

Viewpoint: Challenging the belief that GMOs are key to feeding the world's hungry

Industrial agriculture and biotech interests have built entire campaigns saying that we “need” genetically engineered organisms to “feed the world” as we head towards 9 billion people and a “doubling of global food demand”.

But it's just not true, despite all of the effort and money put into having us believe it.

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Most of the GMOs in use today aren't even primary food crops that feed the world — like rice, wheat, roots and tubers, pulses, and fruits and vegetables. Instead, most of the world's GMO farm fields are growing things like feed corn (not sweet corn that we eat, but *feed corn* that is used for making animal feed, high-fructose corn syrup, and corn ethanol), soybeans (mainly for animal feed), cotton, and canola. Very few of the GMO crops in use today are feeding the world's poor; instead, they are crops used in the world's wealthier countries, mainly to fatten animals, make unnecessary biofuels and food additives, or make cheap clothing.

If GMOs really were going to “feed the world,” we would grow GMO crops poor people *actually* eat. But where's the profit in that?

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