

Popular misconceptions about GMOs, labeling

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. . . [T]he House is expected to vote on a bill that would require most foods containing genetically engineered ingredients to be identified as such. . . .

. . . .As lawmakers hash out the details, here are some popular misconceptions.

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Misconception: G.M.O.-free oats are better than the alternative.

Actually: There is no alternative. Stores do not sell genetically modified oats because they don't exist.

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Misconception: The new labels will make it uniformly easy to identify what has been genetically engineered.

Actually: Consumers may need to scan a package to see if an ingredient was genetically modified, and even then they are unlikely to learn which traits were altered or why.

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Misconception: G.M.O. labels highlight a documented health risk.

Actually: These are not warning labels. The scientific consensus is that genetically engineered crops are as safe to eat as other crops.

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Misconception: Genetically modified wheat may be responsible for gluten sensitivity.

Actually: Genetically modified wheat is not sold to the public.

Read full, original post: [How Square Watermelons Get Their Shape, and Other G.M.O. Misconceptions](#)