

Talking Biotech: Mark Lynas' evolution from anti-GMO activist to GMO advocate

Mark Lynas believed in his heart that he was doing the right thing. He was joining others in tearing out field trials of GE crops, and effectively arrested research and development around crop biotechnology. He participated in a movement that significantly shaped public opinion that influences policy to this day. But Mark is a scientific author, and when writing about climate change understood the need for rigorous evaluation of scientific evidence. When he applied the same thinking to GE crops, it was apparent that he was not following the evidence – and changed his mind. Mark treats the topic of plant biotech with refreshing nuance, sitting cleanly in the interface of sound science and responsible social application. His book details his journey, and is a refreshing primer for all of us that need to check ourselves for self delusion, and ensure that we are pursuing the truth in our discussions.

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