

Battle shapes up over GM sugar beets in Oregon

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) – A David-and-Goliath political battle is shaping up over genetically modified crops in Southern Oregon.

Some Midwest sugar beet growers have joined the Oregon Farm Bureau in giving a total of \$75,000 to defeat a homegrown ballot measure from organic farmers to prohibit genetically modified crops in Jackson County, except for research. Measure 15-119 goes before Jackson County voters on the May primary ballot.

The organic farmers are afraid that growing sugar beet seed genetically engineered to withstand weed killer will taint their crops through cross-pollination.

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