

## Despite what some GMO opponents accuse, Monsanto does not pay off columnists

Among many lovely conversations with readers at the Farm Progress Show this week, one exchange has had me thinking, ever since.

He began with a statement: "You have written a couple columns about biotechnology." I confirmed that as true. He followed up with a question: "So you have to tow the party line? Or do you believe what you wrote?" I asked him to clarify and he responded, "Someone's paying you to write that? You don't really believe that, right?"

And I'll be honest: my first thought was, "Here we go." But my second, and prevailing, thought has been more along the lines of: "That's really kind of insulting."

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