

## Renewed push to suspend agreement prohibiting GM crop production in Nicoya, Costa Rica

The Federation of Guanacaste Municipalities (*FEMUGA – Federación de Municipalidades de Guanacaste*) has requested that Nicoya's Municipal Council suspend the agreement prohibiting the production of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in the canton. Nicoya was declared a GMO-free canton in 2006, following a unanimous agreement among previous Municipal Council members.

Viviana Alvarez, FEMUGA's executive director, explained during the April 30 municipal session that they are visiting all of the municipalities in Guanacaste, requesting that the councilors' support the arrival of GMO-producing companies. "We want them to revisit the agreement. Since the end of the 1990s we have been eating [and using] GMO cereals, meats, milk, cotton, and even injectable insulin and other GMO medicines and nothing has happened to anyone," said Alvarez.

The official believes that companies such as Monsanto G.P.L. could generate employment in the province. However, councilors had a variety of reactions, as even though some are in favor of opening the canton to GMOs, the large majority still have their doubts and others are emphatically opposed to GMOs.

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