Wal-Mart to sell genetically modified sweet corn

Rejecting entreaties from consumers and activists, Wal-Mart says it plans to sell a new crop of genetically modified sweet corn created by biotech giant Monsanto.

"After closely looking at both sides of the debate and collaborating with a number of respected food safety experts, we see no scientifically validated safety reasons to implement restrictions on this product," the company confirmed to the Tribune. Environmental and health activists expressed surprise and disappointment at Wal-Mart's decision. Earlier this year, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's and General Mills said they would not carry or use the genetically modified sweet corn.

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