

USDA advances approval of another GM potato, with lower sugar and blight resistance

USDA moved another variety of genetically engineered potatoes developed by J.R. Simplot Company forward in its approval process, the agency announced today.

The potato, a Russet Burbank variety, is genetically engineered for late blight resistance, reduced black spot bruising, and lowered reducing sugars. They are also engineered to produce less acrylamide, a potential carcinogen.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) found that the product is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk to agricultural crops and other plants and plant products.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) and preliminary plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) of the product will be announced in the Federal Register next week and open to public comment for 30 days.

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