Hungary may be first in Europe to ban GMOs in agriculture

The growing anti-GMO movement has gained traction in Europe as Hungary aims to be the first European Union nation to end the cultivation of genetically modified crops.

Earlier this year, the EU decided to allow its member states to <u>ban genetic modification</u> in their respective agriculture industries and Hungary is leading the way. While the Hungarian government works to make the new regulations law, the Hungarian Farm Ministry will introduce a new labeling system to identify products such as meat, fish, eggs, milk, and honey that has been certified as GMO-free and livestock have been fed GMO-free food.

As the anti-GMO movement spreads beyond companies like <u>Chipotle</u> and <u>Cheerios</u> to entire countries, it begs the question of what threat GMOs actually pose and who stands to gain from the burgeoning movement against them.

Deputy state secretary Dr. András Rácz insisted that "the Hungarian government is convinced that maintaining Hungary's GMO-free status is the only right choice, because it is the only way to ensure that families have access to safe and sustainably produced food and to preserve natural diversity and the competitiveness of Hungarian agriculture," <u>Hungary Today reported</u>.

Additionally, Hungary's Minister of Agriculture Sándor Fazekas has even mounted the "Alliance for a GMO-free Europe" initiative to encourage other countries in the EU to become GMO-free zones as well.

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