Talking Biotech: GMO corn experiment for everybody; Sugar beet domestication and breeding

This episode of Talking Biotech invites you to be the investigator and data collector.

The internet is littered with images that claim animals will not eat GMO corn, which is curious because 80 percent of it goes to animal feed. We have arranged to test that hypothesis through Biology Fortified. If you visit this URL you can make a donation and receive a kit that you can use to generate data for this effort. The podcast discusses the experiment and the acquisition of 2,000 lbs of corn to do it!

The second part is Dr. Lee Panella, a plant geneticist with the USDA Agricultural Research Service, talking about the domestication, biology and breeding of sugar beets. For such widely used, versatile and profitable crop, we know so little about it. Panella provides some new insights into this important agronomic crop.

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