



## Boycott Scotts

### Brands:

Scotts  
Miracle-Gro  
Ormocote  
Ortho  
RoundUp



## Stop USDA's Plans to Let Biotech Companies Like Scotts & Monsanto Police Themselves

For the first time ever, the USDA has created a new class of genetically engineered plants, animals and animal drugs that from now on will get a free pass and won't have to undergo any government regulation or review.

This decision was made at the request of Scotts Miracle-Gro, which asked the USDA to waive its regulatory authority over a new genetically engineered lawn grass and let the company start selling its Franken-grass without any review of how it might effect human health, the environment or organic farmers whose pastures will be contaminated.

Because Scotts' new gene-altered lawn grass is "RoundUp Ready" we'll all be exposed to more of the toxic pesticide RoundUp, linked to birth defects and cancer. Plus, the reasoning the USDA used to give a free pass to RoundUp Ready grass will be used by companies

like Monsanto to get more new genetically engineered crops into the food supply -- without any public input or government review.

Monsanto spokespersons and biotech industry reps are claiming they won't try this with food, arguing that genetically engineered food crops would not be accepted by the market without government approval. Don't be so sure. Genetically engineered foods don't have to be labeled, so there's nothing stopping new Frankenfoods from being secretly slipped into the food supply.

We must fight back against this latest crime against sensible regulation and consumers' right to know! Scotts needs to be punished in the marketplace with a consumer boycott of all Scotts, Miracle-Gro, Ormocote, Ortho and RoundUp (yes, Scotts markets RoundUp!) products!

### Scotts & Monsanto's RoundUp

causes endocrine disruption, damage to DNA, reproductive and developmental toxicity, neurotoxicity, and cancer, as well as birth defects.



**Boycott Scotts**  
and enjoy a  
pesticide-free lawn  
and garden, safe  
for children, pets  
and other living  
things.

## A New Class of Genetically Modified Organisms That Get a Free Pass: No Government Regulation or Review!

The USDA is creating a new class of genetically engineered plants, animals and animal drugs that get a free pass: No government regulation or review!

Up until now, genetically engineered crops have been regulated as "plant pests" because plant pathogens like viruses and bacteria are used in the genetic engineering process. Because Scott's genetically engineered "RoundUp Ready" grass was created without using bacteria that could cause disease in plants, the USDA says it can't be regulated as a plant pest.

With this decision, the USDA has opened the farm gate to any genetically engineered crop now

under development that does not use viral material. That's a loophole the biotech industry could use to contaminate the entire food supply. This is very dangerous territory. We need stronger safeguards against GE crops, not a slippery slope towards total deregulation.

We need government regulations like those in Europe, which require independent and rigorous scientific review of the potential impact on the environment and human health of releasing new, artificially manipulated DNA into nature and the food supply. The U.S. statutes that exist now are woefully inadequate.

Scott's grass is genetically engineered to resist Monsanto's

RoundUp herbicide, so lawns can be heavily sprayed with RoundUp, killing the weeds, but sparing the mutant grass. This will mean a drastic increase in the use of the pesticide in neighborhoods, parks, schoolyards and golf courses, increasing the public's exposure to a toxin that causes endocrine disruption, damage to DNA, reproductive and developmental toxicity, neurotoxicity, and cancer, as well as birth defects.

If exposure to RoundUp concerns you, avoid foods made with RoundUp crops: corn, soy, cottonseed, canola, sugar beets and alfalfa, including meat, milk and eggs from animals fed these crops.