

Integrated pest management with GM crops can outperform organic agriculture

Is organic agriculture always safer to the environment and human health? Can all consumers afford the generally 20 to 30 percent higher prices of organic foods? Professor Anthony Shelton of Cornell University thinks the answer is “no.” Numerous scientific studies, including one by Stanford University researchers, have shown that organic foods are neither safer nor more nutritious than conventionally grown food. Furthermore, in this economy, most people simply can't afford high-priced organic foods.

Shelton suggests that organic is not the only option. Farming practices like integrated pest management with the use of genetically modified crops such as Bt corn can achieve much more than organic farming. Shelton argues that the restrictions in organic farming are not in the public's best interest. The goal of those who work in agriculture should be to use the best available technologies to supply the general public with high quality, safe, nutritious and affordable food.

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