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More than 600 million people could be fed each year by halting the spread of fungal diseases in the world's five most important crops – rice, wheat, maize, potatoes and soybeans. Recent data further suggests that in 70% of cases where infectious disease causes the extinction of a type of animal or plant, an emerging species of fungus is behind the problem. The solution to all these problems is science, free of environmental scare marketing. Specifically, being able to genetically modify crops so that they can resist fungus without harmful chemicals. But Europe will need to overcome its entrenched anti-science mentality.

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