

Ireland: GM potato resists blight, not mistrust

The following is an edited excerpt.

Ewen Mullins is a plant scientist whose work on a genetically modified potato inherently looks to the future.

From his laboratory and greenhouse in a research farm outside Carlow, 42-year-old Mullins deals daily with a disease that not only afflicts his native land but haunts it: the potato blight, a pernicious rot caused by a fungus that still thrives in Ireland's wet, cold climate.

"There's a lot of public interest" in his work, Mullins said. Not all of it is friendly. Genetic engineering remains highly controversial in Europe, and the research in Ireland has spawned a campaign against it.

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