

## Ghanaian scientist: GMO food safer, more sustainable than conventional crops

Crops produced using Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) technology are safer than conventionally produced ones, a Research Scientist at [Ghana's] Crop Research Institute of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has said.

Charles Afriyie Debrah said GMOs go through very rigorous tests and processes over many years before they are released onto the market which does not happen with crops produced using conventional technologies.

"GMO is safer, it is cheaper, it is a better technology, it ensures less waste, uses less energy, is more environmentally friend, and more sustainable," the Biosafety Officer at Institute noted.

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"There is no evidence GMOs have been responsible for diseases anywhere....this has been done for many years and there is no evidence to back that claim," Mr Afriyie Debrah noted.

Parliament in 2011 passed the Biosafety Act to allow for the production and commercialization of GMOs in the country. The CSIR is currently undertaking field trials for GMO rice and cowpea which is expected on the market soon.

Mr Afriyie-Debrah said GMO technology is one of the several available options to help improve agricultural production and farmers deserve the opportunity to apply it to food production.

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