Chipotle fumbles science in attempt to justify its anti-GMO stance

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Much has been written on Chipotle's decision to remove ingredients from their menu that originated from biotech crops (GMOs). In the end of course this is their business, and they certainly have the right to cater to any <u>faith based diet</u> they see fit. The problem that arises in their <u>attempt to explain</u> themselves is that they are essentially telling people not to eat at their own restaurants.

Biotech crops are simply the most studied food in all of human history. There are countless studies confirming their safety, and many of them are from independent scientists. Biofortified keeps a large database of them here.

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THE CULTIVATION OF GMOS CAN DAMAGE THE ENVIRONMENT.

Evidence suggests that GMOs engineered to produce pesticides or withstand powerful chemical herbicides damage beneficial insect populations and create herbicide resistant superweeds.

What Chipotle fails to realize is that no farmer is going to just let milkweed grow and kill their crops. Glyphosate kills milkweed. Imazamox kills milkweed. Organic herbicides kill milkweed. Hand pulling and flame weeding kill milkweed. Pesticide use in the United States has remained level over the past two decades even while yield has skyrocketed.

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