## Federal judge: Lawsuit over Chipotle's GMO-free claims can move forward

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A lawsuit accusing <u>Chipotle Mexican Grill</u> Inc. of deceiving customers with claims that its food is free of genetically modified organisms can move ahead, a federal judge has ruled.

The case, filed in U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Florida in September and seeking class action status, claims that Chipotle misled consumers in ads saying its food is GMO-free. Chipotle's meat and dairy products come from animals that consume genetically modified feed, the suit alleges. A Miami judge on [April 20] rejected Chipotle's motion to dismiss the lawsuit. A trial date is set for November.

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The claims are similar to those laid out in another lawsuit filed around the same time in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of California, which was dismissed by a judge [in April] after the plaintiff decided to withdraw. . . .

Chipotle last year thrust itself into the controversy over GMOs when it said it would become the first national restaurant company to use only non-GMO ingredients.

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