

Boulder, Colorado finalizing plans to institute GMO ban, support for organic farming

Officials in Boulder County have [released a plan](#) to remove all genetically-modified crops from county-owned farmland within the next five years.

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The plan calls for farmers who lease county land for their operations to stop planting GMO corn within the next three years, and sugar beets within the next five years.

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In their plan, county staffers acknowledged that forcing the switch to non-GMO crop varieties could result in added inputs, like the use of more pesticides and fertilizer, increased costs, and decreased yields for the affected farmers.

The plan calls for additional resources and staff to help with the transition, including a crew to pull weeds on organic operations, a new county worker to help with organic certification and reduced rent for farmers who decide to pursue organic certification. The proposal also calls for transition plans for tenants who decide to continue leasing land and make the switch to non-GMO crops.

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The proposal will be the subject of at least four public hearings on Oct. 24, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 and Nov. 30.

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