

Oregon: Genetically modified crops vandalized

The following is an edited excerpt.

On the night of June 8 this year, vandals broke into a field of genetically engineered sugar beets in Oregon owned by Syngenta and destroyed about 1,000 plants. Then three days later, a second such incident occurred, this time destroying about 5,500 plants. Federal investigators are seeking information about these incidents, and Oregonians for Food & Shelter have offered a reward of \$10,000 for any information that leads to an arrest.

While destroying field trials of genetically engineered crops have continued around the world, there is evidence that these acts are increasingly being viewed as antithetical to garnering support for campaigns against the technology.

Read the full story here: [GMO crops vandalized in Oregon](#)

Additional Resources:

Environmental news and commentary website Grist takes a decidedly anti-Monsanto tack, using this story as an excuse to criticize the FBI for chasing after the crop vandals (“eco-activists”) instead of going after Monsanto for their presumed transgressions in the recent discovery of unapproved GM wheat in Oregon.

- [“FBI chases anti-GMO activists while ignoring Monsanto’s transgressions,”](#) Grist