

Are Western 'supermarket-based superstitions' holding back farming advances in Africa?

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If you drive through the great croplands of eastern and southern Africa this month, you'll encounter long stretches of withered corn ears, desiccated grain shoots and parched, dead fields. They could be lush and green... But they're stopped by dangerous myths and backward superstitions.

Those myths and superstitions aren't African... The backward beliefs come from this side of the world...

In countries such as Canada, where we grow more food than we need, such beliefs are little more than curious food fads. In Africa and in many parts of Asia, those Western fallacies are killing people...

By this point in 2016, Kenya could have been planting a new, free, super-hardy Water-Efficient Maize, developed using genetic methods by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other charities, and proven in Kenyan test fields to produce vastly larger harvests even in droughts and climate-change conditions...

We could play a big part in helping to make starvation, malnourishment and poverty far less commonplace. We need to begin by ridding ourselves of supermarket-based superstition.

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