

Secretary of Agriculture backs GMOs, farming 'collaboration' in House hearing

The topic of genetically modified food has come up in a handful of hearings lately, and the message from this administration has been an encouraging one in support of the need to stick to science.

During a hearing April 3, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack told House Agriculture Committee members that conflict over genetically engineered is "unfortunate" and more needs to be done to share the benefits the technology provides such as increased affordability and accessibility to food as well as the fact that it gives more freedom to individuals to pursue other walks of life and delegate someone else to grow their food for them rather than raise their own food.

He also noted that one of the great opportunities for Americans is to embrace diversity, whether that's the size of the operation, production methods or operators. "There is room for everyone. We have to have more collaborative than more conflicting conversations," he said of the ongoing GMO discussion.

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