatural process creates novel foods unlike any we've consumed before. GE foods are already in our food supply — up to 70% of all processed foods have GE ingredients — yet, there has been no independent safety testing to evaluate their effect on human health or the environment. GE foods are not labeled or independently tested because FDA believes them "substantially equivalent" to conventional foods and therefore "generally recognized as safe."

Without labeling, manufacturers don't know exactly what they're buying and you don't know what you're eating. To keep a choice for natural foods, your voice and action are needed.

Take Action Now! see other side



What you should know about genetically engineered food

- Genetically engineered ingredients are in 60% of the processed foods you buy.
- Genfoods are completely unlabeled in the U.S., despite polls showing that 80–90% of consumers want labeling.
- The FDA requires no additional testing of genfoods for safety, although they may contain completely foreign genetic material, including insecticidal bacteria.
- The U.S. government covered up a report by its own scientists recommending that genfood get special evaluation because of its risk of producing toxins and allergens.
- Genetic pollution—the spread of laboratory-created DNA into the wild—is almost unavoidable with genfood crops, and, unlike oil spills, is **irreversible**.
- Bt corn, which accounts for more than 1/3 of the U.S. corn supply, is regulated by the EPA as a pesticide, but has never been tested for its safety as a food.
- rBGH, used in much of U.S. milk production, is banned in every other major country in the Western world due to health concerns.
- Great Britain has placed a moratorium on the use of genetically engineered plants until 2002, because of safety concerns, but the U.S. government continues to actively encourage their development.
- Genetically engineered plants—and any seeds they produce—are owned by the companies that developed them, not by the farmers who grow them. This creates hardship for farmers in developing countries who save seed from year to year.
- All sides agree that genetically engineered crops will hasten the development of antibiotic-resistant viruses, pesticide-resistant insects, and herbicide-resistant weeds—the only question is how long this will take.

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There is a serious risk that in the open field, terminator grown crops could "infect" other crops, causing cross sterilization across vast areas. In fact, a recent study at the University of Chicago indicates that genetically-altered crops are 20 TIMES MORE LIKELY to "outcross" than naturally grown plants. If this happens, the result could be famine on a scale never seen in human history.

IT IS BAD BUSINESS

Terminator technology is supposed to protect Monsanto's investment in developing new seed varieties. But most of these seeds are just slight alterations of plants that farmers and gardeners have been growing for generations. They are nature's inventions, not ours, and it is unfair to let any one company claim ownership of them.

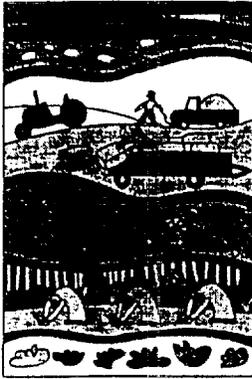
IT PUTS PROFITS BEFORE PEOPLE

Is a nation free when its citizens are forced to depend on a few multinational corporations for their daily food? Is it wise to give any one company this much control over our lives? And does it make sense to subsidize their profits with our tax dollars?

STOPPING THIS TRAVESTY

This insidious technology must be stopped before it gets a foot hold. Farmers in India and Ecuador are fighting back. In India, farmers have burned Monsanto test fields that were growing the sterile plants. Ecuadorian Farmers have made a declaration coming out against genetic seed technology but there is little else going on to oppose it. But wherever they are people are saying, not in my backyard, whenever they are given the facts.

Write Congress and demand a ban on terminator technology, and a moratorium on further patenting of plant genes. Send your comments to: United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 and House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 or you can Email any Senator or Representative at; <<http://www.uscongress.com>> (from Essential Oils Online, Published by Lynn Group Int'l, E-mail: EOO@lynn-group.com <<mailto:EOO@lynn-group.com>>)



Food:
**"TERMINATOR"
 SEED
 TECHNOLOGY
 THREATENS FOOD
 SUPPLY**

by Jim Lynn

Monsanto is genetically altering the structure of plants so that the seeds they produce are sterile. By growing seeds that are sterile, Monsanto hopes to eventually control the world's grain and vegetable production. Every Farmer and home gardener should pay close attention to what is happening.

Last March, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Delta and Pine Land Company announced that they had jointly developed a technique for altering the genetic structure of a plant so the seeds it produces will be sterile.

This "terminator technology" will prevent farmers and gardeners from saving seeds for the next season. Instead, they will be forced to buy new seeds every year, giving seed companies complete control over our food supply. The technique is being introduced now in staple crops such as wheat, rice and cotton, BUT IT CAN AND WILL BE USED ON FOOD CROPS OF ALL KINDS.

Nine weeks after the announcement, Delta and Pine was purchased by Monsanto, the same company that brought us Bovine Growth Hormone (BGH) and impact-resistant, pesticide-soaked tomatoes.

The USDA is in on the take; Monsanto intends to completely control crop production in Asia, Mexico, and South America, areas where food

shortages and growing populations represent huge potential profits. The USDA will profit too; despite being a taxpayer-funded federal agency, it plans to collect a 5% royalty on all terminator seed sales.

The U.S. Constitution forbids the federal government from participating in this kind of activity. Of course, if you happen to be on Monsanto's payroll, and just happen to be employed by the USDA, a little "good ole' boy" networking isn't gonna hurt anyone, right? NOT!! It is this attitude that is hurting everyone. But Monsanto's power position within the federal government is mammoth. They control the lives of millions of people through their absolute power structure within government over medicine and food.

Consumers everywhere must stand opposed to this technology, and the USDA's apparent disregard for the agreement we have between them and us called the Constitution of the United States. Here's why;

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