

Can a GMO and non-GMO coexistence policy work in the US?

They don't get along like peas in a pod, but farmers who plant genetically modified crops need to coexist with those who don't, according to U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont.

Tester, Montana's senior senator and the only active farmer in the U.S. Senate, is calling on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to protect farmers of non-GMO crops from cross pollination with the biotech variety.

The senator also wants package labeling for food containing genetically modified ingredients.

The USDA is considering a coexistence policy. Earlier this week, the department closed a three-month comment period on coexistence. The USDA says it supports all forms of agriculture. In the past decade, the department has approved several GMO crops, including sugar beets, corn, canola, alfalfa and soybeans, all of which are planted in Montana.

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