

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo tentatively stands up for GMOs

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on [Aug 11] rolled out a food labeling program for produce and other agricultural products that are made in New York, but sidestepped a debate over whether the criteria should include food produce through genetically modified organisms.

“GMO is very controversial because people argue about the definition,” Cuomo said. “People will argue some GMOs are good. It’s not necessarily true all genetic modifications are bad.”

The New York food labeling program is aimed at determining food safety, including how the food was grown, produced and what chemicals were used in its production. The program itself is voluntary for farmers to participate in through the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

“As we become smarter about what we put in our bodies, people are going to look for that,” Cuomo said after the announcement for the labeling program in the Bronx. “Knowing its from New York state means it’s basically from your backyard.”

The stance upset advocates who are seeking to have New York label GMO-produced foods as such.

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