



POINTS TO CONSIDER

FLAWED & FALSE ARGUMENTS FOR MANDATORY GM FOOD LABELS

A series designed to correct
mischaracterizations in selected
publications regarding crops and foods
improved through biotechnology

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PRIMARY CLAIMS MADE:

There is no consensus that GM foods are safe.

Labeling is required to better inform the public and enable consumer choice.

Source: [Why We Need GMO Labels](#), by David Schubert, CNN.com, February 3, 2014.

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FACT: THERE IS A ROBUST GLOBAL SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS ON THE SAFETY OF GMO FOODS

- Every claim made in the article is abundantly contradicted by data, experience, and the published scientific literature.
- A broad consensus including [authoritative bodies around the world](#), such as [the European Commission](#), have concluded that foods improved through biotechnology are as safe as non-GM foods.
- Existing U.S. federal law prohibits any food from being placed on the market that is unsafe and GM foods are subjected to far greater testing than any other foods before being placed on the market.
- Federal label requirements already require that labels must disclose any changes in foods relevant to health, safety, nutrition, or material composition, and the [FDA has found](#) the use of “GM” techniques in seed improvement is irrelevant to safety and therefore does not require specific labeling.
- Consumers already have numerous options to enable their freedom of choice, including the USDA organic label, and various voluntary certification programs (e.g., [the NON GMO Project](#)).

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