

Univ of Florida's Kevin Folta faces attacks from anti-GMO activists

Kevin Folta, a professor and researcher in the University of Florida's horticulture program, is facing another round of attacks from anti-GMO activists. Folta took to his blog to address his attackers and discuss the importance of honest and open science communication:

The problem is that many people do not agree with science. When public figures speak of the science of climate change, GMOs, vaccination or other topics, some take offense, as scientific ideas collide with their worldviews. There is retaliation against science and scientists that dare to present an evidence-based perspective...

We live in challenging times where we need science to solve our most pressing problems. In order to maximize and hasten scientific impact we need the public to understand science, especially in hot-button areas. We need everyone to learn the difference between real science and internet rants...

2014 will be a great year for science and a great year for Illumination. I'm glad to have this little forum to provide a creative analysis of the current situation in biotech. It is also wonderful to read the feedback, get the emails, both supportive and antagonistic. I learn a lot from the process.

Read the full, original post: [These Ideas are the Thoughts of Folta and May Not Represent...](#)