

Sen. Grassley: GMO labeling legislation unlikely before July

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Congressional legislation for labeling food containing genetically modified ingredients won't be finished before Vermont's first-in-the-nation labeling law takes effect this summer, Sen. Chuck Grassley said Monday.

The Senate failed to advance a bill in March that would have banned states from creating their own genetically modified organism-labeling laws in favor of letting food manufacturers do so voluntarily. Grassley said other approaches considered since then haven't gained traction.

"I don't know where we go from here," he said. He told reporters there is "zero" chance Congress will finish work on a bill before July 1, when Vermont becomes the first state to require labeling. Other states are considering their own initiatives.

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Even if Congress fails to act before July, he said, that "will not end that sort of congressional interest in crafting a national solution."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told trade publication Agri-Pulse recently that he's confident Congress can still find a solution.

"I'd love to be able to tell you we got it fixed ... but we haven't given up," he said. "We're hoping to get a solution."

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