

Macmillan/McGraw-Hill bows to anti-GMO protestors, revises 6th grade textbook

A sixth-grade science textbook has caused a [dustup](#) over what anti-GMO parents contend is a one-sided presentation of GMOs in food crops recently, inspiring the book's publisher, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, to say it will update the material.

"After re-evaluating the program's presentation of genetically engineered crops, we acknowledge that it did not effectively present a robust discussion about the diversity of research on the topic," reads a statement by the publisher that was provided to Yahoo Parenting. It refers to the sixth-grade book "[Science: A Closer Look](#)," originally published in 2008.

"We expect to include updates to this material in future releases of the program." A spokesperson for the publisher did not know if the material had been updated since 2008, nor did he know how many school districts across the country use the book. He did say that he was "well aware" that calls of protest were coming into the customer service department.

The calls were no doubt inspired by the coverage of the textbook controversy in alternative publications including [AltHealthWorks](#), which first published a screen shot of the page in question. The page notes that genetically modified crops "can produce more food," "have more nutrients," "fight disease and insects," and "need fewer chemical pesticides."

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