Activist groups pressures Abbott to remove GMOs from infant formula

The following is an edited excerpt.

Shareholders of Abbott Laboratories will vote on whether the manufacturer of Similac, a leading brand of infant formula, should adopt a policy of sourcing ingredients that have not been genetically engineered. The vast majority of corn and soy-based ingredients in processed foods in the United States, including infant formula, come from genetically engineered crops.

"Based on the body of existing research, nobody should be eating GMO foods, especially not babies," says Charlotte Vallaeys, Policy Director at Cornucopia. The Cornucopia Institute, a farm and food policy research group, filed the resolution, in calling on Abbott Laboratories shareholders to vote yes on the resolution. Cornucopia also recently launched a social media campaign, on Facebook and Twitter, and a petition drive.

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