

## Biotech in Hawaii: Visit to Monsanto Piilani farm on Maui

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

I recently spent nine glorious days on the beautiful island of Maui in the Hawaiian Islands. In addition to the scuba diving, snorkeling and general ocean frolicking that my husband and I engaged in, we also lucked into a private tour of the Monsanto Piilani farm and plant breeding facility in Kihei which is on the Southwestern side of the island.

I'm not gonna lie, there was definitely a time when I would not have set foot on a Monsanto property, let alone toured it. More than likely I would have stormed the parking lot waving some kind of skull and crossbones sign. Or I might have once imagined wild-haired scientists wearing Monsanto embroidered lab coats inside such a facility – monitoring test tubes and petri dishes, bra-ha-ha-ing as they discovered yet more ways to take over the world's food supply and poison us – all the while raking in billions.

I was quite relieved to find that what is actually going on at the roughly 300-acre plot of gently sloping, rocky land with a stunning ocean view is neither malevolent, mysterious nor dangerous. Let me tell you about it!

**Read the full post here: [Visit to Monsanto Piilani Farm on Maui](#)**