

## Anti-GMO 'volunteer reapers' destroy experimental crops, claiming research violates EU biotech rules

Individuals claiming to be volunteer mowers destroyed two test plots of oleic sunflower on August 13 in the Hérault [France]. The seed company asked public authorities to respond to these acts of vandalism penalizing perfectly legal research activities.

On August 13, two experimental plots .... at a farmer's field were destroyed by individuals claiming to be volunteer mowers on the grounds that they were herbicide tolerant varieties (HTV). "Containing no HTV, the two plots destroyed were intended for the production of oleic oil, sought for its nutritional qualities, including organic farming," said RAGT Seeds in a statement, adding in passing "that the cultivation of varieties VTH is perfectly legal in France."

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