

Will herbicide drift damage push non-GMO farmers to buy dicamba-resistant seeds?

About 4 percent of all soybean crops planted in the United States have been damaged by a weed killer this year, the [New York Times has reported](#).

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Starting this year, farmers began using the herbicide on genetically modified soybean crops, which are not harmed by it, but the weed killer has been drifting off and landing on non-modified soybean crops.

"I think it [dicamba] is an inherently volatile product," University of Missouri weed scientist Kevin Bradley [told Mother Jones](#) in August.

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Pesticide manufacturers are confident that they will solve the problem in the next year, but EPA officials are warning that the approval for use of the herbicide could be jeopardy if the steps the company takes don't significantly reduce the scope of the problem by next growing season. Cynthia Palmer, who is a member of an EPA pesticide advisory committee told the [New York Times](#), "it seems like farmers have no choice but to buy dicamba-resistant seeds from Monsanto."

The GLP aggregated and excerpted this article to reflect the diversity of news, opinion and analysis. Read full, original post: [Monsanto Created a Huge Problem. Now That Problem Might Be Driving Sales](#).