

When people pray...

**GIVE US THIS DAY
OUR DAILY BREAD**
...they are not addressing
the Monsanto Corporation

AT LEAST NOT YET!

WHEAT HAS BEEN
CULTIVATED FOR
OVER 10,000 YEARS

This vital grain, which has fed and nurtured our civilization since its dawn, could be handed over to agribusiness giant Monsanto unless we take action now.

In December of 2002 Monsanto applied for government approval to commercially grow their genetically modified (GM) wheat in the U.S. and Canada. This wheat has been modified for resistance to Monsanto's herbicide Roundup. This means more chemicals will be sprayed on the crop.



WE ARE SEEING MASSIVE
PROBLEMS WITH
GENETIC CONTAMINATION

from neighboring farms with GM corn, soybeans and canola. Most of the soybean supply in the U.S. is already contaminated with genetically modified seeds. Many organic and conventional corn farmers are losing markets because their crops are testing positive for GM traits. Many experts have said that it is next to impossible to find non-GM canola in Canada because of this genetic trespass. Wheat pollen is even more pervasive than that of canola.

All these new GM crops are patented, which prohibits farmers from planting the seeds in subsequent years. This means that they must purchase the patented seed every year from the seed company. Monsanto sells 90% of all GM seeds in use today. This corporation is currently taking legal action against hundreds of farmers for saving seed, but many of these farmers have not planted Monsanto's seed; their crops have GM traits only because of contamination from GM pollen. Percy Schmeiser, a Canadian canola grower, was sued by Monsanto and lost his case over this very same issue. His case is currently under appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada.



GM WHEAT IS A MORTAL
THREAT TO THE U.S.
WHEAT MARKET

It is estimated that the loss of markets for GM corn, soy and canola has reached over 300 million dollars per year because the European Union will not purchase GM crops. The U.S. is the world's leading wheat exporter. Many foreign companies have stated that they will not purchase GM wheat or any wheat if GM wheat is grown in the region. Korea is the fifth largest purchaser of U.S. wheat exports. The Korean Flour Mills Industrial Association has stated that they want GM-free certification of any hard red spring wheat they purchase. The price of spring wheat could drop by one-third if a GM variety is introduced commercially into Montana or North Dakota, according to agricultural economist Dr. Robert Wisner of Iowa State University.

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GM crops are not required to go through any type of independent safety review to determine if they are safe for either human consumption or the environment

WE MUST OPPOSE THIS THEFT
OF A GREAT COMMON
RESOURCE AND PROTECT THE
SOVEREIGNTY OF INDEPENDENT FAMILY
FARMERS AND OUR RIGHT TO SAFE FOOD



JOIN
THE CAMPAIGN TO
STOP GM WHEAT!

The Organic Consumers Association calls on elected officials, political candidates, state departments of agriculture, and all universities and colleges to oppose the growing of GM wheat until it can be proven that:

-  There is a demonstrated demand for GM wheat including domestic and foreign markets
-  There will be no disruption of the market for organic and conventional non-GM wheat
-  Shipping and storage systems will be able to keep genetically modified grains separate from other varieties
-  The growing of transgenic crops will not cause the genetic contamination of neighboring crops through pollen drift and that seed stock can be kept separate. Until then all land grant institutions must prohibit the planting and handling of transgenic crops
-  A third party safety protocol is established to prove that transgenic crops are safe for livestock and humans and that there will be no environmental damage caused by their cultivation.

**DON'T LET MONSANTO
STEAL THE STAFF OF LIFE!**

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