

Talking Biotech: Former anti-GMO activist Mark Lynas on how resistance to crop biotechnology hurts small African farms

University of Florida plant scientist Kevin Folta speaks with science journalist and author Mark Lynas. Mark has been a central figure in the discussion of biotechnology, particularly in regard to its role in ensuring food security in the Developing World. In the 1990s and early 2000s, you could find Mark destroying test plots of genetically engineered crops. Later he would reconsider his view, and support the technology, especially as it can be applied to help issues of food security. Mark discusses the situation on the ground in Africa, the various threats to production, the innovations that can address them, and the resistance toward adoption of new technology.

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