

California's activist court rules that GM alfalfa is not a pest

The following is an editorial summary.

Despite a track record spotted with anti-science activist positions, California's 9th Circuit Court of Appeals judges Mary Schroeder, Sidney Thomas and Randy Smith [upheld the lower court's determination that Roundup Ready Alfalfa was not a 'plant pest' under the Protection Act.](#)

This case highlights the common practice of anti-science groups, from Union of Concerned Scientists to Greenpeace, to count on nuisance lawsuits to hurt businesses. They hire lobbyists to get arcane, conflicting laws in place and then hire lawyers to enforce the laws they get passed.

Read the full story here: [9th Circuit Court Of Appeals Denies Claim That GM Alfalfa Is A 'Plant Pest'](#)

Additional Resources:

- Read the court's decision [here](#).
- "[Circuit court upholds Roundup Ready Alfalfa deregulation](#)," AgriPulse
- "[Monsanto Alfalfa Can't Be Limited as Plant Pest, Court Says](#)," Bloomberg Businessweek