Podcast: Do facts matter when we we make policy decisions about sustainable agriculture? That's being tested as the public debate over the benefits of gene editing in food and farming ramps up

Innovation Forum founder Toby Webb talks with Jon Entine, executive director of the Genetic Literacy Project, about the rise of the use of gene editing in agriculture.

What distinguishes CRISPR and other new breeding techniques, including gene editing, from transgenic GMOs?

How are the public and regulators receiving these latest innovations?

Will Europe, long resistant to genetic innovation in the agricultural sector, break from its past as the UK and many individual countries want to greenlight more research and adoption of sustainable agricultural techniques?

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In a wide-ranging discussion, they also highlight how the war in Ukraine is significantly impacting global food supply for humans and livestock, enhancing the case for GMO grain to help ease the pressures. Will politics or science win out?

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