

## Anti-GMO activists stuck in the 'Dark Ages' when considering biotechnology

"Technology is changing the way we do just about everything, and by all accounts we can't get enough of it...until we start talking about food technology...and then our mindsets revert to the Dark Ages," writes Bob Stallman, President of the American Farm Bureau Association. Farmers and ranchers have been using technology for hundreds of years to produce more food, feed, fiber and fuel, while using less acreage, chemicals and water. In 1870, the national average corn yield was 29 bushels per acre. Now, thanks to advances in agricultural technology and biotechnology, the national average yield this year is projected to be 155.3 bushels per acre, a 436 percent increase. All the largest scientific and health organizations have embraced "the safety and benefits of these critical advancements," but there is still a loud minority who claim that growing and consuming genetically modified food is too risky. The only risk facing farmers and ranchers today is the minority who "could ultimately eliminate food options for those who would take a meal over the latest iPhone any day."

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