

Australian GMO report shows reduced pesticide use, carbon emissions, increased farmer incomes

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Organic farming and genetic modification may not seem like a natural fit, but an independent researcher says a 20-year safety track record should be trusted by everyone, including organic farmers.

Peak industry organisation CropLife Australia commissioned a report into the impact of genetically modified (GM) crops in Australia since their introduction in 1996 showing a 23 percent reduction in herbicide and insecticide use.

The [report by agricultural researchers PG Economics](#) also found the more efficient, higher yield GM crops increased farmer incomes by \$1.37 billion, and lowered carbon emissions by 71.5 million kg.

Curtin University agriculture biotechnology professor Michael Jones told The Huffington Post Australia the report was the first in-depth look into GM impacts in Australia and should end the debate about its safety.

“There were initially concerns about GM creating increased allergens or super weeds but now that we’ve got 20 years of scientific investigation we should be comfortable calling it safe,” Jones told HuffPost Australia.

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