Proposed bill says cows fed GMO grain produce GMO milk

A GMO regulation bill set for approval in a House committee Wednesday has been changed to ensure that milk could only be certified as non-GMO if the cows are fed non-biotech grain.

The <u>latest draft of the bill</u> that the House Agriculture Committee will consider also would require the Food and Drug Administration to write definitions for labeling foods as "natural." The regulations for natural foods were included in the <u>original bill</u> introduced this spring but were dropped from a <u>second version</u> circulated in June. FDA would decide whether the definition of "natural" would include genetically engineered crops.

The Safe and Affordable Food Labeling Act (HR 1599) would bar states from requiring the labeling of food with genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and would set up a new certification process at USDA for foods labeled as non-GMO.

The bill also would alter the review process for new biotech crops. Developers would be required get FDA's safety approval for a new genetically engineered crop before the Agriculture Department could OK it for commercial use. The FDA review process is now voluntary.

A summary of the latest version of the bill is here.

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