



POINTS TO CONSIDER

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

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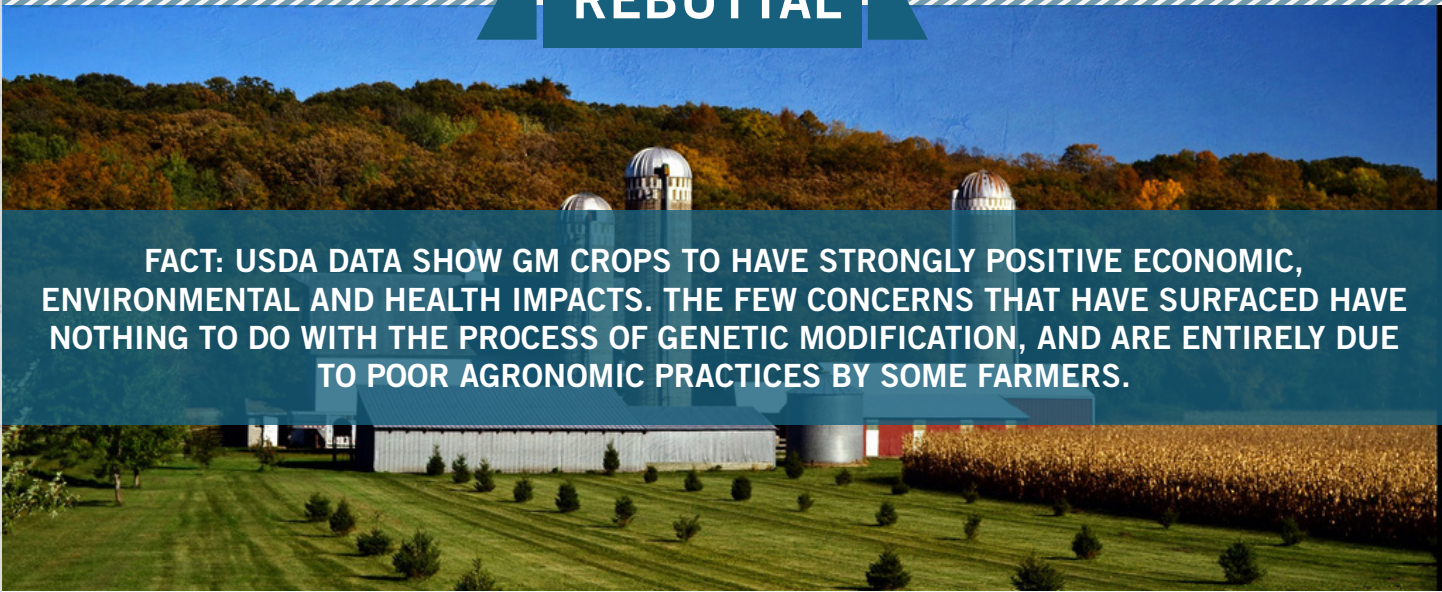
INACCURATE CLAIMS MADE:

U.S. farmers are continuing to see an array of benefits from GMO crops, but the impacts on the environmental and on food production are mixed, and high farmer use of a popular herbicide on crops is a cause for ongoing concern.

Source: [U.S. GMO crops show mix of benefits, concerns - USDA report, Reuters, 2014](#)

[Genetically Engineered Crops in the United States, USDA](#)

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FACT: USDA DATA SHOW GM CROPS TO HAVE STRONGLY POSITIVE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH IMPACTS. THE FEW CONCERNS THAT HAVE SURFACED HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PROCESS OF GENETIC MODIFICATION, AND ARE ENTIRELY DUE TO POOR AGRONOMIC PRACTICES BY SOME FARMERS.

- Impacts on the environment and food production are inarguably positive, as the USDA data confirms.
- Ongoing concerns over the use of glyphosate are restricted to cases where farmers have failed to follow best practice guidelines for rotation. There are no legitimate concerns related to safety.
- GMO crops are under attack from vested interests. The scientific community, having scrutinized them more thoroughly than any other agricultural innovation in history, is convinced of their safety.
- Without exception, studies claiming links to disease and illness have been found to be flawed and invalid.

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