

Cotton industry slams Food Babe's attempt to blame GMO cotton for Indian farmers' suicides

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Companies, heed Cotton, Incorporated's example. Their product is soft, but they have bolls of steel.

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Cotton, Incorporated, which does research and marketing for American conventional and organic producers of upland cotton . . . didn't take Food Babe's bullying lightly. The [company's response](#) to Food Babe's [blog post](#) attacking cotton as the "world's dirtiest crop" . . . was a refreshing change from food industry pandering.

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It's important to note that organic cotton. . . isn't more . . . more "sustainable." Though organic cotton farmers do use insecticides to stave off pest damage, farmers suffer crop losses without the Bt insecticidal trait in genetically engineered cotton.

The most critical allegation Hari makes about cotton: "Since 2002, thousands of [Indian farmers committed suicide](#) after the costly GMO seeds they used failed. . ."

. . . .The suicide rate in India for all people, not just farmers, is among the [highest in the world](#). The Indian farmer suicide issue [is complex](#). . . The suicide rate among Indian farmers has remained steady despite growing acreage of Bt cotton.

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