

## Scotland: Farmers buck GM ban in hopes to reduce pesticide use

Recently, the UK Environment Secretary, Owen Paterson, called on the European Union to relax strict restrictions on growing GM crops for consumption, and openly challenged some of the imagery of the past. And while his intervention put him at odds with the Scottish and Welsh governments, others were quick to support the call for a fresh debate on the issue.

Scottish farming leaders have repeatedly supported the need for greater debate, highlighting the fact that, for instance, GM blight-resistant potatoes offer the chance to avoid 16 different spray applications, and that Scottish scientists should be allowed to develop GM crops.

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