

## Dietitian Mary Lee Chin: Why I consult with the food industry — including Monsanto

*[Editor's note: On March 22, 2017, journalist Alex Orlov [accused](#) dietitian Mary Lee Chin of not publicly disclosing her ties to biotechnology company Monsanto. The following is part of Chin's response.]*

I think dietitians should be engaged in every aspect, every level and all types of food production, and yes, that also means working with “industry.” I know dietitians make a contribution in helping companies shape healthier food offerings. And I was drawn to Ag seed companies and Monsanto not only due to the very robust science, and the capacity of genetically engineered crops to contribute to a more secure food supply, but also growing higher quality of foods through biofortified crops.

### Disclosure

Sponsor:

Family


- A bowl of rice

Background:

- Purdue

Ag & Food security

- Food industry- Monsanto
- Academy - RD Farmer
- Organic co-op
- CSA
- Refugees



Well, it's been pointed out — I could be more transparent about my consultation position with Monsanto. I thought I was. The photo [above] is the Disclosure slide I use before every presentation and add various companies and non-profits names as the occasion warrants. As for my bio's on Twitter and LinkedIn — I will change to be beyond transparent.

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Here is my food production philosophy. Given the agricultural, environmental, food and nutrition challenges the world faces, we need to harness the best practices of ALL food production systems.

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