

USDA decides to fully deregulate sugar beets



The Department of Agriculture has found that GM beet crop, whose partial deregulation in 2005 was suspended by a federal court in 2009, does not pose a plant pest risk and thus shouldn't be subject to restrictions. It's unclear how the agency's decision to fully commercialize the crop will affect ongoing litigation over these partial deregulation measures, which biotech critics say are unlawful. Oral arguments in that lawsuit are scheduled for June 22, but the full deregulation decision may raise the question of whether the case is moot.

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