


## Nigeria's agriculture minister seeks advice on GMO food safety from country's scientists

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Audu Ogbeh, has called on Nigerian scientists to advise the Federal Government on the acceptability or otherwise of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

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The minister said opinions from indigenous scientists on the matter would help form the government's decisions, noting that there has been much debate on the issue.

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"Genetic modification has been greeted with skepticism in Europe. It has been seen with suspicion in Africa. Within the reality of science and the anxiety of sentiments, the academics must tell us which one is safe or not.

"I am not a scientist; I am just a farmer. Is GMO safe? Should we suspect it? Should we embrace it? Should we engage it? Is there a ploy by those who engineer it to take over the seed business worldwide?

"Does it threaten our future stability? What should we, laymen, do with GMOs? Should we allow genetically modified grains into this country? Please, help us out," he appealed.

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