

## Plant scientist: 'Needless and expensive' GMO crop regulations hurt less-developed countries

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About 30 years ago, Canada and other western governments put in place regulations around the release of [GMO] crops, requiring that they undergo significant screening to show they are no risk in terms of food, feed or environmental impact.

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It disturbs me to see less-developed countries using valuable resources to implement western-style regulatory systems for such crops when those resources could be better used elsewhere and such technologies probably hold greater potential than in the western world.

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Let's get rid of these needless and expensive regulatory systems, deploy the wasted resources to where they can do more good, and return to where we were 30-plus years ago, when plant breeders used any process (traditional breeding, mutation, genetic engineering, gene editing) to produce new material that had value to the farmer, the processor or the consumer, and let the marketplace decide the true value of the products of plant breeding.

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