

How did GMO wheat end up in a ditch in Canada? We may never know

It appears the public will never know how Monsanto's Roundup Ready trait ended up in wheat plants discovered in Alberta 17 years after the company shut down field trials of the MON71200 GM trait.

[The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said in the conclusion page of its incident report that it was unable to identify the source of the genetically modified wheat.](#)

"All evidence-based lines of inquiry were pursued and have not resulted in any further avenues to be explored," said the agency.

"Going forward, the CFIA will focus on monitoring the site and will verify that all GM wheat that may germinate is destroyed."

Many people in the grain industry are trying to figure out what may have happened, including former Monsanto researcher Curtis Rempel, who was involved with the development of Roundup Ready wheat.

One theory is pollen flow but the nearest research facility was located 300 kilometres away from where the GM wheat volunteers were discovered and he said it is near impossible for that to happen.

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