

Dear Ms Newell,

Oregon has a large prosperous pure seed industry. I understand Monsanto has been instrumental in ensuring that OHSU has the right to develop GMO test crops in the Willamette Valley, where this seed industry can be compromised through cross pollination...bird droppings, wind, rain, dust... Buffer zones? Yes we should have them. But if seed is corrupting farms in this way, GMO crops should be undercover. The chemical companies can afford this...Oregon farmers cannot. Perhaps they should be disallowed all together. Once these varieties are let loose in the landscape we cannot bring them back into the test tube.

GMO varieties have not been tested by the FDA and companies like Monsanto submit their own tests...the foxes guard the hen house. They are notoriously indifferent to the plights of traditional and organic farmers whose crops are corrupted by their untested varieties. Farmers are SUEDE by the chemical corporations which are corrupting the farmer's crops! How have we let this happen, here in the state of Oregon?!

Monsanto and their counterparts already have checkerboarded Oregon counties with their crops, creating cross breeding and putting organic farms at risk if not out of business. It is unconscionable that they should be allowed to persist.

And farmers who use their seed are held hostage to patents that don't allow them to save seed, which has been the traditional way for farmers to develop variants that work in their areas and climates. Instead they must repurchase Monsanto seed, which comparatively is deficient, and buy horrendously toxic chemicals (glyphosate...an endocrine disruptor that causes frogs to change sex...And what is it doing to our children?) to make a crop productive...killing pollinators such as bees, birds and butterflies.

Most of us out here in the public domain have done our homework. Up to now, it appears our representatives either have not done theirs or are dependent on chemical company money. I hope this is not the case with you.

We must protect our Oregon farms from cross-pollination, and demand independent studies of these seeds which are willy-nilly polluting our landscape, our animals and our bodies. (read independent health studies). And we must prevent these chemical companies from suing farmers who have no recourse to cross-pollination from GMO crops. It makes no sense to go forward on the notoriously false claims of big chemical companies and their mouth pieces.

Thank you,

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