

Colorado scientists working on genetically modified crops to beat drought

[Colorado](#) scientists are looking at genetically modified crops as a way farmers can beat the drought as worries continue about the safety of eating altered foods.

Colorado State University professor Phil Westra says attitudes are changing toward crops that have been altered to resist drought and pests because of a continuing drought that has slashed harvests and increased the price of food.

Westra said a new type of drought-resistant corn was introduced this year that is already showing promise.

“Obviously, it’s going to be important to be able to have those varieties in the future if nobody knows if this is going to be a one-year, two-year, five-year, 10-year drought. If the drought continues for 10 years, you’re probably going to see a lot more sympathy for genetic engineering than if we had all kinds of rain and all kinds of water,” Westra said.

The genetically modified foods are showing up in everything from cereal to eggs, and no warning label is required.

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