

# Label GMOs

California's Grassroots

## What is a GMO?

Genetically modified organism (GMO) or Genetic engineering (GE) is a plant or meat product that has had its DNA artificially altered in a laboratory by genes from other plants, animals, viruses, or bacteria in order to produce foreign compounds in that food. This type of genetic alteration is not found in nature and has unknown consequences.

## GMOs are linked to health problems.

Animal studies have linked GMOs to allergies, cancers, immune system disorders, and infertility. Recently, a new viral gene (called Gene VI) associated with GMOs has been discovered that may make us susceptible to viral infections, cancer and other diseases. And a recent long-term animal study showed that the ingestion of GMO corn and RoundUp caused massive tumors, organ damage, and early death of rats.

## GMOs put the health of our land at risk.

Their use has triggered a rise in the use of pesticides and led to superweeds requiring stronger, more dangerous chemicals.

## GMOs hurt farmers' freedom.

Pesticide corporations are working to reduce seed choices available to farmers and force reliance on GM seeds. They also sue farmers whose fields are contaminated by unwanted GMOs. Billions of dollars of US taxpayers' money is used to subsidize genetically engineered crops.

**The first ever GMO animal is about to be approved for our dinner plates.**

The FDA has given the green light to GMO Salmon that has been genetically engineered so that it grows more than twice its normal size.

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### [Genetic Roulette](#)

[www.geneticroullettemovie.com](#)

### [The Future of Food](#)

Available on *Netflix* or for purchase at [www.thefutureoffood.com](#)

### [Seeds Of Deception](#) by Jeffrey Smith

*Amazon* or [www.responsibletechnology.com](#)

### [Myths and Truths](#)

[www.earthopensource.org](#)

## TAKE ACTION

### [Join or create a local \[LabelGMOs.org\]\(#\)](#)

**Community Group** Visit our website and click "Find Your Local Group". You can also contact Pamm Larry at [plarry@labelgmos.org](mailto:plarry@labelgmos.org) to connect with other volunteers or to help you get a group started.

**Shop Non-GMO** Avoid products that contain conventionally produced corn, soy, canola, or cottonseed. Get your non-GMO shopping guide at [www.nongmoshoppingguide.com](#).

**Contact your elected officials** Tell them you support labeling GMOs and you want them to support it as well.

**Help spread the word** "Like" us on Facebook, and participate in the actions: *LabelGMOs*, *GMO Free World*, *GMO Inside*, *GMO Free World: Global Days of Action*, *Organic Consumers Association*.

## Who doesn't support our right to know what is in our food?

Pesticide companies that make genetically engineered food such as *Monsanto*, *DuPont*, *Bayer*, and *DOW*. Junk food companies like *Pepsi*, *Coca-Cola*, *Kellogg's*, and *Hershey's*, also don't want us to know. **These companies spent \$46 million dollars to defeat Prop 37!**

## What happened to Prop 37?

Despite being outspent nearly 6 to 1 and the opposition's campaign of dirty tricks and barrage of misleading TV ads, we nearly won: **YES – 48.6% to NO – 51.4%**. After taking on some of the most powerful corporations on the planet, we lost by a mere 353,657 votes.

**The opposition used tactics such as:**

- *Fake Voter Guides*
- *Newspapers mislead against Prop37*
- *\$1 million per day on commercials*
- *Deceptive advertisements*
- *The Farm Bureau to mislead farmers*
- *"Experts" with conflicts of interest*

## Thirty-seven states have joined together in a coalition to actively work on getting labeling in their states.

Washington State is attempting a ballot initiative this year. Big Food is meeting with the FDA to talk about national labeling.

## Who supports labeling?

The American Public Health Association • American Nurses Association • California Nurses Association • United Farm Workers • Consumers Union • California Council of Churches IMPACT • Natural Resources Defense Council • Organic Consumers Association • Consumer Federation of America • Pesticide Action Network • Center for Food Safety • Environmental Working Group • Breast Cancer Fund • **and thousands more who endorsed the Prop 37 campaign.**

**JOIN US!**  
Our strength is in our numbers.

LabelGMOs.org has combined forces with the California State Grange. Visit their website and join to create long term working groups for food sovereignty in California!

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