

## Viewpoint: Organic campaigners in Uganda use 'scare tactics' to keep GMO crops from farmers

The organics are marketed as “sustainable agriculture”, “agro-ecology farming”, and “farming God’s way”. Organic products are branded natural, organic, safe, nutritious and healthy to appeal to the emotions of buyers.

The challenge of organic agriculture is in its inability to support the food need for the ever increasing population. The stringent requirements associated with growing “organics” mean fewer farmers are willing to indulge in it and the few who do end up overcharging consumers, making organic products a preserve of rich elites.

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Genetically modified organisms are considered a threat to the organic’s profits and are being fought hard by the organic industry. This is because some genetically modified crops have the potential of doing away with chemicals translating into more crops being grown without spraying. This type of genetically modified crops would guarantee more supply of non-sprayed produce, resulting in the potential reduction in prices of organics.

It is not surprising that the same tactic that was used to scare farmers away from my fertiliser demo is still being used to exclude African farmers from growing genetically modified crops because the price of organics must remain highest.

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