



POINTS TO CONSIDER

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

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INACCURATE CLAIMS MADE:

There is no consensus among scientists on the safety of crops and foods improved through biotechnology

Source: [No scientific consensus on GMO safety and repeated claims by opponents of agricultural biotechnology](#) by European Network of Scientists for Social & Environmental Responsibility (ENSSER)

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FACT: SCIENTISTS AROUND THE WORLD OVERWHELMINGLY SHARE THE CONCLUSION THAT CROPS AND FOODS IMPROVED THROUGH BIOTECHNOLOGY ARE AT LEAST AS SAFE, IF NOT SAFER THAN THOSE PRODUCED WITH ANY OTHER METHODS.

- Per Merriam Webster Dictionary, “consensus” means “the judgment arrived at by most of those concerned.”
- There is a remarkable global scientific consensus on the safety of crops and foods derived through biotechnology on the market today. It is wide, deep, and extraordinarily strong.
- This consensus follows from decades of research by scientists in academia, publicly funded research institutes and organizations, as well as industry laboratories.
- If it were the case that questions of scientific fact were decided by the number of signatures on petitions, then the ENSSER statement would be outweighed by numerous petitions supporting this consensus with many more signatories.

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