

Israeli scientists develop GMO banana with longer shelf life

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Bananas never last very long — within a few days of buying them, the rot sets in.

But now Israeli scientists have found a way to significantly slow down the decomposition by altering their genetic make-up.

In fact, researchers say their GM fruit can stay fresh for at least double the time of regular bananas.

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The research was initially based on previously-known findings in tomatoes. But it took these findings a step further to isolate the specific gene that drives the ageing process in bananas and interrupt its normal function.

Lab tests show that the genetic intervention does not harm the bananas' quality or taste.

The team now hope to find ways to commercialise the findings to benefit farmers and wholesalers.

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