

Boulder County, Colorado to phase out GMO crops and neonicotinoid insecticides

Boulder County commissioners voted 2-1 on Thursday [April 13, 2017] to approve the latest version of their plan for phasing out the growing of [genetically modified corn and sugar beets](#) on county-owned farmland.

The transition plan still sets a timetable for a complete phaseout of growing genetically engineered corn by the end of 2019 and a phaseout of the growing of genetically engineered sugar beets by the end of 2021.

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The plan also now includes a requirement that the county staff work with each of Boulder County's tenant farmers to determine the financial risk of the transition to each farmer, and to help find ways to minimize potential negative impacts.

The transition plan also includes a directive for a five-year phaseout of neonicotinoid pesticides on county properties.

It leaves open the possibility that in the future, Boulder County will consider allowing genetically engineered crops with traits that do not rely on the use of pesticides.

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