

Why poor may pay the most to satisfy public's 'right to know' about GMOs

The additional costs associated with product labeling, ingredient testing, insurance procurement, and continued consumer class action litigation over “natural” claims will likely increase the price of goods. . . . To be sure, the specter of higher food prices in the name of health and safety is a sensible and worthwhile investment. The overwhelming scientific evidence, however, demonstrates that foods from genetically engineered crops are at least as safe as foods from non-GE crops. Therefore, there appears to be little to no scientific need for the labeling requirements mandated by the new federal law, and there are no tangible benefits derived from the anticipated increases in food prices.

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While it is clear that price increases will have the greatest effect on the poor, there is little evidence to suggest that the new labeling law will have any positive effect on the safety of the nation's food supply. . . . [T]he poor will pay a high price for the public's “demand to know,” which is based upon misconceived perceptions of the health and safety of GMOs.

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