

Washington Post: Giving in to fears about GMOs will hurt poorer parts of world

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...Overblown worries nevertheless continue to proliferate, prompting a movement to stigmatize genetically engineered crops by requiring labels on food packaging...So the National Academies [have again tried to sort things out](#), releasing another authoritative [report](#) Tuesday that refutes the counterproductive scaremongering from the anti-genetically-engineered side...

... [the experts concluded](#), “the committee found no conclusive evidence of cause-and-effect relationships between GE crops and environmental problems.” ...the scientists found concerns that the crops are degrading plant and animal biodiversity to be insubstantial.

The major problem with...genetically engineered plant varieties appears to be that...they can lead to resistant bugs and weeds, which would require more gene editing and new herbicides. The experts also found that...there is mixed evidence — at best — that planting them has increased yields,

...The report’s authors recommend that regulators spend less time worrying about how new crops are made and instead focus on how different they are from earlier ones.

...giving in to extravagant and unfounded fears, as the Europeans have, would shut down fruitful research that could help feed many people, especially in poorer parts of the world.

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