

Activist says GMO crops cause increase pesticide use

My problem with GMOs in plants grown for food is that most manipulation involves making them able to better withstand high doses of pesticides. In fact, from 1996 to 2008 — the first 13 years of commercial GMO crop production — there were 318 million more pounds of pesticides applied to crops.

As a parent, pesticides concern me. They've been linked to decreased cognitive function, behavioral problems and cancer, which is now the leading cause of death by disease for children.

The two most common genetic modifications include increasing a plant's tolerance to high doses of herbicides, and introducing a bacteria gene that gives plants the ability to produce their own insecticides.

Do you really want your kids to be eating that?

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