

Allegations of misconduct at Chinese GMO research lab revives public's skepticism

A former employee at a state laboratory that studies genetically modified foods said his superiors had him falsify reports, reviving deeply held skepticism in China toward the controversial technology.

The accusations, lodged this week by researcher Wei Jingliang, centers on lab-management procedures, not the results of GMO tests at the lab, one of about 40 in China that conduct such tests. But the allegations drew widespread attention on social media and risk harming Beijing's efforts to shift public opinion toward a greater acceptance of GMO food.

...The Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, which oversees the lab, on [Sept. 19] said the ministry would dispatch a team this week to investigate.

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China's consumers often voice strong suspicion of GMO food, usually on social-media platforms where public interest on the issue runs high.

The government bans the commercial production of most GMO foods domestically...

In recent months, however, officials have sent signals they are preparing to push forward on broader use of the technology in the food and agribusiness industries.

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