

## [EXTERNAL] Crop protection and trade

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Videoconferencing arranged from Geneva.

For those coming to King & Spalding, please enter through 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue and come to the second floor reception area where I will meet you. Because we have an hour, it would be helpful to arrive five minutes early.

Draft agenda enclosed.

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Draft Agenda Version 1/4/2018

**Meeting With United States Trade Representative (USTR), Syngenta, Bayer, Croplife America (CLA), Croplife International (CLI), White House Writers Group (WHWG), vFluence, to discuss pesticide trade agenda for 2018.**

January 11, 2017 10:00 a.m.  
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1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
(Bayer to be invited)

- I. Introductions and Objectives for the Meeting (D. Taveau; K&S) (5 mins)
- II. Overview of WHO, WTO, CODEX meetings for 2018 (J. Callahan, J Doherty; USTR) (20 mins)
- III. Sub-discussions of efforts by:
  - a. Syngenta, WHWG, vFluence (L. Woods Peterson, J. Gilder, J. Byrne) (5 mins)
  - b. CLA and CLI (J. Collins, J. Vroom, R. Hunter) (5 mins)
  - c. Legal efforts being undertaken by industry (D. Crosby, R. Behboodi) (5 mins)
- IV. Q & A (5 mins)
- V. Next steps (15 mins)

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## RE: [EXTERNAL] Your Bonus Eventus registration details

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**Date:** Thu, 11 Jan 2018 18:27:32 -0500

Thanks Jay!

Once I've had a chance to consult a bit further internally on the FAW issue, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss ideas with you and Josh.

Julie Chao invited me to the Feb 8 meeting, and I plan to attend. She said that would be on pesticides more generally.

Regards,

Julia

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Julia – apologies for the confusion; you should be all set now. Do not hesitate to contact me or Nina with any questions, comments or requests. I've included some basic background on our Bonus Eventus (BE) platforms. Josh and I look forward to anyway in which we can be helpful. We are already working on the fall armyworm issue in Africa via IFPRI and would be happy to share any info we have on the topic, key stakeholders, etc... I know it's part of a presentation we're doing with Julie Chao at USDA/FAS on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,

Jay

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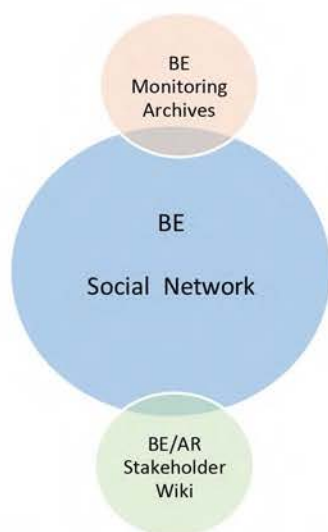
Thanks very much!

The Bonus Eventus Team



## OVERVIEW

Bonus Eventus (BE) is a private social networking and communications platform for stakeholders who desire an informed, collegial and balanced public dialogue and understanding about key food, nutrition, agriculture, environment and public health-related issues. The portal was developed by v-Fluence Interactive and the White House Writers Group<sup>1</sup> with the support of academic, commercial, government and NGO partners. Currently, BE is a member driven cooperative with more than 1,000 community participants from respected, independent academic institutions, commercial, non-profit and government scientists in North America, Europe, Africa, Latin America and Oceania with expertise in a range of intersecting issues, including biotechnology, toxicology, animal health, nutrition, soil, weed and water sciences. These participants are actively contributing to and leveraging the platform's resources and networking to enhance their current efforts and activities around key agricultural discussions.



The BE community welcomes new members via invitation from existing network participants and seeks to expand participation from other geographical region and interest area experts including academics, scientists and NGOs involved in biotechnology, crop protection, chemical toxicology, animal health, nutrition and related topic areas.

Participants in the BE community have access to various tools and networking options for members that help contribute toward the goal of more informed balance and accuracy in influential public discourse on science and related policy topics. Specifically, members have access to topic-customized breaking news and analysis that provide a heads-up for upcoming studies, campaigns and trends; issue briefing materials and references on related topics; training support for disciplines (e.g., science advocacy and risk communications) and new media platform skills (e.g., Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook); an events calendar that details influential conferences, speaking engagements, trade and advocacy-related activities; discussion forums; and, a community-edited wiki with details on relevant stakeholders and peer-to-peer networking. In essence, the tools are designed to help member become more informed and effective stewards.



<sup>1</sup> v-Fluence and The White House Writers Group are a public affairs and issues management consulting firms which collaborate to provide issues intel, research, training support and strategic counsel on public policy topics to commercial, non-profit, academic and government clients. These clients include organizations working in such areas as food and agriculture production including organic, conventional and new technology areas. Additional information can be found at <http://www.whwg.com> and <http://www.v-Fluence.com>

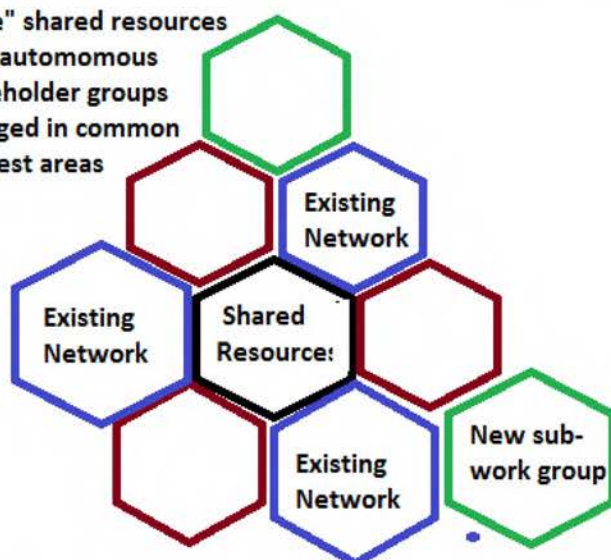


Some support elements within the BE network, such as the news feed, are made possible by v-Fluence paid clients that allow their content streams to be shared with the network. These clients include commercial, non-profit, government and academic organizations – none of which has any editorial influence over the content monitoring or restricts the information shared with BE community members.

Among its key benefits, the network provides a robust stakeholder wiki (i.e., a collaborative website) provided by Academics Review – a 501c3 on profit. The Academics Review wiki provides BE members with access to stakeholder background briefs about hundreds of individuals and organizations updated and edited by community members. These include education and career details, funding insights, past campaign tactics and more. Like Wikipedia, the BE wiki also allows members to create new profiles or enhance current files, thus helping everyone better understand the motivations, funding, strategies and other data about those seeking to influence public opinions and policies on agriculture-related topics.

Another key BE element is the topic wiki, which offers community developed talking point “message maps” and annotated topic bibliographies that help members be informed participants when discussing new published research, advocacy claims and emerging public policy topics. These topic wiki articles are open to BE member editing and an independent retired academic serves as a reference librarian to help review submitted materials to help provide and ensure they are referenced with supporting peer-reviewed, credible citations.

**“Hive” shared resources with autonomous stakeholder groups engaged in common interest areas**



The Bonus Eventus platform and community is not intended to reinvent or replace existing efforts that support science-based public dialogue and policy development around food and agriculture issues. **Rather, it seeks to enhance current efforts and activities and fully respects and supports the independence and integrity of individual participants.**

The community is, in fact, a network of existing networks. Individuals and existing groups retain their control and privacy but benefit from the crosspollination of ideas and support with other members.

The individuals and groups invited to join the private BE platform maintain independence and control over private discussion groups and

related participation. Individuals within each group set their profile privacy settings and use of the BE platform’s features and tools to their discretion.

To protect the integrity and trust of network participant collaborations, all content is hosted behind secure servers, and BE members are asked to respect defined rules for content sharing and confidentiality. At the same time, reference materials, published news and related content are expected to be used by participants as they see fit, with appropriate respect for any copyrights with their public audiences.

To request more information or access, simply e-mail [info@bonuseventus.org](mailto:info@bonuseventus.org), and we’ll respond (typically the same day) or call USA Toll Free (877) 835-8362 ext. 2001.

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Hi Julia. We've just accepted/approved your request. You should be all set. Please let me know if not, or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Nina

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Thanks very much!

The Bonus Eventus Team

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## [EXTERNAL] Welcome!

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### Welcome!

Welcome to the Bonus Eventus network!

You're now just a click away from a wealth of knowledge on food and agriculture issues. All that's left for you to do is to set up your own personal account and password.

[Register Now](#)

You'll soon receive a separate note with more in-depth instructions on how to use the many tools included in the Bonus Eventus community, including research on noteworthy stakeholders and tracking of key media activity and activist campaigns. Some highlights are noted below

You'll also be receiving our weekly Favorable Outcomes newsletter featuring articles worth sharing.



# Knowledge is **Power**

## STAKEHOLDER DATABASE

A library of background information on key players influencing food and agriculture issues - and who's funding them

## ISSUES MONITORING PORTAL

Daily tracking of current events, news coverage and activist activities on food and agriculture issues

## NETWORKING

Connect with other experts and influencers seeking favorable outcomes and science-based dialogue. Or find an expert in a particular field.

## CALENDAR

See upcoming events of note - or let the network know of an event you're planning or attending.

Please [let us know](#) if you have any questions or need assistance.

**Thank you!**

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**Date:** Mon, 15 Jan 2018 16:39:27 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Each spring, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-backed Bee Informed Partnership sets off a wave of media coverage by releasing its annual survey estimating the percentage of honeybee colonies that failed over the past year. But is this voluntary survey of beekeepers really a valuable, important measure of bee health?

This week's newsletter features a piece by Genetic Literacy Project executive director Jon Entine explaining why the annual data can be misleading and questioning why it overshadows long-term statistics showing that the bee population has been increasing on every continent.

To view items on this newsletter, log in on the [Bonus Eventus](#)

**Community** page. To create an account, fill out the Request Membership form on the front page of the site. To share articles, click on the Twitter icon.

Please **contact us** if you have any questions.

## In This Issue

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What's  
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Calendar  
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**Stakeholder  
Spotlight:  
Slow Food**

## Stories Worth Sharing

Jon Entine: Media's focus on annual U.S. bee colony loss data overlooks stats showing bee population growing worldwide



Henry Miller: Putin using state-sponsored Russia Today to undermine genetic engineering, fracking



Brian Garst: Organic food army trying to make the most of "absurdly small" presence of glyphosate in Bigelow tea

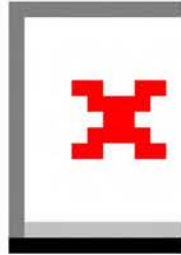


Credible Hulk: Not plausible to claim that glyphosate alters people's gut microbiome in harmful ways



John Brennan: Biotechnology helps Europe meet U.N. sustainable development goals for food security, mitigating climate change







Slow Food International took credit this week for lobbying efforts in Africa that caused Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni to reject proposed biosafety legislation that would have enabled the regulated development and use of GM crops.

Learn more about Slow Food [HERE](#).


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"Food Evolution" director: Organic supporters should stop fear-mongering and just tell the truth, even if it is complicated 

Profile: Alison Van Eenennaam an advocate of GMOs who is "tough to argue with on issues like food safety" 

Tim Philp: Opposition to GMOs, attraction to all-natural products ignores that "nature has been trying to kill us" 

Stephan Neidenbach: Presidential candidacy would renew concerns Oprah is a "junk science enabler" who embraces anti-GMO activism 

Andrew Kniss: Review reveals GM crops did not cause increase in herbicide-resistant weeds 

Michelle Miller: Ashton Kutcher, Penn & Teller, Bono among celebrities supportive of GMOs 



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### What's Trending?

European Council of Presidents to consider setting up special committee on glyphosate renewal

Uruguayan senator seeks to block release of four GM crop varieties with injunction

La Via Campesina plans rally before European court decision on new breeding techniques

Opponents of biotechnology in Uganda seek greater restrictions and language to limit research and block commercial release of GMOs

European Commission seeks input for possible creation of EU Pollinators Initiative

University of Illinois promotes study claiming honeybees are attracted to the fungicide chlorothalonil, posing potential risk

### Calendar highlights

January	January		
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16-18	16-18		
French agriculture, health ministers to attend International Specialized Vegetable Productions Exhibition	German agriculture ministry hosts Global Forum for Food and Agriculture		E op
January 18	January 22		
IFPRI seminar: ""Nutrition and food systems - A report by The High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition"	Vandana Shiva lecture in Barcelona on release of "Who really feeds the world?" essay		As S

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS FULL EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

<p><b>Stakeholder database</b></p> <p>More information on the people and organizations influencing the food and agriculture debate</p>	<p><b>Monitoring portal</b></p> <p>Catch up on the latest news and other developments impacting regulations on agriculture.</p>
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**Date:** Thu, 18 Jan 2018 16:10:01 -0500

## Welcome!

Dear Julia,

Welcome to the Bonus Eventus network!

You now have access to a series of tools to stay abreast on key food and agriculture issues. These include a community networking site, an issues intelligence monitoring portal and a stakeholder wiki.

If you haven't done so already, you'll need to create an account. Once your registration is confirmed, you'll be ready to access the tools below.

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### Bonus Eventus Network Tools

[Stakeholder Research](#)

### Stakeholder Research

Bonus Eventus, in cooperation with the nonprofit Academics Review, provides a



Issues Intel  
Monitoring

Community  
Forums

Calendar

### Introduction

Bonus Eventus is a private social networking and communications platform for stakeholders who desire an informed, collegial and science-based public dialogue and understanding about key food- and agriculture-related issues.

The tools were developed by v-Fluence and the White House

private stakeholder research wiki with profiles on more than 1,000 individuals, organizations and coalitions seeking to influence public attitudes on food and agriculture issues.

We encourage your contributions to keep these community-edited profiles up to date with the highest quality and most current information.

Members may share individual articles from the wiki with the public, but note that in doing so, you take responsibility for the accuracy and quality of that information.

## STAKEHOLDER RESEARCH WIKI

### Issues Intelligence Monitoring Portal

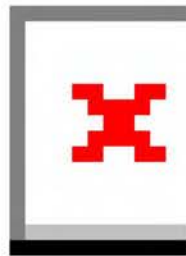
Everyone in the Bonus Eventus Community can view a general news feed on the site's home page, and customized content feeds are available to individuals or groups.

Topic feeds include plant biotechnology, crop protection, pollinator health, endocrine-disrupting chemicals and agriculture-



Writers Group with the support of academic, commercial, government and NGO stakeholders interested in meaningful dialogue on important food and agriculture issues.

For additional information, [click here](#).



## Instructions

Using the

focused water and climate issues.

As a paid service, v-Fluence provides issues intelligence monitoring reports with expert analysis using historical data and trends.

## BONUS EVENTUS MONITORING

### Community Forums/Networking

Bonus Eventus offers members a range of collaboration tools:

#### General Forum

Any member of Bonus Eventus may start a discussion thread visible to ALL members of the community.

#### Groups

Existing organizations and informal groups may create private working spaces for collaboration and information sharing.

#### Training

Training information includes best practice resources for science advocacy, risk communications, news media and social media.

#### Issues Library

Members may share slides, background

Monitoring Portal

Navigating  
Forums

View/add to the  
calendar

Editing the  
Stakeholder Wiki

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We'd love to

documents, images and videos with the community.

## Calendar

Bonus Eventus offers a shared calendar where members can let the community know about conferences, presentations and other events.

v-Fluence topic analysts routinely update calendar items. However, any member may submit event information to be posted.

hear from you.

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Jay Byrne

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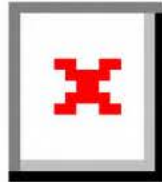
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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

As a Ugandan Parliament science committee warned of the ramifications of delaying passage of a biosafety bill and pledged to meet with the president to address his concerns, this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter features two pieces that address the situation: Cameron English's article on anti-science activism and Lominda Afredaru's assessment of the confusion around GMOs in Uganda.

As questions continue to be raised about the International Agency for Research on Cancer's glyphosate monograph, Andrew Porterfield takes a closer look at the agency's recent public relations activities while David Zaruk examines its official response to an investigation by U.S. lawmakers. We also highlight an American Enterprise Institute report finding GM crops



have increased yields.

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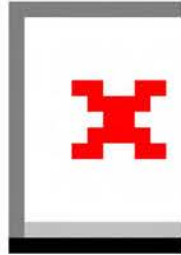
## [Stories Worth Sharing](#)

[Cameron English: Delays in approving Uganda's biosafety bill evidence of how anti-science activists can be destructive](#) 

[Alex Berezow: Threatened pollinators do little to help crops, making it "gross exaggeration" to claim world will starve due to bee deaths](#) 

[Andrew Porterfield: International Agency for Research on Cancer mounts PR campaign amid mounting criticism of glyphosate review](#) 

[American Enterprise Institute: New York Times analysis flawed, GM crops have increased yields](#) 



A project of a Virginia-based political organizing NGO, Environmental Health News (EHN) is a frequent wire service source for stories published by mainstream news and content syndicated by groups including the Organic Consumers Association.

Led by former endocrine-disrupting chemical activist

David Zaruk: IARC director's defense of glyphosate review to U.S. lawmakers features diversion, misinformation and deception [x](#)

Amanda Zaluckyj: Bravo to Farm Bureau for opposing non-GMO labels on products with no GM variety [x](#)

Henry Miller: Public manipulated by multimillion-dollar "organic food hoax" that disparages pesticides and GMOs [x](#)

Science 2.0: Scholars debunked any links between glyphosate and cancer [x](#)

Lominda Afedraru: Considerable confusion among Ugandans about GMOs [x](#)

Alex Berezow: New York Times deserves Fake News Award for consistently getting facts wrong on glyphosate, GMOs [x](#)


Matt Ridley: U.K.'s 25-year environmental agenda regrettably tinged with "anti-

Pete Meyers, EHN reports daily on potential public health risks due to environmental exposures and pollution. EHN reporting and editorial content endorses organic and agroecology food production while warning of "toxic time bombs" associated with synthetic chemicals, pesticides and GMOs.

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[Okanagan president: "Significant undertaking" to educate public and overcome stigma on GM crops, including Arctic Apple](#) 

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[U.S. House committee to investigate whether NIEHS director violated law by questioning chemical regulations](#)

[European lawmakers create committee to investigate reauthorization of glyphosate](#)

[European advocate general issues opinion on regulation of new plant breeding techniques](#)

[Ugandan members of Parliament seek meeting with president regarding his veto of biosafety bill](#)



## Calendar highlights

January 22	January 23	
Vandana Shiva lecture in Barcelona on release of "Who really feeds the world?" essay (lecture in Madrid Jan. 24)	Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency neonic webinar	As S
January 24-27	January 25-26	
EcoFarm Conference in California	European Commission Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed meets to discuss glyphosate, EDCs, neonics	Ge

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**Date:** Mon, 29 Jan 2018 16:04:22 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Stonyfield Farm stirred up considerable controversy with its latest bid to demonize GMOs. Using a video featuring children to spread questionable claims about biotechnology, the organic giant co-founded by Gary Hirshberg has become the recipient of **significant backlash** from food and agriculture communicators upset by this fear-mongering tactic.

We've included examples of these articles from Kavin Senapathy, Amanda Zaluckyj and the "Science Moms" below, and more can be found by clicking **here**. Stonyfield raised eyebrows again when it decided to delete comments from its Facebook page that criticized the video.

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
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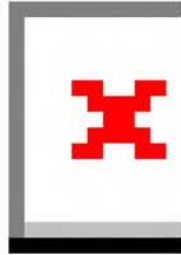
Kavin Senapathy: Stonyfield goes too far by using children to perpetuate myths about biotechnology 

Amanda Zaluckyj: Stonyfield taken to task for anti-GMO video, responds with "glaring lies" 

Dr. Guy-André Pelouze: Flawed decisions made when glyphosate policymakers carelessly substitute risk for hazard 

Bernhard Url: Some campaigners unwilling to accept evidence certain substances are safe, retort with weak scientific studies 

Science Moms: "Beyond the pale" for Stonyfield to use children for fear-based anti-GMO video 



ActionAid is a global advocacy NGO with annual budgets exceeding U.S.\$200 million whose country missions have aggressively opposed the introduction of agricultural biotechnology in developing markets.

ActionAid Uganda was recently investigated by government authorities for money laundering

Alex Berezow: Science has "definitively shown" organic food is not healthier - and it isn't pesticide-free either

Frank Giles: Why would orange juice brand embrace Non-GMO Project and its false claims when biotech may save the citrus industry?

Wandile Sihlobo: Last year's harvest proof that other African nations should follow South Africa's lead and permit GM crops

Corry Elyda: Biotechnology a "logical solution" for poverty, food insecurity in Indonesia and beyond

Renee Pinel: Science overwhelmingly proves glyphosate is safe, but activists cite IARC as "gospel proof" experts are wrong

Steve Cerier: CRISPR puts humankind "on the verge of a genetic revolution" in how food is grown




and using foreign donor cash to illegally lobby the Ugandan Parliament to influence local political issues. ActionAid Uganda led local efforts to block GMO biosafety enabling legislation.

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Science Codex: Court bases ruling on Dannon labeling on science, dismisses plaintiffs' arguments about "feelings" 

George Omondi: Kenyan president turns to genetically modified cotton to create 50,000 jobs 

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Stonyfield Farm draws backlash from involving children in fear-mongering, anti-science video on GMOs

Cambridge scientists: Despite misleading NGO campaigns, managed bees are livestock instead of conservation issue

French president promises not to ban glyphosate unless credible alternative is available

Industry groups launch coalition demanding reform to International Agency for Research on Cancer monograph program

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January 29-31	January 30-31		
Latin American and Caribbean regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management	Sustainable Foods Summit North America		Sus
February 1-2	February 3		
European Commission workshop on EDC guidance applicability	French Festival Without GMOs (Faites Sans OGM)		S

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**Date:** Mon, 05 Feb 2018 21:03:10 -0500

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Dear Julia,

An ill-conceived attack ad on GMOs continues to blow up in Stonyfield Farm's face. After initial criticism for relying on young girls to spread myths about biotechnology, the organic giant only made matters worse by dismissing its critics as "trolls" with fake online profiles. The backlash got bad enough that its former creative agency **distanced itself from the video** and went as far as saying it disagreed with Stonyfield's response.

Four pieces on this week's newsletter - by Michelle Miller, Hank Campbell, Steven Novella and Andrew Porterfield - further examine the issue.

We also feature a commentary from former USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack on the ramifications of misleading non-GMO labels, an



American Council on Science and Health article detailing incorrect information spread by NGOs about honeybee conservation and two pieces examining the ongoing dispute over glyphosate despite its proven safety record.

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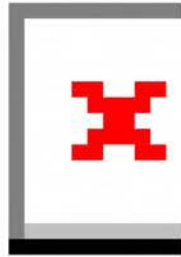
### Stories Worth Sharing

[Michelle Miller: Stonyfield apparently thinks "right to know" about GMOs doesn't require responsibility to learn the truth](#)

[Matt Ridley: Brexit policies should not stifle innovation in areas such as gene editing](#)

[Hank Campbell: New anti-GMO ad shows Stonyfield must think girls don't understand science](#)

[Steven Novella: Stonyfield triples down on its "dubious" behavior with fear-mongering video, dismissive response to critics](#)



Pesticide Action Network International (PAN) is the global "hub" for its network of regional centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

PAN was founded in 1982 out of organized opposition to globalization, capitalism and alleged control by multinational

Tom Vilsack: Misleading non-GMO labels hurt consumer confidence in food system



Chuck Dinerstein: Cambridge paper calls out NGOs, science journalists for trumped up claims that honeybees need to be conserved



Andrew Porterfield: Stonyfield turns to kids to extend its "history of spreading misinformation" about biotechnology, organic food



Colin Stevens: Hard to believe vitriol produced by "dubious" glyphosate review by International Agency for Research on Cancer



EU Policies think tank: "Baffling" that glyphosate saga rages on despite its extensive safety record



Julie Gunlock: Radical green activists' "lies" push African nations to ban GM crops that could reduce hunger



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[Cameron English and Kavin Senapathy: Tips for talking to people who reject "empirical scientific truths" on food and agriculture](#)

[Robert Arnason: Cargill undermines claim that it supports science by teaming up with Non-GMO Project](#)

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## [What's Trending?](#)

[U.S. House committee plans Tuesday hearing to review scientific integrity of International Agency for Research on Cancer](#)



Nigeria biosafety agency reiterates commitment to ensuring safety of GM crops, criticizes activist groups

French government agencies demand proactive strategy on endocrine disruptors

Harvard researcher behind disputed bee studies claims in new paper that neonics on produce could pose risk to people

## Calendar highlights

February 6	February 6-8		
U.S. House committee hearing on IARC glyphosate monograph	Africa regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management		No
February 7	February 13		
Chemical Watch webinar on European Union EDC criteria	Swiss Academy of Sciences presentation on NBTs		Ug

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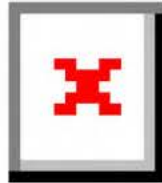
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**Date:** Mon, 12 Feb 2018 16:03:21 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Months of criticism of the International Agency for Research on Cancer culminated with a U.S. House hearing last week at which lawmakers questioned the outfit's assessment of glyphosate and threatened to pull American funding.

At the top of this week's Stories Worth Sharing, check out Genetic Literacy Project's recap of the hearing. More coverage and stakeholder reaction can be found in the What's Trending section.

Other articles discuss misleading non-GMO labels, question whether a ban of neonics would actually help bees and examine myths about organic food production.

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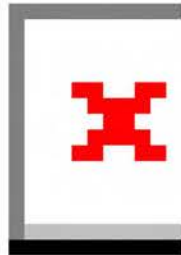
[Kevin Folta: Non-GMO labels misinform consumers about the "hypothetical presence of a non-existent threat"](#)

[Caroline Hauxwell: Australian neonic ban would likely harm farmers more than it would help bees](#)

[Henry Miller: Organic agriculture kept afloat "only by massive subsidies" that cover up its low yields and wasted resources](#)

[Michael J. Ssali: Ugandan president's support for science and innovation make it likely he will sign biosafety bill at some point](#)








Former *Reuters* reporter turned anti-GMO and anti-pesticide activist Carey Gillam works for the organic industry-funded U.S. Right to Know campaign.


Gillam was in the news this week alleging U.S. Congressional inquiries into the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) were only an agribusiness




Mary Mangan: Stonyfield "peddling bad information" on biotechnology and trying to silence critics 

Victor Tangermann: Debunking the myths that organic food is healthier, GMOs are dangerous 

Marcel Kuntz: Profound gap between scientific consensus on glyphosate and French media coverage 

Micaela Wright: Trump administration supporting farmers by nixing burdensome regulations on chlorpyrifos, WOTUS 

Alison Van Eenennaam: "Okja" film perpetuates tired characterization of scientists as "disturbed, money-hungry corporate sell outs" 

Brian McNicoll: Prop 65 labeling requirements for glyphosate mark typical "overregulation" in California for product

corporate conspiracy and "cancer cover-up" by Roundup inventor Monsanto.

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most deem safe 

ISAAA: Global biotech crop planting rises to over 185 million hectares 

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U.S. House committee critical of glyphosate review by International Agency for Research on Cancer

Responding to glyphosate controversy, European Parliament sets up committee to review pesticide approval process

Indian state sets up special investigation of illegal Bt cotton sales

European Food Safety Authority sets Feb. 28 release date for neonic risk assessments

Brazilian regulator approves Bayer-Monsanto deal

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Swiss Academy of Sciences presentation on NBTs	Pesticide Action Network U.K. presentation: "Don't let Brexit bee a buzz kill"	Ug
February 19-23	February 20	
Central and Eastern Europe regional meeting on SAICM	Stockholm Chemicals Groups film screening - "Endocrination"	Mar

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter features a *Real Clear Science* article by Ross Pomeroy that examines how just about anyone involved in the debate over food and agriculture policies can play the "shill" card and claim that anyone with an opposing viewpoint must have a conflict of interest. There's also a piece from Alex Berezow for the American Council on Science and Health that explains the unfair notion that anyone who works for industry must be dishonest.

We also highlight Mary Mangan's piece for Biofortified in which she lays out the false claims in "Whitewash," the book written by U.S. Right to Know activist and organic industry ally Carey Gillam.



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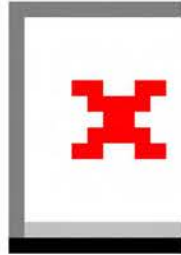
[Mary Mangan: Activist Carey Gillam's book should be titled "Hogwash" due to misinformation on glyphosate, IARC](#)

[Ross Pomeroy: Shill argument can be made against organic supporters and GMO advocates, but science is on the side of Team GMO](#)

[Adenle Ademola: Europeans must "stop playing fear-based politics" on GMO technology that can feed hungry Africans](#)


[David Zilberman: Agriculture key to global economic development; science-based regulations on biotechnology needed](#)


[Man Li: Research shows climate change could impact Chinese grain production;](#)





Zen Honeycutt runs Moms Across America and lobbies with fellow activists Jeffrey Smith, Elena Sharoykina and Pamm Larry against GMOs, vaccines and pesticides around the globe. She is a co-litigant with the Organic Consumers Association suing General Mills and alleging products with the word "nature" in them are misleading due to


[drought-tolerant crops could help](#) 


[Paul McDivitt: Golden Rice moving closer to approval in Bangladesh and the Philippines as activists base opposition on old data](#) 

[Rebecca Nesbit and Gia Aradottir: European neonic ban could have "unintended consequences," leaving agriculture and insects worse](#) 

[Ruth Kava: Research into how genetic engineering could resolve genetic diversity issues should be accelerated](#) 

[Michelle Miller: Technology providing agricultural solutions around the world](#) 

[Steven E. Cerier: Improved trees and grass among genetic engineering projects on hold due to anti-GMO backlash](#) 

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## What's Trending?

U.S. Agency for International Development partners with Zimbabwe farmers in bid to stop spread of armyworms

Glyphosate opponent Eric Andrieu seen as potential chair of European Parliament committee examining pesticide review process

Environmental NGOs promote re-introduction of U.S. bill proposing to ban neonics

Italian meta-analysis finds GM maize improves yields with no evidence of health risks

Latest USDA report finds 99.5 percent of produce falls well below pesticide safety standards

## Calendar highlights

February 20	February 22		
Stockholm Chemicals Groups film screening - "Endocrination"	Tyrone Hayes lecture at University of Michigan		Mar
February	February		



26-28	26-27		
Microbiome AgBioTech Summit 2018	AsiaHub Summit USA		re

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**To:** "Doherty, Julia M. EOP/USTR" <julia\_doherty@ustr.eop.gov>  
**Date:** Mon, 26 Feb 2018 18:12:31 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

The verdict is in: Italian researchers reviewed the usage of genetically modified corn over more than 20 years, concluding that the crop provides clear yield and health benefits over the non-GM alternative. The findings are highlighted on this week's newsletter in pieces by Paul McDivitt, Jakob Owens and Mark Lynas. [Newsweek](#) also published an article on the study.

Among other items, researchers Alison Van Eenennaam and Nina Fedoroff call for changes to U.S. biotechnology regulations, and officials from Bayer and CropLife International - respectively - warn about efforts in Europe to restrict neonics and endocrine-disrupting chemicals based on politics instead of science.

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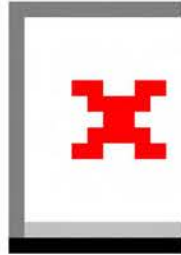
Paul McDivitt: Two decades of data prove GM corn increases yields and provides health benefits 

Jakob Owens: Italian research should put rumors to rest about benefits of GM corn 

Alison Van Eenennaam/Nina Fedoroff: Proven safe, biotechnology should be regulated "from common sense instead of fear" 

Mark Lynas: Italian analysis gives "powerful scientific evidence" that GM maize is inherently safer and more productive 

David Zaruk: Pesticides are a "valuable precautionary tool" in sustainable agriculture 



Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa is **promoting** a meta-analysis of 50 case studies from 22 African countries that claims their view of technology-eschewing **agroecology** can help meet United Nations sustainable development goals. The NGO's study claims agroecology has benefits for yields, food security, nutrition, health, education, poverty

Howard Minigh: If politics trump science on EU EDC regulations, it will have serious impact on trade and discourage innovation



Ross Pomeroy: Like papayas and bananas before, genetic engineering should be used to save coffee



French magazine: Activists skew facts in claiming EU pesticide authorization tests are linked to industry



Bill Wirtz: Tangled web of intermingled EU activist groups has "complicated relationship with the truth"



Martin Gruss: "No provably positive benefits for bees" from EU neonic ban



Lominda Afredaru: Prospects of gene editing in Uganda are exciting



William Reville: No "single unique culprit" for bee colony collapse, extensive use of honeybees could damage environment





reduction, environmental regeneration and climate resilience without the use of modern crop protection and biotechnology tools.

It's the latest move from the pan-African, anti-GMO activist group that has joined with the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements and GRAIN to block biofortified foods and campaign for agroecology instead.

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University of Minnesota grad students ask U.S. government to update biotechnology regulations to allow more efficient research



Geoffrey Kabat: Campaigns against glyphosate, coffee, BPA take isolated findings out of scientific context to scare the public



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## What's Trending?

European Parliament pressured to approve anti-neonic resolution/ EFSA to release neonic risk assessments

Mexican Academy of Sciences Biotechnology Committee member's new book details benefits of GMOs

Monsanto subpoenas documents from NGO Avaaz about glyphosate, IARC

Generations Futures report claims 75 percent of French produce is contaminated with pesticides



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Quebec government to restrict usage of neonics, atrazine, chlorpyrifos

**Calendar highlights**

February 27	February 28		
Academie Royale de Belgique lecture on EDCs	Greens-led discussion on modern agriculture challenges (Germany)		
March 3	March 5-7		
University of California-Davis bee symposium	World Congress on Plant Biotechnology and Agriculture (Paris)		

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**To:** "Doherty, Julia M. EOP/USTR" <julia\_doherty@ustr.eop.gov>  
**Date:** Mon, 05 Mar 2018 16:01:41 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

The question of whether there was Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election has been a topic in the headlines for more than a year. But what about Russian influence on U.S. agriculture and attitudes toward biotechnology?

An [Iowa State University analysis](#) concluded that [Russian outlets](#) are behind "misinformation attacks" spreading anti-GMO sentiment in the United States. The [topic](#) is explored further in a series of articles in this week's newsletter.

Among other articles, Bill Gates refers to GMOs as "perfectly healthy" and Paul Driessen calls for the U.S. Congress to "get tough" on the pseudo-science promoted by the International Agency for Research on Cancer and U.S. National Institutes for

Environmental Health Sciences director Linda Birnbaum.

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## Stories Worth Sharing

[Carly Cassella: Americans "playing right into Putin's hand" by distrusting GMOs](#)

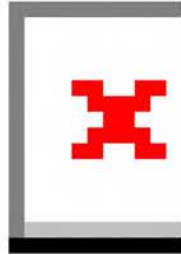
[Anastasia Bodnar: Add Russian influence to reasons people have "irrational fear" of biotechnology](#)

[Paul Driessen: Time for U.S. Congress to show "spine" and hold International Agency for Research on Cancer accountable](#)

[David Zaruk: NGOs' "silence the science" tactic in full effect against neonicotinoids](#)

[Brian McNicoll: U.S. Right to Know activist Carey Gillam just behind Russian outlets in spreading most anti-GMO rhetoric](#)





"He's back! The Energizer Bunny of organic industry-funded advocacy and pesticide litigation consulting, Charles Benbrook has released another **industry-funded study** claiming organic foods are superior in health and nutrition to their lower-priced conventional counterparts.

Other Benbrook research was also

Bill Gates: GMOs are "perfectly healthy," promising tool to fight world hunger [x](#)

Peter Van Voorhis: "Unscientific work" of IARC finally being revealed as U.S. lawmakers stand behind farmers [x](#)

Hank Campbell: Judge turns to science to block lawyers' bid to "get rich" off glyphosate cancer claims [x](#)

Abdulrazak Ibrahim: Nigeria should host national workshop to consider potential of CRISPR use in food production [x](#)

Chuck Dinerstein: By spreading Kristof's claims on chemicals, New York Times engages in "hyperbole at the price of scientific honesty" [x](#)

USAID: Blight-resistant potato could make "dramatic impact" on lives of Bangladesh farmers [x](#)


Terry Anderson and Henry Miller: Organic




cited this week by an [activist report](#) by the [Center for Biological Diversity](#) alleging the herbicide dicamba is threatening monarch butterfly populations. An ag economist, Benbrook's professed expertise extends well beyond his areas of academic study to include consulting and reporting on hot-button food issues ranging from alleged endocrine-disrupting chemical health risks to supposed nutritional benefits of organic foods.

Called one of the top go-to paid advocates for the organic marketing industry, anti-GMO

[farming a prime example of inefficient water use in California](#) 

[Omri Ben-Shahar: Italian analysis of GMO corn benefits should be "conclusive" science needed to end public debate](#) 

[Australian geneticist Fahad Ali: "We need gene technology on our side" so it can save lives](#) 

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## [What's Trending?](#)

[European Food Safety Authority neonic risk assessments drive call for ban from NGOs and lawmakers](#)

[Monsanto faces key hearing in lawsuit over whether glyphosate causes cancer](#)

[Ghana activists meet with members of Parliament to raise opposition to GMOs](#)

[U.S. EPA opens 60-day comment period on draft assessments of glyphosate](#)

[European Parliament approves measures to](#)

activist groups and pesticide litigators - learn more about Benbrook [HERE](#).

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boost beekeeping industry, endorses request for European Commission to propose neonic ban

### Calendar highlights

March 5-7	March 5-9		
World Congress on Plant Biotechnology and Agriculture (Paris)	CBD Workshop on Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms for Francophone Africa		
March 7-8	March 7-11		
Plenary meeting of the EFSA Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms	Natural Products Expo West		So

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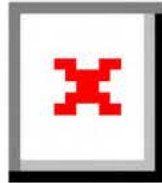
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**Date:** Mon, 12 Mar 2018 19:45:24 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

For the second time in as many months, an analysis of decades of data has come to the conclusion that genetically modified crops are beneficial. First, an **Italian meta-analysis** last month found GM corn to be beneficial and carry no evidence of health risks. Now, a **University of Maryland study** released today finds that Bt corn brings "significant" decreases in pesticide spraying regimens and overall damage in crops including sweet corn, peppers, and green beans. In a piece below, Murenga Mwimali argues that its time for leaders to start paying attention to such research and embrace biotechnology.

Also highlighted below are rebuttals to the European Food Safety Authority's assessments of neonics from David Zaruk and Angela Logomasini, plus further commentary on Russian influence on



anti-GMO sentiment and criticisms of the International Agency for Research on Cancer. Several organizations also marked **International Women's Day** last week with profiles of **prominent women in food and agriculture** and efforts to **empower female farmers** in the developing world.

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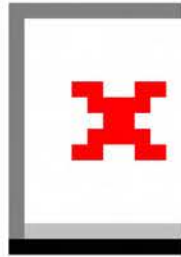
## Stories Worth Sharing

David Zaruk: EFSA review claiming neonics harm bees based on "scientifically worthless" guidance document 

Iida Ruishalme and Alison Bernstein: IARC's reliance on hazard while ignoring actual risk only confuses public 


Jonathan Jarry: Mike Adams' online empire - including Natural News - creates "alternate reality" for anti-GMO pseudoscience 


Andrew Porterfield: Russia pushing anti-GMO propaganda in U.S. to boost its





Leading mandatory GMO labeling and anti-pesticide advocate and organic industry mogul Gary Hirshberg is back in the news this week. His Stonyfield Organic brand announced he would return to an operational role kicking off a major political advocacy campaign to promote organic interests in the 2018


[agricultural power](#) 

[Hank Campbell: Environmental Working Group adds another board member from organic industry, further proving it is not independent](#) 

[University of Maryland analysis finds Bt corn significantly decreases insecticide spraying and overall damage to several crops](#) 

[Angela Logomasini: EFSA neonic reviews applied "excessively precautionary approach that makes little sense"](#) 

[Julie Kelly and Jeff Stier: "Fundamental" changes needed to IARC before it engrains itself further into U.S. policy](#) 

[Lowell Catlett: U.S. Sen. Udall should remove hold, allow authorization of Pesticide Registration Improvement Act](#) 

[Murenga Mwimali: African leaders should pay attention to studies finding GM crops safe, embrace Water Efficient Maize project](#)

U.S. elections.

Hirshberg was also named as a founder and angel investor in the natural health and supplement company Ancient Nutrition, seeking a multibillion-dollar payout bringing that company to market.


Learn more about Hirshberg [HERE](#).

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[Deepak Pental: India "can't go back to pre-1900 agriculture"](#) 

[Steven Cerier: New breeding techniques bring potential to produce disease-, drought- and pest-resistant crops](#) 

[Video: New York Times' Nicholas Kristof has skewed view about chemicals found in activist group's urine test](#) 

[Deniers for Hire: Center for Biological Diversity's Nathan Donley and his "misplaced faith" in IARC](#) 

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## What's Trending?

[Judge considers scientific testimony in case over claims that glyphosate causes cancer](#)

[University of Montreal researcher previews study claiming neonics impact hormones in humans](#)



Indian cotton seed companies threaten to halt supply in protest of government plan to cut prices

Activist groups amplify poll finding most U.S. farmers fear Bayer's purchase of Monsanto will have negative impact

European Commission expected to propose neonic ban after EFSA risk assessments claim harm to bees

## Calendar highlights

March 13	March 13		
Chemical Watch Global Business Summit (Amsterdam)	Royal Society Te Apārangi gene editing workshop (New Zealand)		Ge s
March 14-16	March 14		
World Biotechnology Conference (London)	Plant Genomics & Gene Editing Congress: Europe (Rotterdam)		So
March 14-15	March 14, 15 and 16		
EFSA open meeting of Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues	Norway Biotechnology Council public forums on GMOs		E



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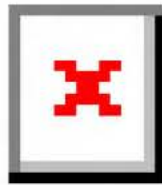
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Works for me...I've blocked it out on my calendar

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On Mar 19, 2018, at 4:28 PM, Mallek, Jonathan P. EOP/USTR <[Jonathan.P.Mallek@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Jonathan.P.Mallek@ustr.eop.gov)> wrote:

Hi Jay and Josh,

After looking at Sharon and Gregg's calendars, how does 2pm on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> sound?

Best,  
Jon

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Julia: I can make any time that week. Would prefer it not be on Tuesday or Thursday morning, but if necessary can do those as well. Thanks.

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On Mar 19, 2018, at 12:54 PM, Jay Byrne <(b) (6)@v-fluence.com> wrote:

I next plan to be in DC the week of April 9-13 and am currently flexible to your schedule Monday afternoon through Friday at 2 PM. So whatever works for Josh's scheduled that week w/in those windows would currently work for me.

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**Subject:** Meeting Request: Ambassador Doud and AUSTR Bomer

Dear Jay and Josh –

Last time we spoke, I mentioned that I'd like you to brief my boss, Assistant USTR Sharon Bomer, on pesticides and biotech issues in the media. Our Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Gregg Doud, has recently come on board.

Would you be available to come by in the coming weeks to brief Sharon and Gregg on these issues? I am cc'ing Jon Mallek and Garrett Kays, who mind the schedules for Sharon and Gregg, to work out a time if you are able to come in for a meeting.

Thanks

Julia

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**Date:** Mon, 19 Mar 2018 16:03:09 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

As activists across Europe plan their annual weeklong attack on pesticides, we open this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter with one science communicator's explanation of why it's important to stand up against such shenanigans.

We also highlight a series of articles on a California judge's decision that cancer warnings are not necessary on glyphosate products and a review of Mark Lynas' new book detailing how and why he turned from an anti-GMO protestor into a biotechnology advocate.

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Hank Campbell: Anti-science "Poisoning Paradise" event stuffed with trial lawyers' publicity stunts [x](#)

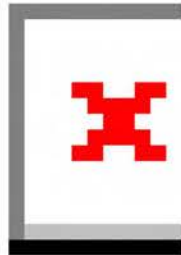
Joe Schwarcz: No reason to worry about scary-sounding tests that find glyphosate in wine [x](#)

Cameron English: "Blatant contradiction" by anti-glyphosate activists frustrates scientists seeking to spread good information [x](#)

Wall Street Journal: Judge overrules "bad science" with decision to block cancer warning labels on glyphosate [x](#)

David Zaruk: Why is the public so "filled with rage" against corporations that have provided modern way of life? [x](#)

Lominda Afedraru: Uncertainty surrounding Ugandan biodiversity law provides



With anti-chemical NGOs pushing to make European hazard-based precautionary principle rules the de facto global regulatory standard, this week we profile the eco-litigation organization ClientEarth.

In 2007, ClientEarth was founded in Europe by a Yale-educated Wall Street attorney who wanted to bring U.S.

roadblock to producing biofortified bananas



William Odinga: Workshop encourages scientists to "boldly" defend their work on biotechnology, leave lawmakers no doubt



Dominic Lawson: "Seeds of Science" a gripping account of Mark Lynas' turn from anti-GMO protestor into biotech advocate



Richard Zuber: Judge's ruling against glyphosate cancer labels a victory for scientific integrity and farmers

Joan Conrow: Kenya pyrethrum backers spreading false claims about GM crops

Alex Berezow: Middle school teacher who defends GMOs shows bravery amid harsh cyberbullying

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environmental litigation advocacy tools to the the United Kingdom and EU. Since that time, it has hired more than 60 lawyers and formed subsidiary offices in Belgium, France and Poland. It also became a formal U.S. 501c3 to facilitate raising funds from the United States and extended its litigation and lobbying program reach from Europe to Africa and China.

ClientEarth was in the news this week announcing a campaign in partnership with anti-chemical NGOs including Chemical Secretariat and Pesticide Action Network to help

Activists publish epidemiology journal article claiming European regulators violated own rules in glyphosate reviews

Court to allow activists to challenge European Commission approval of GM crops

NGOs exert pressure on European Commission to schedule neonic ban vote this month

U.S. approval of Bayer-Monsanto merger hits antitrust snag, expected to take months longer

Canadian comment period on neonics ends today

United Nations' IPBES panel to release global reports on biodiversity, soil health



accelerate adoption of pending endocrine disrupting chemical criteria and maximum residue limits - which could result in disruptions costing tens of billions of dollars in global agriculture and other trade with the European Union.

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March 20-30	March 20		
Pesticide Action Week across Europe	IFPRI Global Food Policy Report launch	Report	M



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March 21	March 21-22		
Rebecca Nesbit lecture - "Save the Honeybee?"	Chicago Council on Global Affairs Global Food Security Symposium		E ene
March 22-23	March 25		
European Commission Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed discusses neonics, EDCs	3rd Biennial National Agricultural Biosciences (NABIO2018) Conference in Uganda		5th

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

From non-GMO labels to the new push for "regenerative organic" certification, what's with all the terminology all over our food packaging?

Hank Campbell and Michelle Miller explore these topics in separate pieces highlighted on this week's newsletter. Campbell uses an old Dr. Seuss tale to explain how the organic labeling is taken to give a product value that it doesn't actually carry. And Miller explains the confusion that comes with warnings about GMOs and products' GMO absence claims.

Other articles touch on the "Poisoning Paradise" film, California's warnings on glyphosate causing cancer, and an organic fungicide that European regulators have found to be more harmful.

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## Stakeholder Spotlight: Public Eye

## Stories Worth Sharing

[Hank Campbell: Regenerative organic certification another meaningless decoration, like stars for Seuss' Sneetches](#)

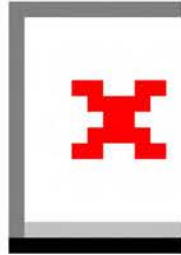
[Andrew Porterfield: Popular organic fungicide has "more toxic rap sheet than glyphosate"](#)

[David Zaruk: "Poisoning Paradise" film crafted by lawyers as "pure jury-bait" for anti-pesticide litigation](#)

[Michelle Miller: No need for GMO labels because most food labels are "misleading, wrong, or just a marketing tool"](#)

[Gilbert Arap Bor: Biotechnology "innovation](#)





The Swiss anti-corporate NGO Public Eye (formerly the Berne Declaration) was in the news recently for sponsoring the viewing of the film "[Poisoning Paradise](#)" at a human rights festival in Geneva where it alleged multinational agribusiness giants including Monsanto, Bayer and Syngenta were engaged in crimes against humanity for their

can't come soon enough" to deal with food insecurity, turmoil in Kenya [x](#)

Pierre Petelle: Quebec's "rogue regulations" on pesticides hurt farmers and innovation without protecting the environment [x](#)

Henry Miller: Russia has many ways of attacking the U.S., including influencing attitudes on GM crops [x](#)

The Oklahoman: California's Prop 65 slaps cancer warnings "haphazardly on everything in sight" [x](#)

Council for Agricultural Science and Technology: U.S. regulations based on undocumented risks pose "unreasonable barriers" to innovation [x](#)

Marco Cappato: World Congress for Freedom of Scientific Research next month in Brussels will include ag biotech workshop

Video: U.K. crop specialist calls pyrethroid spraying brought on by neonic ban "worst



development and commercialization of toxic GMOs and hormone-disrupting pesticides.

Public Eye, perhaps best known for its annual protests against capitalism at the Davos World Economic Forum, claims to represent progressive Swiss interests in keeping technologies, trade and corporate interests away from the poor in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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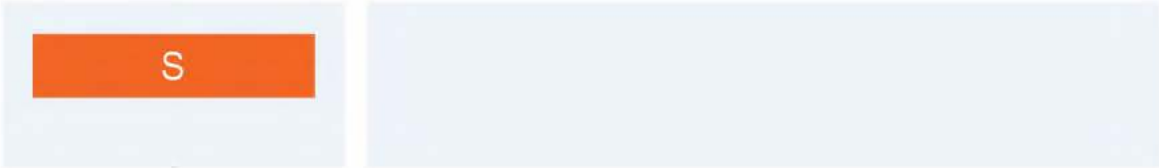
European Union nearing implementation of criteria for endocrine-disrupting chemicals

Bayer-funded study identifies enzymes that allow bees to process neonics differently, leading to variance in toxicity

World Water Day sparks commentary on pesticide contamination, drought-tolerant crops

French studies find farmland birds in decline; researchers claim correlation to rise of industrial agriculture and neonics

EU regulators approve Bayer purchase of Monsanto, with BASF set to take on some assets



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March 26-27	March 27		
Garnet Plant Gene Editing Workshop	Forum for the Future of Agriculture (Brussels)		

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

**Transparency** has become the hot topic in food safety.

While **CropLife International and the European Crop Protection Association** are launching a joint initiative that will give the public greater access to safety studies, regulators in the United States are also focusing on changing their scientific transparency policies -- a subject discussed in this week's newsletter in pieces by Steve Savage and Steve Milloy.

Other pieces highlight the back-and-forth over GMOs in Uganda, new research making endocrine disruption claims and a visit to the U.S. by Indian activist Vandana Shiva.

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## Stories Worth Sharing

Steve Savage: USDA Pesticide Data Program provides important transparency on food safety that gets twisted by activists



Steve Milloy: U.S. EPA should be praised for moving away from "unaccountable, dodgy science" based on political agendas



Michelle Miller: Wisconsin university will pay Vandana Shiva \$20,000 to spread her anti-GMO lies



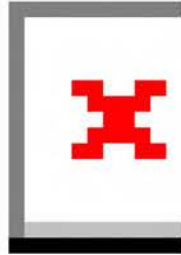
Isaac Ongu: Opposition to GMOs in Uganda fueled by "threat to organic's profits"



Authors reverse findings from paper claiming CRISPR gene-editing technique could result in unintended mutations







IFOAM Executive Director Markus Arbenz will be among the presenters next week at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization's **2nd International Symposium on Agroecology** in Rome. The NGO is touting the three-day symposium as an opportunity to spread its message that there's a "broad consensus that

Science 2.0: Activist researcher Barbara Demeneix has "anti-science mentality" that everything is an endocrine disruptor [x](#)

Kevin Folta: U.S. congressional report spreads "conspiracy nonsense" and "blatant misinformation" about glyphosate [x](#)

Devang Mehta: I'm quitting GMO research due to "relentless suspicion" of technologies proven to be safe [x](#)

Chandre Dharnawardana: Sri Lanka ban on paraquat and glyphosate makes poor stay hungry while rich search for "clean food" [x](#)

Charles Laverty: California's Prop 65 cancer warnings an example of "bad science driving bad policy" [x](#)

KNOW GMOs: New study explains "halo effect" of GM crops on nearby non-GM fields [x](#)

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agroecology can be instrumental" in reaching environmental sustainability goals and combating rural poverty.

Last week, IFOAM and the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) promoted their joint report, "[Socioeconomic Impacts of GMOs on European agriculture](#)," that claims biotech and organic crops cannot coexist due to the threat of cross-contamination and that banning GM crops is an "efficient strategy."

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about IFOAM, which touts more than 1,000 affiliates

## What's Trending?

[U.S. Department of Agriculture clarifies that it will not regulate plants altered using gene editing](#)

[Former Socialist ecology minister resigns from French pesticide commission to highlight demand for glyphosate ban](#)

[Vote scheduled Tuesday on Mexico's general biodiversity law](#)

[Activists mark one-year anniversary of chlorpyrifos ban reversal with campaign against EPA Administrator Pruitt](#)

[Stakeholders demand pesticide reductions as April 5 deadline nears for EU Pollinators Initiative](#)

in 120 countries.

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April 3-5	April 4	
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition "Our Farms Our Future" conference	CRIIGEN's Christian Velot lectures on endocrine-disrupting chemicals	T
April 7	April 9-13	
Tufts University annual Food and Nutrition Conference	FAO regional conference for Asia and the Pacific	

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes features a series of articles raising questions about the reasons behind certain regulations on food, agriculture and chemicals around the world.

The examinations of laws that are scientifically lacking include Hamish Grant of the Vanessa Grant Trust reviewing Kenya's ban on GMOs, Sara Chodosh of *Popular Science* disputing California's Proposition 65 and weed scientist Buddhi Marambe criticizing Sri Lanka's ban of glyphosate. Also, Val Giddings of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation describes why the U.S. leaving certain gene-edited plants unregulated is the right move.

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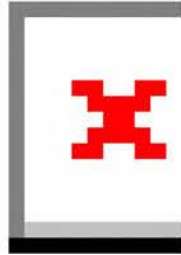
Val Giddings: USDA statement should help prevent gene editing from being "smothered in its cradle" due to irrational fears 

Hamish Grant: Agencies should explain reasons for Kenya blanket ban on GM crops that is "not supported by science" 

Popular Science: California placing cancer warnings on everything from coffee to glyphosate "defeats the whole point" 

Science Codex: Organic industry, John Fagan pushing regenerative agriculture while "dooming the developing world to starvation" 

Chuck Dinerstein: Activists wrong to aim same criticisms at CRISPR as GMOs 



Presentations are expected from U.S. Right to Know activist Carey Gillam, atrazine researcher Tyrone Hayes and California bee researcher James Nieh during Beyond Pesticides' **National Pesticide Forum** this week in Irvine, California.

The forum, with the theme "Organic Neighborhoods," is to include sessions

Terry Daynard: Complete elimination of pesticides neither laudable nor realistic [x](#)

Andrew Porterfield: Activist with no entomology background wrote report blaming dicamba for monarch butterfly decline [x](#)

Buddhi Marambe: Sri Lanka glyphosate ban a "disastrous" policy based purely on speculation [x](#)

Alex Berezow: Turn focus to factors likely to cause autism, not pesticides [x](#)

Ryan Tipps: "Well Fed" documentary provides important conversation about value of GMOs [x](#)

Stephan Neidenbach: YouTube's termination of Natural News channel a "public service to the entire planet" [x](#)

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on GM crops and pesticides, pollinator health, endocrine disruptors, farmworker health and other topics.

It's the 36th annual event sponsored by Beyond Pesticides, a strong opponent of GMOs and conventional crop agriculture, and a promoter of organic systems.

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[With U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt under fire, environmental groups question his pesticide policy](#)

[Indian activist Vandana Shiva to begin U.S. speaking tour this week; stops include New Jersey, Wisconsin, Ohio, New York](#)

[Tasmania, South Australia to review moratoriums on GM crops](#)

[Kenyan farmers seek government help to fight armyworm scourge](#)

[European Commission informs NGOs vote on neonic ban will come in May](#)

## Calendar highlights

April 11-13	April 11		
World Congress on Freedom of Science	Royal Society Te Apārangi gene editing workshop		L dis
April 12	April 13-14		
Vandana Shiva opens U.S. speaking tour with environmental lecture at College of New Jersey	Beyond Pesticides National Forum	Pesticide	

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17 March 2018	Agroecology Policy Movement	<a href="#">Agroecology Food Sovereignty</a>

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Agroecology as an academic discipline is the study of ecological processes applied to agricultural production systems.
- As a political policy movement, agroecology's promoters associate it with concepts of food sovereignty, socio-economics and indigenous rights, and they define agroecology as a kind of "organic-plus" that rejects many of the key production methods of modern agriculture – particularly biotechnology, synthetic fertilizer and pesticide applications.
- These exclusionary, politicized agroecology policies are being promoted at major international governmental organizations (IGOs), including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, by regional and multi-national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) backed by U.S. and EU foundation and government funders. Without broader oversight or even much general agriculture community awareness, NGOs and government agencies have so far committed more than half a billion dollars to see these political definitions adopted as guiding policy frameworks for sustainable development and climate programs.

## TOPIC SUMMARY

While the academic use of the term agroecology precedes that of organic terminology, the recent redefinition of the concept as a socio-political system opposed to "corporate" and "industrial" agriculture only began to appear in the past five years. Promoters suggest that only food production systems which exclude modern technology and embrace "food sovereignty" are truly sustainable. Agroecology is promoted as a superior solution to global climate change, and despite little to no scientific backing for these claims, is increasingly being accepted without challenge as a replacement for current technology-friendly "climate smart" agriculture initiatives. Advocates promote a combination of strict regenerative organic production standards combined with socio-economic and cultural requirements which prioritize indigenous peoples' practices and knowledge. Non-indigenous practices and knowledge, such as GMOs and pesticides, are rejected as tools imposed by multinational corporate and political elites in order to exploit and subjugate native populations. Among the more aggressive stakeholders, promotion of agroecology includes rejection of the Green Revolution and promotion of what they describe as the "*right to subsistence farming*" by indigenous peoples.

In 2011 the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, a donor to multiple anti-GMO and anti-pesticide advocacy groups, supported the New Venture Fund to develop and launch the International Fund to Amplify Agro-Ecological Solutions (AAES) to "support agro-ecological solutions that build on local cultures, landscapes, and ecologies by supporting creative collaboration." This project funded groups like the Center for Food Safety, Navdanya (Vandana Shiva), GRAIN and other groups to train and collaborate with NGOs in Africa, Latin America and Asia to campaign against GMOs, pesticides and corporate agribusiness. They further worked with New Field Foundation in collaboration with the Christensen Fund and the Swift Foundation to operate AAES and The AgroEcology Fund with a US\$500 million commitment to provide direct grants to other local NGOs to lobby for regenerative organic farming and indigenous agri-solutions to climate change.

Technology-excluding agroecology policies are actively being promoted by the FAO, World Bank and other U.N. organizations via international conventions and are increasingly being set as a condition for funding of agricultural development programs. Meanwhile, independent academics, professional science associations and trade groups who support the use of modern agriculture practices to address food security and climate change have been formally excluded from agroecology policy discussions by organizations like the FAO.

## KEY STAKEHOLDERS

A more detailed list of agroecology promoting individuals, groups and coalitions can be [found here](#). Sample top influencers include:

- [The AgroEcology Fund](#)
- [Third World Network \(TWN\)](#)
- [La Via Campesina \(LVC\)](#)
- [Greenpeace](#)
- [Pesticide Action Network](#)
- [Groundswell International](#)



Valery Gerasimov in what is known as the **Gerasimov Doctrine**. Calling for “*non-military means*” to “*achieve political and strategic goals*,” the doctrine updates Soviet era theories of total war to the cyber age, describing how social media and fake news, among other means, can be used to exacerbate conflicts and stoke “*public protest potential*” in enemy states to keep them in a permanent state of unrest and instability.

- **Official Russian policy documents** call for complete **agricultural self-sufficiency**, ending the country’s **reliance on imports**, and **eliminating the influence of Western multinationals** such as Cargill, Bunge, Nestle and Monsanto (all explicitly named) both inside Russia and in Russian-satellite border countries. As in other parts of the economy, privatization has resulted in the consolidation of Russian agriculture and food production in the hands of a small number of Kremlin-linked oligarchs who actively collaborate with Putin in pursuit of his political ends.
- Since at least 2013, **Russian state media** and **Kremlin-linked NGOs** funded by Russian oligarchs have promoted a wide range of **false and misleading claims about plant biotechnology, crop protection products and Western multinational organizations**. With targets ranging from the Gates Foundation to Monsanto, these disinformation and “false flag” operations typically seek to manipulate western NGOs and others already hostile to agricultural technology in order to foment discord and get them to wittingly or unwittingly support Russian policy goals.

## TOPIC SUMMARY

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Modern Russia is a **kleptocracy facilitated by the authoritarian control** of Vladimir Putin and his tightly controlled Kremlin leadership under the United Russia party. To sustain this system, Russia pursues a broad array of “*active measures*” designed to quell domestic opposition and leverage external audiences that share common fears or sympathies (called “*useful idiots*”). The clear goal is to undermine trust in Western institutions and slow Western technological advances that conflict with Kremlin policy goals or compete with the economic interests of Kremlin-backed oligarchs. As described in the Gerasimov Doctrine, the strategy **weaponizes information to sow anxiety, discord and political chaos in the West** and supports internal propaganda efforts that present Vladimir Putin’s authoritarian rule as more peaceful, more sable, and even less corrupt than the weak, socially-riven and corporate-controlled democracies of the West.

Consolidation of Russian agriculture and food production in the hands of a small number of Kremlin-linked oligarchs initially resulted in serious food shortages, rising prices, and over-reliance on imports, creating fears among the Kremlin elite that political instability could lead to potential challenges to their rule. In 2014, Kremlin insecurity was heightened further as falling oil prices and Western sanctions in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine crashed the ruble and led to predictions of a financial crisis. Without the resources to compete with modern agricultural nations, Russia publicly announced its adoption of an “all-natural,” technology-free food production system and embarked on a campaign to undermine public confidence the agricultural technologies in the West. Kremlin-backed agents have gone so far as to publicly call for an European Green-Russian alliance that would create a new “**agricultural iron curtain**” **from Dublin to Vladivostok** to protect the public from the control of agro-chemical multinational corporations and the health risks associated with their products. Simultaneously, the Kremlin has supported **bans on Russian GMO cultivation, claimed that it has banned GMO imports**, and pledged to make **Russian agriculture 100 percent organic by 2020**. During his recent re-election campaign, Putin announced on TV that Russia had become **the new global agricultural superpower** without using Western agribusiness chemicals, synthetic fertilizers and GMOs. No part of this claim was true.

**There is extensive documentation of collusion between US and EU NGOs, including organic industry front groups, and Russian controlled organizations, including direct financial support from Kremlin-connected oligarchs.** Key staff from Russian-funded NGOs who have organized opposition to GMOs in the west have been exposed as simultaneously working with the GRU and other Russian state security organizations to foment political violence and destabilize democratic nations in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Specific “active measures” such as the **Factor GMO campaign** have enlisted U.S. and European academic and NGO support; while Russian state media and oligarch-led news services have provided resources and collaborated with anti-GMO and anti-pesticide activists. As we have seen in other spaces, Russian trolls have been extremely active spreading fears and “seeding” false stories on GMOs and other technologies in social media, with a dramatically negative effect on what was already a negative media environment for agricultural technology.

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A more detailed list of Russian disinformation issues promoting individuals, groups and coalitions can be [found here](#). Sample top influencers and articles include:

- [National Association for Genetic Safety](#)
- [Greenpeace \(Russia\)](#)
- [Factor GMO](#)
- [Friends of the Earth](#)
- [Sustainable Pulse](#)
- [Global GMO Free Coalition](#)



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Thanks for these materials, Jay.

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Key themes in trends found in last USDA presentation ([which you can download here](#)) include:

- Major **sources, tactics and trends** associated with anti-GMO, anti-pesticide and related food & ag advocacy and related expenditures
  - **NGOs** \$10B globally
  - **Commercial interests'** marketing portion of \$1 trillion (2020 est.) [LOHAS](#) annual sales, and growing expenditures by **U.S. litigators**
  - **Political-governmental organizations** (IGOs, EU and individual gov't investments)
- Tracking **Russian interference** (one page summary briefer attached)
- Emerging **politicized agroecology policy** challenge (one page summary briefer attached)

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Hi Jay and Josh –

Writing to confirm the meeting on Wednesday at 2pm with Gregg Doud and Sharon Bomer. Does this still work for you?

Also, could you send the powerpoint that you spoke from at USDA a month or so ago? I'd like to use it to introduce some of the topics to Sharon and Gregg.

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Dear Julia,

Each year, the organic industry-funded Environmental Working Group helps scare up new business for its financial backers by releasing its "Dirty Dozen" list warning about the supposed dangers of pesticide residues on produce.

Along with a **coordinated response** from the Alliance for Food and Farming - which featured a blog with a **dozen reasons to eat fruits and vegetables** and a **guest column in Food Safety News** - we highlight a series of other criticisms from Steve Savage, dietitian Toby Amidor, Stephan Neidenbach and Andrew Porterfield.

Other non-"Dirty Dozen" pieces include the SciMoms' Anastasia Bodnar looking into the increased price of organic-labeled

products and Mark Lynas highlighting a study that question whether organic farming really helps the environment. Plus, an ETH Zurich scientist warns that efforts to ban glyphosate and neonics could have unwanted impacts on food production and greenhouse gas emissions.

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[Steve Savage: Organic industry-funded "Dirty Dozen" list is an "egregious, science-free misrepresentation" of government data](#)



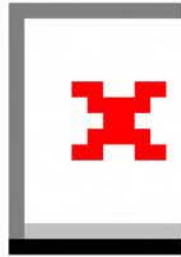
[Toby Amidor: "Dirty Dozen" not based on sound science, does disservice to consumers](#)



[Newsweek: International Food Information Council warns EWG puts "unnecessary fear" in consumers about healthy foods](#)



[Stephan Neidenbach: A "Dirty Dozen" list of](#)



The U.S.-based Environmental Working Group released its annual "[Dirty Dozen](#)" guide to pesticides in produce last week, prompting media coverage and response from critics.

EWG is well-known as a promoter of organic products and issuing numerous other reports complaining

organic foods linked to safety recalls and foodborne illnesses [x](#)

Andrew Porterfield: American Academy of Pediatrics should reconsider alignment with "anti-science" Environmental Working Group [x](#)

Mark Lynas: New study questions whether organic farming is better for the environment [x](#)

Anastasia Bodnar: "No need for concern about pesticide residues" regardless of product's labels [x](#)

Robert Finger: Efforts to ban neonics and glyphosate could have wider implications, including reduced food production and quality [x](#)

Alison Van Eenennaam: GMO technology could help those struggling daily with starvation [x](#)

Siang Hee Tan: Activists engaged in



about "hidden" pesticides in foods.

The NGO houses and staffs an organic industry-funded lobby arm known as the Organic Voices Action Fund, whose campaigns include "Just Label It" and "Only Organic."

EWG's bottom-line advice is consistently that consumers should buy organic whenever possible. It derives financial support and board leadership for its activities, in part, from large organic industry donors.

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"shameful" behavior by opposing potentially life-changing Golden Rice [x](#)

Eliot Bakker: Court hearings show activists have "blown out of proportion" IARC's cancer claims about glyphosate [x](#)

Business Insider: Controversial CRISPR technology could prevent starvation [x](#)

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European Commission proposes increased pesticide risk assessment transparency following glyphosate controversy

India high court rejects Monsanto request to enforce patent on Bollgard II cotton seeds

European Commission formally schedules neonic ban vote for April 27; Germany and Austria declare support

French public health agency research suggests agriculture, pesticides linked to Parkinson's disease

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Proposed Mexico biodiversity law sent back to legislative committee

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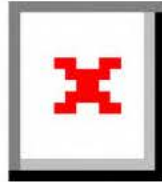
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Dear Julia,

After NGOs marked Earth Day this weekend with a series of U.S. speeches from anti-GMO, anti-corporate activist Vandana Shiva and the spread of false claims about pesticides pushing bees toward extinction, this week's newsletter provides links to various sources' attempts to unearth some scientific facts on food and agriculture.

This week's Favorable Outcomes includes a review of bee health issues from Jon Entine, some tips from David Zaruk for communicating positive messages about pesticides and a couple of Earth Day-themed pieces. Also, Richard Roberts takes a closer look at biosafety legislation in Uganda.

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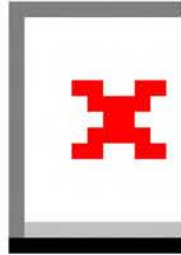
Jon Entine: Disputing claims that bees are going extinct and pesticides are to blame 

Alex Berezow: Organic Consumers Association helps spread "nonsense" claim that pesticides influence school shootings 

Richard Roberts: Anti-biotech activists using poison pill amendments to Uganda biosafety bill to impose pro-poverty agenda 

David Zaruk: 10 tips for communicating positive information about pesticides 

Ronald Bailey: USDA decision on gene editing opens "vibrant new biotech crop and seed industry" 



An offshoot of the Organic Consumers Association, U.S. Right to Know has been a key player recently in promoting and supporting anti-pesticide litigation.

The NGO has publicized court hearings in California on claims that glyphosate causes cancer, as well as promoting similar claims and anti-industry

Will Coggin: Earth Day brings out "garbage advice" from activists to shun GMOs, support organic [x](#)

Henry Miller/Jeff Stier: Earth Day renews "deeply flawed" anti-pesticide claims from Rachel Carson [x](#)

Mark Lynas: I changed my mind on GMOs because I "got the science wrong" [x](#)

Michelle Miller: What Vandana Shiva needs to know about American family farms [x](#)

Science Codex: Friends of the Earth ignores danger to bees from common organic pesticide spinosad [x](#)

USDA radio service examines whether consumer-focused GMOs can bring public acceptance [x](#)

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## [x](#) What's Trending?

California court rules state can list glyphosate as potential carcinogen



messaging in seeking to boost sales of Carey Gillam's "Whitewash" book.

USRTK also actively recruits whistleblowers to expose "hidden crimes or scandals" in the food industry.

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Brazil's Senate approves measure to relax GMO labeling requirements

U.S. consultation on neonics ends with activists promoting submission of 219,000 negative comments

Court ruling could open door to GM crops in Italy

Vote planned Friday on proposed EU ban on outdoor uses of neonics

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter features a series of articles that dig into some of the hottest food and agriculture topics of the day: the European ban on neonics, the U.S. farm bill and Environmental Working Group's "Dirty Dozen" list.

There's also a column from *The New York Times* that describes how science has yet to prove any real threats from genetically modified food - and how it could benefit developing countries.

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## Stories Worth Sharing

Jane Brody: Fears about GMOs are "theoretical," but benefits in developing countries could be real [x](#)

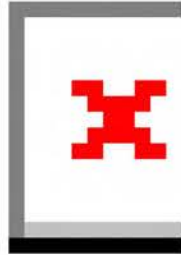
Jon Entine: Why was Europe set on banning neonics when rest of world sees little threat to bees? [x](#)

Amanda Zaluckyj: U.S. farm bill's \$25M earmark for organic agriculture should instead be used to benefit all types of farming [x](#)

Lindsay Burgess: It's OK to ignore the "Dirty Dozen" list [x](#)

Joe Schwarz: Environmental Working Group sounds false alarm about pesticides on produce because it "keeps donations coming in" [x](#)

Toban Dyck: Agriculture can always improve, but calling pesticides and GMOs



Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) was founded in 2014 by activist Gary Hooser with board members from the environmental law group Earthjustice and other environmental, labor and political organizations.

HAPA has primarily engaged in lobbying efforts to ban GMOs and pesticide usage in Hawaii. The group

"unhealthy and environmentally harmful is inaccurate" [x](#)

Henry Miller and Drew Kershen: IFOAM ensures organic practices are to agriculture "what cigarette smoking is to human health"

[x](#)

Joseph Opoku Gakpo: Water Efficient Maize for Africa field trials showing armyworm resistance [x](#)

Carrie Dennett: Don't let "Dirty Dozen" scare you away from buying produce [x](#)

Chuck Dinerstein: Will Congress make the right call on who should oversee GM food and animals? [x](#)

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## [x](#) What's Trending?

European member states approve outdoor ban of neonics

U.S. advocacy targets: Farm Bill rollback of endangered species protections / EPA

is closely affiliated with the Center for Food Safety Hawaii office, which is a co-litigant with Earthjustice on numerous anti-agriculture lawsuits, and the organic industry-funded Hawaii SEED group.

Hooser, who formerly served as the Hawaiian Senate majority leader and a Kauai County Council member, was recently recruited by Swiss NGO Public Eye to aid in its promotion in Switzerland of the documentary "Poisoning Paradise" that claims agrochemical companies' use of pesticides on open-air GMO labs in

science transparency initiative

U.K. cancer research firm lists GMOs among "mythical" factors public wrongly believes cause cancer

Comment period on U.S. glyphosate review concludes



Kauai harms the health of Hawaiians.

Hooser has been active recently advocating for passage of a Hawaii **bill that would ban the use of chlorpyrifos**. The bill passed out of the legislature's conference committee Friday and votes in both chambers are expected Tuesday.

Click **HERE** to learn more about HAPA.

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## Calendar highlights

May 2-4	May 3
Basel/Rotterdam/Stockholm conventions symposium: "Chemicals and wastes and the prevention of soil pollution"	Princeton University "Science for the People" panel featuring Tyrone Hayes

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

A central theme of the items highlighted in this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter is the importance of following good science - and the ramifications of doing the opposite.

*The Washington Post* opinion writer Michael Gerson explains that science supports the safety of genetically modified crops and that human lives are affected when that is ignored. David Zaruk, from his "The Risk-Monger" blog, takes a closer look at European authorities' conscious decision to ignore even their own science team's recommendations in proposing a ban on neonics. And Michael Dourson, in the *Washington Examiner*, describes how a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency policy proposal would emphasize replicable, transparent research in the risk assessment process.



Other items take a critical look at activists David Suzuki and Carey Gillam as well as misleading anti-GMO claims and pro-organic marketing from Stonyfield Farm.

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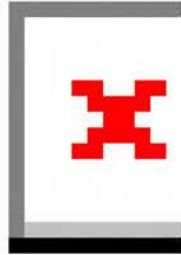
## Stories Worth Sharing

Michael Gerson: Anti-GMO movement is anti-science and has a human cost 

David Zaruk: Neonic ban a "failure of European leadership," which decided to shun science 

Alex Berezow: Guardian provided disservice by publishing out-of-context glyphosate claims from activist with conflict of interest 

Michael Dourson: EPA research policy sound because public interest is "best served when science is replicable and



Canada-based ETC Group is planning a monthlong campaign to promote the "peasant food web" as a sustainable alternative to industrial food production.

Last week, the NGO put out its **first in a series of four animated videos**, claiming that peasant agriculture produces 70 percent of the world's food

consistent" [x](#)

Margaret Wentz: David Suzuki, "menace to scientific inquiry," undeserving of University of Alberta honor [x](#)

Josh Bloom: European study shows how misinformation spreads myths that GMOs and other factors cause cancer [x](#)

Sarah Schultz: No reason for moms to pay more for organic food, despite Stonyfield's "absurd" anti-GMO marketing claims [x](#)

Hank Campbell: With no "beepocalypse" happening, push to plant flowers makes humans feel good without doing much for bees [x](#)

Alison Bernstein: Understanding that safety is always relative and zero risk is an "impossible dream" [x](#)

Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences food security report notes importance of biotechnology

while using only 25 percent of the resources. The videos feature the theme "Who Will Feed Us?" and build on a [report](#) it released in October.

ETC Group - originally the Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration - is also a leading opponent of gene editing.

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## What's Trending?

USDA releases proposed labeling rule using bioengineered instead of GMO, will take comments through July 3

Pruitt research transparency proposal drives activist opposition, gains industry support

Monsanto challenges Indian court's ruling that it cannot patent Bt cotton seeds

European farm groups express concern about negative impact of neonic ban

## Calendar highlights



<p style="text-align: center;">May 9-10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 13-17</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">International Food Policy Research Institute dialogue: "Towards Agricultural Innovation in Ghana: An Evidence-Based Approach"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry conference in Rome</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">6th</p>

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

As the International Agency for Research on Cancer is reportedly narrowing down its list of candidates to be its next president, this week's Favorable Outcomes highlights a pair of articles that explore IARC - one that revisits its controversial ruling that glyphosate could cause cancer and another suggesting that the agency can move back toward good science with a new leader in place.

We also shine a spotlight on items dealing with misleading food labels, European policy on endocrine-disrupting chemicals and a potential biotechnology solution to cassava virus in Uganda.

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Andre Heitz: Inside the IARC conspiracy to misrepresent health risks from glyphosate



Ellen Dhain: European draft guidance wrongly assumes chemicals have endocrine-disrupting properties



Lominda Afedraru: Ugandan farmers eagerly await GMO solution to cassava virus



Amanda Zaluckyj: Europeans' embrace of organic, rejection of GMOs goes against environmental stewardship

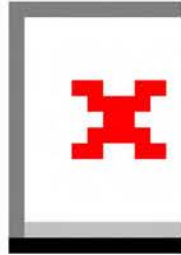


Michelle Miller: Debunking latest claims that glyphosate is in your food



Ludger Wess: European organic industry getting in the way of CRISPR innovations,





The Rainforest Alliance promotes an agroecology-based certification service - similar to fair trade and other eco-friendly third-party programs - that prohibits the use of many pesticides (e.g., atrazine, paraquat, triazines) and all GMOs.


It promotes itself as going "beyond organic" as relates to conservation and

[harming the environment](#) 

[Joe McCarthy: Mike Adams creates alternate reality with Natural News "misinformation empire"](#) 

[Consumer & Society: Change in leadership offers IARC chance to return to science instead of scaremongering](#) 

[Alliance for Food and Farming: Media coverage becoming more critical of Environmental Working Group "Dirty Dozen" pesticide claims](#) 

[AGDAILY: "Funny or Die" explores absurdity of food labeling](#) 

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[Activists claim U.S. farm bill up for consideration this week would ease pesticide regulations and harm farmworkers, pollinators](#)

[Anti-GMO groups unhappy with U.S.](#)

worker welfare. In 1998, it launched the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN), which follows RA certification requirements restricting use of pesticides and prohibiting use of GMOs, while extending the NGO's work in Africa and other regions.

It includes a focus on sustainable coffee, bananas, tea and other products that are marketed with its seal by major food retailers such as McDonald's, Unilever, American Airlines and Whole Foods Market. This week, SAN published a report claiming

proposal to use "bioengineered" term on labels

Italian study warns of 259 pesticides in surface water

Sugar industry predicts significant losses from European neonic ban

"sustainable" certification schemes for poor farmers in developing markets are the best pathway to sustainable agriculture for both farmer economics and the environment.

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May 14-15	May 15	
Plant Genomics & Gene Editing	European Parliament committee on EU authorization procedure for	In Ag



Congress: Europe	pesticides		
May 15	May 16-17		
"Whitewash" presentation at Houston Museum of Fine Arts by U.S. Right to Know activist Carey Gillam	Meeting of European Parliament Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		En
May 17	May 17		
European Court of Justice releases judgments on challenges to 2013 restrictions on neonics and fipronil	Center for Environmental Health "Evening of Audacious Action"		M e

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

As previewed in last week's newsletter, the International Agency for Research on Cancer selected its new director, choosing Elisabete Weiderpass to replace Christopher Wild. Favorable Outcomes this week leads off with Hank Campbell's reaction to the predictable selection and some tips if Weiderpass wants to restore the agency's credibility.

We also highlight reaction to the new glyphosate claims promoted by the Ramazzini Institute - which, like IARC, was investigated by the U.S. Congress last year - and Henry Miller takes a closer look at neonic regulation in Europe as compared to the United States.

And with organic promoters kicking off Organic Week today in

Washington, Paul Driessen examines claims that organic crops are superior and healthier to their genetically modified counterparts.

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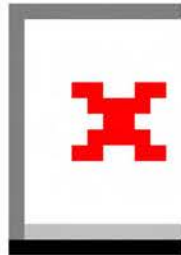
[Hank Campbell: New director Weiderpass likely to keep status quo for IARC !\[\]\(870f5d5e9c0d57485634be3ecf52f3ca\_img.jpg\) / But she should purge activists, increase transparency !\[\]\(66b14d8ba452f6f18b47935355b6120a\_img.jpg\)](#)

[Henry Miller on neonics: Europe takes "evidence-be-damned" approach !\[\]\(4fe57c3593bf1b21d272ae7ac8dfaf77\_img.jpg\) / U.S. follows science, recognizes benefits !\[\]\(67b4b7a7e28d2fb85c0437cda45ea068\_img.jpg\)](#)

[Marc Brazeau: "Lot of problems" with Ramazzini study claiming glyphosate is harmful, and with Guardian coverage of it !\[\]\(0d5ec72f61334709c3fc9450209b754f\_img.jpg\)](#)

[Paul Driessen: "Evidence strongly supports GE over organic crops" with better shelf life,](#)





The Italy-based Ramazzini Institute returned to the public eye last week when it **announced it will publish three studies** in the journal *Environmental Health* this month **questioning the safety of glyphosate.**

The enigmatic society, which has had its **funding questioned** previously by the

**lower prices**

Lindsay Burgess: GMOs are good for farmers and the environment while posing no additional threat to human health

Angela Logomasini: U.S. EPA's Integrated Risk Information System overly cautious due to reliance on "outlandish assumptions"

L.M.K. Tillekeratne: Glyphosate ban based on "half-baked" science responsible for decline in rubber plantation productivity

Pamela Ronald: Feelings are an inescapable obstacle to public's perception of genetic modification

Steven Cerier: USDA regulatory approach to gene-edited crops will slash development costs

Norwegian thesis project finds African farmers see GMOs favorably, are eager to adopt new technology

U.S. House Science Committee, [published manuscripts](#) from its Global Glyphosate Study claiming that glyphosate-based herbicides alter sexual development, genotoxicity and the intestinal microbiome at doses considered safe by U.S. regulators. It continues to seek crowdfunding for an estimated 5 million euro campaign.

Ramazzini's work was quickly amplified by [Greenpeace](#), the [Organic Consumers Association](#), [GMWatch](#), [Generations Futures](#) and [The Greens/European](#)

[Irish research finds 80 to 90 percent reduction in fungicide applications with blight-resistant potato](#) 

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[March Against Monsanto protests in Europe, Latin America, North America draw limited media attention](#)

[World Bee Day attracts broad stakeholder interest, with FAO calling for agroecology to replace pesticide-based agriculture model](#)

[European court upholds neonic restrictions](#)

[U.S. lawmakers vote down Farm Bill proposal; environmentalists pleased pesticide regulations won't be rolled back](#)

### Free Alliance.

However, its work was questioned by academics in France and Belgium.

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May 21-24	May 21-22		
Organic Week	The Organic Center's Organic Confluences Summit		Fer
May 22	May 22-24		
European Parliament Sustainable Use of Pesticides Conference	EDC-MixRisk Consortium Meeting		



May 23-24	May 24		
AgriChem & Technology LatAm	Organic Trade Association policy conference		Me

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**Date:** Mon, 28 May 2018 16:04:47 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights commentary on variety of current food and agriculture topics, including the use of CRISPR to fight a critical citrus disease, discussion of how organic farms could harm the environment, reaction to the selection of a new leader by the International Agency for Research on Cancer and criticism of Scotland's policy against GMOs.

Other items offer praise for U.S. regulators' GMO labeling proposal and favorable review of Golden Rice.

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[Mark Lynas: Scotland's stance against  
GMOs a "travesty" for science, with trickle-  
down effect in other countries](#) 

[Yi Li: CRISPR technique offers potential  
solution to citrus greening](#) 

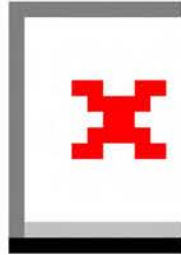
[Robert Paarlberg: Increasing organic food  
production could harm environment by  
destroying wildlife habitat](#) 

[Amanda Zaluckyj: USDA's proposed GMO  
labeling guidelines are brilliant, casting  
bioengineered foods in a positive light](#) 

[Henry Miller: European neonic ban based  
on fabricated studies, rigged regulatory  
review](#) 

[Louis Auge: Selection of Weiderpass as  
IARC leader dashes optimism agency would  
change its ways](#) 





Made Safe, also known as Nontoxic Certified, is a registered non-profit involved in advocacy against endocrine-disrupting chemicals and pesticides in North America.

It offers a "made safe" certified seal tied to the for-profit consultancy Veritey Consulting, which is run by the same co-founders, Amy Ziff and Adrienne Peres.

[ACSH: Golden Rice gets favorable evaluation from U.S. regulators](#)

[Alex Berezow: Betty Crocker stands up to hysteria, proclaims "GMOs are safe"](#)

[Tom Whipple: Scientists skeptical of claims "obesogen" chemicals cause obesity](#)

[Joseph Opoku Gakpo: Mozambique citizens seem ready to accept GMOs](#)

[Scientists debunk claims GMOs are causing cancer in Ghana](#)

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## [What's Trending?](#)

[National Assembly's consideration of food bill revives demands for France to end glyphosate usage within three years](#)

[Dalhousie University survey finds most Canadians want GMO labeling but don't understand whether GMOs are in their food](#)

Made Safe just released its Hazards List, which says GMOs, high-risk pesticides and endocrine disruptors, as well as numerous other chemicals, materials and ingredients, are excluded from being in any product it certifies. It noted it follows Pesticide Action Network's list of highly hazardous pesticides.

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Thailand decides against ban on glyphosate, chlorpyrifos and paraquat but may pursue limits

Washington Post: Analysis sparks conversation over use of pesticides in organic farming

U.S. survey finds managed bee colony losses rose to 40 percent last year

## Calendar highlights

May 29-30	May 29-30	
EU Food & Farm Forum	Horizon 2020 workshop - "Advancing Assessment of Chemical Mixtures and Their Risks for Human Health and the Environment"	Bra
May 31	June 1	
Showing of Stephane Horel documentary "Endoc(t)rinement" at Friends of the Louvre EDC conference	Utrecht University obesogens researcher lecture: "Are Chemicals Making Us Fat?"	Biot

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**Date:** Mon, 04 Jun 2018 16:02:34 -0400

### Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

In 2014, a Russian-backed outfit promised the world's most comprehensive study into the safety of genetically modified crops and glyphosate. Despite plenty of hubbub about its plans, *BuzzFeed* reports that it never delivered.

The Ramazzini Institute pumped out a series of papers claiming to show glyphosate is dangerous, only to be received by European government regulators as a promulgator of junk science.

The Non-GMO Project portrays itself as an organization dedicated to educating consumers, but *Agweek* criticized its labeling practices as misleading.

All these deceptive tactics are explored in pieces highlighted in this week's Stories Worth Sharing. Other articles describe the

push by young Ugandans for biotechnology, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of Golden Rice and a report estimating the financial impact of China's delays in approving biotechnology products.

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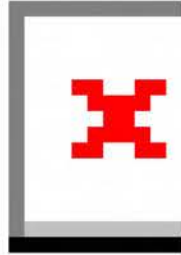
### Stories Worth Sharing

[Dan Vergano: Russian group's promise for world's largest GMO study seems to have been a ruse](#)

[Lominda Afedraru: Youth in Uganda demand lawmakers embrace science, technology and innovation](#)

[Hank Campbell: Europeans have figured out the Ramazzini Institute's junk science on glyphosate](#)

[Sandhya Ramesh: Approved by U.S. FDA, Golden Rice could solve vitamin A deficiency in Asia](#)



A new report from *BuzzFeed* raises the question of what happened to the now overdue **Factor GMO study** that was billed as the definitive investigation into the safety of genetically modified foods and glyphosate.

Promoted in 2014 as a three-year, \$25 million study, any trace of the Factor GMO project has

Jonathan Knutson: Non-GMO Project's labeling of non-GMO salt is "downright deceptive"

Amanda Zaluckyj: Farmers don't "drown" or "douse" their fields with pesticides

Gregory Bond: Like other chemicals, regulation of suspected endocrine disruptors should be based on risk instead of hazard

Andrew Newhouse: Biotechnology safely bringing back the American chestnut tree

Reuters: Report finds China's slow biotech approvals costing U.S. companies \$7 billion

Jenny Schlecht: Agriculture supporters #BakingWithBetty after science-based support of GMOs by Betty Crocker

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fallen off the map. A board member for the study told *BuzzFeed* he knows nothing about where the project stands, and Factor GMO isn't responding to inquiries.

The Moscow-based National Association for Genetic Safety (NAGS) was one of the key organizers of the Factor GMO launch.

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Study estimates financial impact of China delaying biotech product approvals

Canada opens 90-day comment period on plan to phase out many uses of imidacloprid

Macron administration pledges to keep pursuing glyphosate phase-out despite exclusion from France's food bill

European Commission launches pollinator initiative that includes plan to strengthen pesticide risk assessments

Whole Foods Market delays plan to require GMO labeling with USDA proposal still in flux

## Calendar highlights

<p style="text-align: center;">June 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 7-8</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">European Parliament pesticide committee to hear testimony from EFSA, ECHA, Chris Portier</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mid-South Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">F con</p>

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter spotlights a pair of commentary pieces seeking a better understanding of why some in the public have rejected GMOs - and potential lessons moving forward.

Andrew Porterfield writes on this topic for the Genetic Literacy Project, with an eye toward preventing such a reception for gene drives. The SciMoms - Alison Bernstein, Anastasia Bodnar, Layla Katiraei, Kavin Senapathy and Jenny Splitter - similarly explore how many GMO fears are based on socio-economic concerns, not science.

Other unrelated pieces note the International Agency for Research on Cancer's apparent unwillingness to change amid



criticism of its monograph process, plus a closer look at new research that disputes Gilles-Eric Seralini's previous claims that tumors in rats were caused by genetically modified corn and glyphosate.

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Jessica Shade**

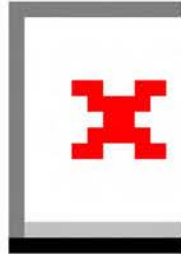
### Stories Worth Sharing

[Geoffrey Kabat: Despite changes to its preamble, IARC unlikely to correct approach to identifying carcinogens](#)

[Andrew Porterfield: Lessons from rejection of GMOs should be applied to gain favor for gene drives](#)

[Josh Bloom: Nearly 100 percent of pesticides are made by the plants themselves](#)

[Dirt to Dinner: Juice Press should stop misleading consumers about GMO safety, trust farmers](#)



Organic industry supporters including the **Organic Trade Association** and the Sierra Club have been quick to praise the **farm bill** proposed late last week in the U.S. Senate.

The bill includes considerable funding for organic research and data initiatives while leaving out some provisions anti-pesticide NGOs

Rajju Shroff: Foreign-funded activists spreading misinformation that Indian farmers overuse pesticides [x](#)

Steven Novella: Three replications of Seralini research show no toxicity from GM corn or glyphosate [x](#)

SciMoms: GMO fears usually more about socio-economic anxieties instead of food safety science [x](#)

Michael Meier: Adoption of genetically modified soybeans helped modernize Brazil's economy [x](#)

ISSAA: Ethiopia approves cultivation of Bt cotton varieties, field trials of GM maize [x](#)

Sonja Begemann: Arizona researchers develop GM corn that silences genes from dangerous aflatoxin [x](#)

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opposed in the House version.

Jessica Shade, The Organic Center's director of science programs, has previously been vocal in support of other [Senate legislation to boost organic funding](#). She has defended the safety of organic imports in an [article in The New York Times](#).

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Shade and the Organic Trade Center, the research arm of the Organic Trade Association

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[U.S. Food and Drug Administration announces plans to collaborate with USDA on advancing biotech innovations](#)

[Bloomberg: Putin food security strategy includes pushing organic food, billionaire oligarchs manipulating markets](#)

[U.S. House committee seeks testimony from new director of International Agency for Research on Cancer](#)

[French beekeepers stage national day of action to demand further pesticide reductions](#)

[Bayer plan to drop Monsanto name prompts wave of commentary](#)





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June 11-14	June 11		
Brazilian Soy Congress	European Parliament agriculture committee debates Common Agricultural Policy		"Un
June 13-16	June 13-14		
University of Wisconsin hosts conference on "The Agroecological Prospect"	Cereals conference		Calif

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**Date:** Mon, 18 Jun 2018 16:51:14 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Is the Non-GMO Project labeling craze about to run its course? The University of Saskatchewan's Stuart Smyth examines this question in the piece that leads off this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter. Smyth notes that brands including Betty Crocker and Clover Leaf Seafood have dismissed the Non-GMO Project's label in recent weeks in a possible trend of companies casting doubt on the anti-biotech initiative. In a separate piece, *BEEF Magazine* columnist Amanda Radke explains how an "abundance of labeling claims" is leading to confusion among consumers.

Other pieces highlighted this week include a pair of articles on the potential nutritional value of Golden Rice, plus a scientific explanation of why glyphosate should not be considered harmful

to bees.

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## Stories Worth Sharing

[Stuart Smyth: Brands fighting back against Non-GMO Project's labeling "gimmick" that has no proven benefits](#)

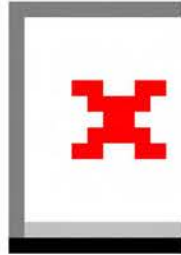
[Amanda Radke: IFIC survey shows media and activist rhetoric turning public toward foods labeled non-GMO](#)

[David Zaruk: Small group used exclusionary methodology to create momentum against glyphosate in Europe](#)

[Iida Ruishalme: Closer look at research shows glyphosate does not pose threat to bees](#)

[Emil Javier: Thousands of children](#)





The Sustainable Food Alliance is a nonprofit set up in partnership with the U.K.-based Sustainable Food Trust solely to funnel resources from U.S. donors to European campaigns promoting regenerative, organic and agroecology practices while criticizing GMOs and pesticides.

becoming blind, dying from Vitamin A deficiency as Philippines refuses to approve Golden Rice [x](#)

Science 2.0: Cancer label for glyphosate would have no scientific validity [x](#)

Alex Berezow: "Improperly educated, hyperpartisan" New York Times reporters spread pseudoscience on GMOs, pesticides [x](#)

Andrew Porterfield: U.S. FDA rejects activists' attempts to misconstrue statement on nutritional benefits of Golden Rice [x](#)

Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute videos show success of Bt brinjal: Part 1 [x](#)  
Part 2 [x](#)

Adele Peters: U.K. researchers attempting to use CRISPR to save bananas [x](#)

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Both groups receive financial support from the organic and natural products industries and are responsible for funding the U.K. NGO GMWatch and Gilles-Eric Seralini research attacking the safety of GMOs and pesticides.

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PG Economics: GM crops bring significant value to farmers in developing countries

Court rules cancer warnings not needed on glyphosate products in California

Hawaii governor signs bill to ban chlorpyrifos

Canadian Food Inspection Agency discovers unapproved, Roundup-tolerant GM wheat in Alberta

National Pollinator Week observed in United States

## Calendar highlights

June 18-21	June 19		
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Plant Biology Europe	European Parliament committee meeting on EU authorization procedure for pesticides	E
June 20-21	June 21	
4th Global Summit on Plant Genomics	U.S. Congressional Pollinator Protection Caucus briefing	V

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**Date:** Mon, 25 Jun 2018 16:59:24 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

In this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter, we explore the fact that sometimes it can be difficult for good, science-based information on agricultural technology to get heard.

We highlight a piece from Mary Mangan that appeared in *Medium* that laments what she calls a "fog of misinformation and fear" that clouds the public's ability to access and trust research-backed evidence about product safety and efficacy. In a piece amplified by the Genetic Literacy Project, French academic Marcel Kuntz argues that the journal *Nature* is only adding to such a cloud of rhetoric around glyphosate by willingly publishing risk claims based on "preposterous innuendo" without giving equal space to rebuttals. And Susan Dudley makes the argument that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed

research transparency proposal could help regulators focus on the best information.

Other pieces take a closer look at the European Parliament's special pesticides committee, review lessons to be learned from Mark Lynas' book and note the potential for biotech crops in Nigeria and the Philippines.

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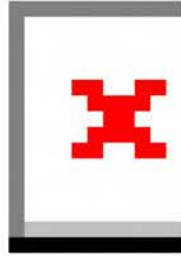
## Stories Worth Sharing

EU Policies: Special pesticides committee risks making matters worse by pursuing political points, seeking Portier's counsel 

Nathanael Johnson: Lynas' book on GMOs shows most important mind to change is your own 

Caleb Onwe: Nigerian farmers eager to see if GM crops can counter pest attacks, drought 

## Bronner



David Bronner, CEO of Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps and the Bronner Family Foundation, is a coordinating donor for various anti-GMO and anti-pesticide advocacy campaigns.

Leveraging more than \$100 million in annual sales of organic personal care products,

Marcel Kuntz: By publishing "preposterous innuendo" without rebuttal, Nature contributes to anti-glyphosate hysteria [x](#)

Henrylito Tacio: Power of biotechnology needs to be harnessed to fight hunger in Philippines [x](#)

Mary Mangan: Difficult for communications on scientific research to break through activists' "fog of misinformation and fear" [x](#)

Andrew Magloughlin: IARC chooses another "anti-science zealot" as its leader instead of changing its ways [x](#)

Susan Dudley: U.S. EPA science transparency effort could improve evidentiary basis for regulations [x](#)

The Sunrise: Gates Foundation grant to facilitate adoption of insect-resistant, drought-tolerant maize in six Sub-Saharan countries [x](#)

Farmers Weekly: Without neonics, sugar



Bronner-funded projects include multiple campaigns in the news this month - including ones by U.S. Right to Know, the Organic Consumers Association and the Non-GMO Project.

Learn more about Bronner and his Magic Soaps [HERE](#).

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beet crops will face greater threat from viruses [x](#)

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Farm Bill passed by U.S. House, to be considered by Senate

French agriculture, ecology ministries seek stakeholder input on plan to end glyphosate usage within three years

European activists claim EFSA reviews of emergency neonic authorizations show agency's incompetence

Canadian Grain Commission says unapproved GM wheat not present in exports

U.S. activists plan protest Thursday at Kroger shareholders meeting to demand anti-neonic policy

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June	June		
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European Week of Bees and Pollinators scientific symposium	European Parliament committee meeting on EU authorization procedure for pesticides	Un	
June 27-30	June 28-29		
Australian Bee Congress	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development conference on genome editing in agriculture	Fr	

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

In several of the pieces highlighted in this week's newsletter, the authors touch on the the troubling theme of what to do when scientific evidence isn't enough.

In an interview with *Xinhua*, Nobel laureate Richard Roberts suggests an effort to educate the public on "lies" that are blocking the acceptance of genetically modified crops. For *Town Hall*, Steve Sherman argues that the U.S. Congress should cut the funding of the International Agency for Research on Cancer due to its "pseudoscience" that has cast doubt on the safety of glyphosate. And *Science* magazine's Jose Dineny writes that the takeaway message from Mark Lynas' "Seeds of Science" book is that there could be a new discussion about agricultural technology that goes beyond science and also considers feelings



and moral intuitions.

Other pieces explore agricultural issues in Uganda, New Zealand and Germany as well as the role of Russian propaganda in the organic movement.

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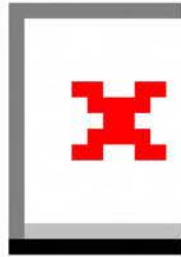
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[Xinhua: Nobel laureate Richard Roberts calls for educational campaign disputing "lies" activists tell about GMOs](#)

[Steve Sherman: Congress should make good on funding threats, stop IARC from "churning out pseudoscience on America's dime"](#)

[Nakisanze Segawa: Uganda biosafety bill would require larger buffer than possible for most farmers between organic and GM crops](#)



Food Policy Action (FPA) is one of several registered 501(c)(3) political lobbying arms for the U.S. organic food marketing industry.

FPA recently launched a new podcast featuring celebrity chefs critical of GMOs and conventional food production.

FPA is active

Craige MacKenzie: Time for "sensible, science-based debate" in New Zealand on new gene revolution in farming [x](#)

Henry Miller: NGOs aided by Russian "propaganda machine" harass those who promote sound science on genetic engineering [x](#)

Wolfgang Nellen: Green Party movement endangers Germany's future innovation in gene editing [x](#)

David Alvis: David Zaruk "probably did more than anyone else" to expose anti-science lobbying on glyphosate [x](#)

Zach Weigel: "Dubious" Iowa report that warns of potential for schoolchildren to be exposed to pesticides is just fear-mongering [x](#)

Barbara Quinn: USDA report shows 99 percent of produce has no pesticide residues or safe levels; people should eat more [x](#)

lobbying on the current Farm Bill and provided financial support to defeat members of Congress who do not support the agenda of the \$45 billion U.S. organic food industry.

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Jose Dinneny: Lynas book shows science-based argument was not enough to win public over on GMOs [x](#)

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## [What's Trending?](#)

USDA comment period on GMO labeling to close Tuesday

Farm bill passed by U.S. Senate praised by NGOs for having more pesticide protections than House version

ISAAA, PG Economics studies highlight continued social, environmental and economic benefits of global biotech adoption

As he leaves office, New Zealand chief science adviser says there are no environmental or health concerns with GMOs

Chemical critics Mesnage, Antoniou claim imidacloprid could act as endocrine disruptor in humans with high exposure



Colombia to use drones to apply glyphosate to eradicate coca, protect applicators

## Calendar highlights

July 2-6	July 2-7		
Codex Alimentarius Commission meets in Rome	Meeting of Convention on Biological Diversity Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice		

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**Date:** Mon, 09 Jul 2018 16:01:32 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

A wave of French media coverage emerged last week detailing how new studies have invalidated Gilles-Éric Séralini's 2012 research claiming a link between genetically modified corn and cancer. Our Favorable Outcomes newsletter starts by highlighting the first of those articles, written by Cecile Thibert of *Le Figaro*. We also have included economist Gérard Kafadaroff's take, in addition to a link to broader coverage in the What's Trending section.

Other articles take a closer look at a Roundup cancer claim lawsuit, the activist group SumOfUs and its tactics and a change of heart for a former biotechnology opponent in Ghana.

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## Stakeholder Spotlight: Thousand Currents

## Stories Worth Sharing

Cecile Thibert: New study invalidates Séralini claims that genetically modified corn caused tumors 

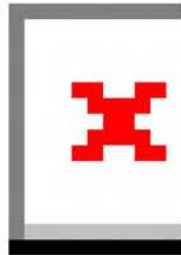
Angela Logomasini: Roundup cancer claim should be dismissed because "no court of law" should take IARC reviews seriously 

Alex Berezow: Live Science harms reputation by publishing anti-pesticide fearmongering 

Joy: Former Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana president changes stance, declares GMOs safe 

EurActiv: Brussels lobbyist sees environmental NGOs holding more power than even European Food Safety Authority 





Thousand Currents, formerly IDEX, is a leading player in the global movement to adopt pesticide- and GMO-eschewing agroecology development policies.

Thousand Currents president Rajasvini Bhansali, also a board member of Greenpeace, serves as a key advisor to the AgroEcology Fund and other donor groups that

David Zaruk: SumOfUs anti-pesticide campaigns "squeezing the innocent and confused for every nickel and dime they can get" [x](#)

Gérard Kafadaroff: Media failed to inform public that Séralini glyphosate study didn't meet scientific standards [x](#)

Tim Durham: Despite "decades-long track record of safety," GM crops treated harshly by regulators [x](#)

Richard Roberts: GMOs can make a real difference in the lives of the world's poor [x](#)

Nick Saik: CRISPR is faster, cheaper and higher quality than other techniques for gene editing [x](#)

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## [x](#) What's Trending?

Proposed regulation in Brazil draws concern about rolling back pesticide approval requirements

have committed \$500 million to promoting this agenda with government and international organizations including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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French media highlight studies invalidating Seralini risk claims about GM crops, glyphosate

Trial begins in California lawsuit claiming Roundup causes cancer

Convention on Biological Diversity science advisers discuss synthetic biology at Montreal meeting

### Calendar highlights

July 10-12	July 11-13		
One Water Summit	Heartland Apicultural Society conference		

July 15-18	July 16-19		
Institute of Food Technologists annual expo	World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology		

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**Date:** Mon, 16 Jul 2018 16:11:39 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter again features a series of articles that question the value of sometimes misleading food labels.

As testimony continues in a case claiming that glyphosate caused a California man to get cancer, Hank Campbell takes a closer look at the conflict of interests for key witness Christopher Portier and his role in the International Agency for Research on Cancer's glyphosate monograph that set up just this type of litigation.

We also highlight a pair of articles examining German food policy, an investigation into illegal, genetically modified wheat in Canada and Kroger's recent decision to eliminate neonics on its

garden plants.

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## Stakeholder Spotlight: Earthjustice

## Stories Worth Sharing

[Jake Freestone: For farmers, European moves to restrict neonics, glyphosate and biotechnology like taking away cell phones](#)



[Hank Campbell: Portier's ties to lawyers, anti-glyphosate Environmental Defense Fund a clear conflict of interest](#)

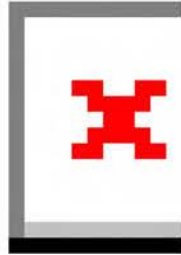


[Julie Gunlock: Kroger goes against science by phasing out neonic use on its garden plants](#)



[Henry Miller/Rob Wager: Russia, China and environmental NGOs among few who could gain from discovery of GM wheat in Canada](#)





Earthjustice is the largest nonprofit environmental litigation organization in the United States and partners with NGOs around the globe to oppose various alleged offenses to nature.

Originally founded as Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in 1971, Earthjustice claims to be dedicated to protecting nature

AP: Doubts raised over whether organic products are worth higher price [x](#)

African Agricultural Technology Foundation report finds 2012 GMO ban halted agriculture and food security research [x](#)

Ryan Tipps: The worst offenders in the Non-GMO Project's "pay-to-play" labeling scheme [x](#)

Erin Macgregor and Dara Gurau: Non-GMO Project board made up entirely of organic and natural foods industry execs [x](#)

Michelle Miller: Misleading claims about GMOs, hormones and antibiotics are no way to sell chicken [x](#)

Susanne Gunther: Amid inflammatory rhetoric from advocacy groups, German government appears set on crippling biotechnology [x](#)

Jill Neimark: I got fooled by "Dirty Dozen"



and "defending the right of all people to a healthy environment."

One of Earthjustice's three primary programs, called "Safeguarding Our Health," focuses on legal cases that purport to protect public health in regard to GMOs, pesticides, CAFOs and other alleged threats.

Earthjustice was in the news this week for representing multiple anti-chemical NGOs in a lawsuit to force the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ban the pesticide chlorpyrifos. It has also previously been involved in attempts

claims before realizing research shows conventional produce is "pretty darn clean"



Irina Dumitrescu: Germany's extreme right wing "Bio-Nazis" embrace clean food, could benefit from sales of organic salads



Council for Agricultural Science and Technology report explores potential of genome editing



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## What's Trending?

Key IARC figure Christopher Portier testifies in lawsuit claiming glyphosate causes cancer

United Nations human rights officials weigh in on proposal to change Brazilian pesticide regulations

U.S. Food and Drug Administration holds hearing amid dispute with Department of Agriculture on oversight of lab-grown meat

U.K. doctoral student reviews existing bee

to overturn pesticide registrations due to impacts on bees.

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research, claims consensus that pesticides impact learning and memory even at low doses

### Calendar highlights

July 16-19	July 17-18		
World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology	Beyond GM-sponsored Hospitality & Catering Expo		
July 17-20	July 18		
U.S. EPA meeting on Resistance of Lepidopteran Pests to Bt Plant Incorporated Protectants	Collaborative on Health and the Environment webinar on EDCs and obesogens		Phillips

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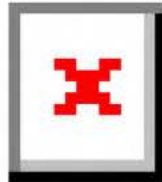
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**Date:** Mon, 23 Jul 2018 16:03:08 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights articles contrasting the past, present and future of agriculture.

In a piece published by *Townhall*, Paul Driessen explains how the agroecology movement rejects modern agricultural advances and wants to return to techniques used in days gone by. Jon Entine and Henry Miller, in an article that appeared in *The Daily Caller*, describe how Russia's current propaganda is boosting advocacy groups' efforts to block today's best farming methods and discoveries. And Tamar Haspel, writing for *Vox*, asks whether the public will be willing to accept the CRISPR techniques that hold promise for the future.

Other articles examine endocrine disruption claims about

pesticides, the debate over GM ryegrass in New Zealand and the viruses that have been found to impact bees.

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**[Stakeholder Spotlight: The Real Organic Project](#)**

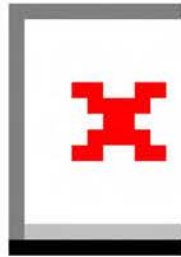
### Stories Worth Sharing

[Paul Driessen: Agroecology is "anti-GMO organic food activism on steroids," rejecting all modern agricultural advances](#) 

[Henry Miller and Jon Entine: Russia trying to boost its non-GM agriculture by interfering with U.S. biotech's "stunning advances"](#) 

[Mark Lynas: Science winning "war of words" on genetic engineering as anti-GMO advocates back down](#) 

[Hank Campbell: Endocrine disruption claims "throw out science and replace it with mysticism"](#) 



The Real Organic Project formed to "highlight the failures" of the USDA National Organic Program, saying it is "disgusted" with the program and calling it a disaster on issues including GMO labeling and allowing hydroponic (soil-free) organic production.

The organization is comprised of extreme organic

Tamar Haspel: CRISPR is "everything GMOs aren't," but will the public buy in?

John Dillard: Despite early rulings, glyphosate not "out of the woods yet" on Prop 65 warning labels

Researchers ask Juncker, European Commission to enact policies allowing Europe to be at "forefront of innovation" in plant breeding

Science 2.0: Penn State study reinforces consensus that viruses are key culprit in worsening bee health

Bob Edlin: With environmental benefits proven, will genetically modified ryegrass still face opposition from New Zealand Greens?

Science 2.0: Public mistakenly trusts environmental NGOs on issues including pesticides



farming advocates, including Beyond Pesticides co-founder and executive director Jay Feldman.

The Real Organic Project claims it is neither extreme nor radical; however, it opposes conventional and organic coexistence, includes NGOs that support the criminal destruction of GMO research and its founding members include promoters of extreme Maharishi Vedic organic food practices.

The group has been in the news recently for its Farm Bill, USDA GMO labeling and National Organic Program lobbying.

Alex Berezow: Law firm Matthews & Associates "willing to promote any junk science propaganda to make a buck" 

Pavitar Pal Singh Pangli: India's Supreme Court must protect intellectual property for Bt cotton or risk creating "country of bandits" 

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## What's Trending?

Human Rights Watch report claims aerial pesticide spraying poisons people in Brazil's rural areas

European Court of Justice set to rule Wednesday on new plant breeding techniques

Greenpeace, other activists demand European Commission outlaw neonic ban derogations seen by farmers as lifeline

New glyphosate cancer claims filed as California trial continues

Click here to **[LEARN MORE](#)** about the Real Organic Project.

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July 24-25	July 24		
Meeting of G-20 science engagement group	Consumers Union of Japan briefing on GMO labeling efforts in South Korea, Japan and United States		

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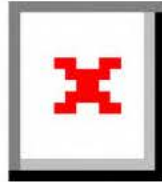
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**Date:** Mon, 30 Jul 2018 16:07:52 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

When a European court ruled last week that products of new plant breeding techniques such as gene editing should be restricted in the same way as those from previous genetic modification methods, it prompted broad criticism from advocates who see the decision as "**scientifically illiterate**" and hypocritical when compared to the continent's acceptance of climate change science. Several responses are featured in this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter.

We also highlight a U.S. congressman's criticism of another legal decision - a California judge's agreement, despite what he called "shaky" evidence, to allow a lawsuit to move forward with claims that glyphosate causes cancer.

Other items explore NGOs' false claims about bee die-offs and tactics used by the organic industry to attack crop protection products and biotechnology.

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[Hank Campbell: Court ruling leaves Europe "in the dark" on plant breeding innovations](#)



[Cameron English: European court ruling will make gene editing too expensive for universities, nonprofits and small businesses](#)

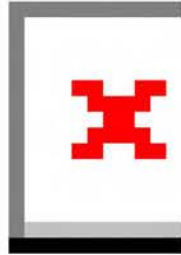


[Ronald Bailey: European court ruling applies "uselessly onerous" regulatory schemes to gene-edited crops](#)



[Paul Driessen: After years of fundraising against neonics, Sierra Club and other NGOs admit bees aren't dying off](#)





Green America (formerly Co-op America) is a Washington, D.C.-based membership organization that claims to promote ethical consumerism and green businesses.

Association members include leaders from the organic and natural products industries who use Green America certifications and

U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas: Judge's decision to let Roundup cancer case move forward poses "immediate and detrimental impact on farmers"

Stephan Neidenbach: Exposing "rapid response team" that serves Stonyfield's Hirshberg on GMO, herbicide issues

Hope Kelly: Biotechnology boosts Philippines agriculture market and gives hope of feeding growing population

Angela Logomasini: "Opportunistic" lawyers seeking big payouts, not proof that glyphosate causes cancer

Gary Truitt: If science doesn't matter, agriculture has a problem

Plant pathologist: European neonic ban based on unreasonable zero-risk principle

Christopher Bendana: African plant



marketing aids to promote their products as safer, healthier and more socially responsible than competing conventional products.

Green America sponsored campaigns include GMO Inside and the Non-GMO Supply Chain Working Group.

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biotechnologists benefit from collaborative research 

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European Union taking away farmers' tools that are "perfectly safe as used" 

Glyphosate, endocrine disruptors, neonics fall victim to EU's precautionary regulation 

For highly motivated activists, "main focus is attacking industry" 

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### What's Trending?

European court rules products of new breeding techniques should be governed as GMOs

France reveals new Ecophyto plan to reduce pesticide usage

India's Centre for Science and Environment demands better labeling after study found GM ingredients in 32 percent of samples tested

U.S. EPA opens two-month comment period on atrazine risk assessment

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August 4-10	August 5-10		
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation food security week	Ecological Society of America annual meeting		A

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**Date:** Mon, 06 Aug 2018 16:03:31 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

In this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter, we follow a theme set out in an article by Brian Cross in *The Western Producer*: With so many contradicting claims, which science should you trust?

House of Lords member Matt Ridley explains how a European court made a "scientifically absurd" decision to expand the purview of the EU's GMO Directive, and Mark Lynas offers rebuttals from scientists against claims that Bt cotton is failing in India. Andrew Porterfield offers his take on new research finding dozens of new bee viruses, and Michelle Miller disputes the myth - spread by the Non-GMO Project and others - that GMOs are bad.



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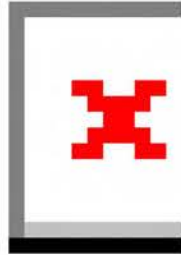
[Matt Ridley: "Scientifically absurd"  
European GMO ruling will increase food  
costs and pesticide usage, drive EU  
researchers to U.S.](#) 

[Ryan Tipps: A Fresh Look campaign aims  
to educate moms on benefits of GMOs](#) 

[Mark Lynas: Scientists question anti-GMO  
activists' claims that Bt cotton has failed in  
India](#) 

[Andrew Porterfield: Even as slew of viruses  
emerge as potential causes of bee deaths,  
bees at no risk of dying off completely](#) 

[Michelle Miller: Myth that GMOs are bad is  
usually spread by food companies trying to  
use fear to sell products](#) 



Regarded as one of the top advocates paid by the organic marketing industry, anti-GMO activist groups and pesticide litigators, Charles Benbrook was at it again last week.

Benbrook was the final witness called by plaintiff's attorneys in the case of a California man claiming glyphosate caused him to contract

Markie Hageman: Misguided to claim that farmers are culprits in demise of honeybees



Brian Cross: Junk science makes it harder to tell fact from fiction on topics including glyphosate, GMOs



Dietitian: Benefits of eating fruits and vegetables far outweigh impact of pesticide residue



Chandre Dharmawardana: Hidden agenda to push organic food sales drives false claims blaming pesticides for bee deaths



Myles Power: Opponents to Green Revolution advances would be responsible for deaths, malnutrition if they get their way



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## What's Trending?

European court ruling on gene editing, other mutagenesis techniques draws global

cancer. Benbrook **reportedly testified** that glyphosate is a known carcinogen and referred to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's assessment of it as a sham.

Benbrook's professed expertise often extends well beyond his primary area of industry-funded academic study as an agricultural economist. He also formerly served as the research director for The Organic Center.

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## reaction

**Monsanto defense team begins calling witnesses in trial over claim that glyphosate caused California man's cancer**

**California panel recommends listing chlorpyrifos as toxic air contaminant**

**France to enact ban on five neonic pesticides with no derogations**



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August 9	August 11		
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Carey Gillam "Whitewash" event in Australia		

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Writing in *The Wall Street Journal* last week, Henry Miller laid out the case for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to crack down on "blatantly false and deceptive advertising claims" from the multibillion-dollar organic industry and the Non-GMO Project. Responding two days later, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb **promised on Twitter** that "in the coming weeks" he would provide information to help consumers better understand such labeling claims as organic and antibiotic-free.

Amanda Zaluckyj, who wrote a piece for *The Detroit News* the same day as Gottlieb's tweet, later **followed up with a blog** arguing it is "well past time" for U.S. regulators to take action. And Georgetown University law professor C. Dean McGrath Jr., writing in *The Hill*, called for the law to be strictly applied to such

misleading labels and marketing claims.

Other pieces on this week's newsletter include a report on the U.S. Congress withholding funding for the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a University of Nairobi professor's appeal for biotechnology in Africa and a warning that focusing on GMOs and organic food can distract from actual food security issues.

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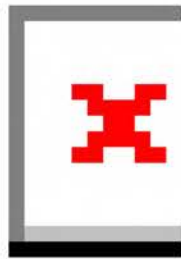
[Henry Miller: FDA must stop giving a pass to organic industry's "blatantly false and deceptive advertising claims"](#) 

[Dean McGrath: U.S. regulators should apply strict labeling laws to Non-GMO Project's misleading claims about GMOs](#) 

[Amanda Zaluckyj: Non-GMO Project "by far the worst offender" when it comes to misleading marketing claims](#) 



## Bioscience Resource Project



The Bioscience Resource Project is an Ithaca, New York-based NGO founded by Allison Wilson and her husband, Jonathan Latham.

They collaborate with U.S. Right to Know founding director Lisa Graves' Center for Media

Cathy Siegener: Miller's Wall Street Journal article shines light on lack of consumer education about labeling [x](#)

Science 2.0: U.S. Congress withholds funding for International Agency for Research on Cancer due to glyphosate controversy [x](#)

Jessica Eise: GMOs and organic food are "red herrings" compared to threat posed from climate change and water scarcity [x](#)

Mulaa Francis Jakim: "Critical gaps" preventing actualization of beneficial biotechnology applications in Africa [x](#)


Hank Campbell: Court ruling to require chlorpyrifos ban based on secretive science and "voodoo methodology" [x](#)


Stephan Neidenbach: European court ruling on mutagenesis empowers activists to make more attacks on scientists and farmers [x](#)

and Democracy to spread conspiracy claims that agrochemical companies are illegally conspiring with government regulators to expose the public to dangerous pesticides and GMOs.

These efforts include promotion of the so-called "Poison Papers" documents they claim show direct industry influence. Bioscience Resource Project recently donated the Poison Papers to the University of California-San Francisco.

Latham and USRTK executive director Gary Ruskin are set

[Michelle Miller: Labeling misconceptions and fearmongering tactics can backfire on food manufacturers](#) 

[University of Strathclyde study: No correlation between pesticide usage and cases of leukemia or lymphoma](#) 

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## What's Trending?

[Jury awards \\$289M to California man over claim that Roundup causes cancer](#)

[Food Standards Australia New Zealand releases preliminary report on NBTs / European activists demand end to field trials after NBT ruling](#)

[U.S. appellate court rules EPA must ban chlorpyrifos](#)

[Trump administration overturns ban on neonics and genetically modified crops in wildlife refuges](#)

to take part in a panel discussion about the documents Sept. 13.

Latham participated earlier this month in a GMO-Free Kauai event.

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### Calendar highlights

August 15-16	August 18	
"Ag Technology & The Law"	Inspiring Australia speaking series: "From Genes to GMOs"	In



<p>conference hosted by National Agricultural Law Center and National Association of Attorneys General</p>			
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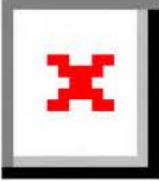
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**Date:** Mon, 20 Aug 2018 16:01:41 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

There was such overwhelming response to the glyphosate verdict that we've dedicated an entire section of Stories Worth Sharing to it, and there's still **much more** -- articles examining the **role of the International Agency for Research on Cancer**, a **jury's inability** to make high-level scientific judgements (and **explaining that science**), the **ramifications for agriculture** and other fallout.

Other topics explored this week include further debunking of claims that bees are going extinct, a closer look at a study claiming to link DDT exposure to autism and an examination of India's shift to organic agriculture.

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## Stakeholder Spotlight: Testbiotech

## Stories Worth Sharing

U.S. FWS official Bret Anne Serbin: Support for GMOs "essential for the populations that need them most" 

Jacqueline Rowarth: "Bee-apocalypse" hysteria ignores fact that world bee population is bigger than ever 

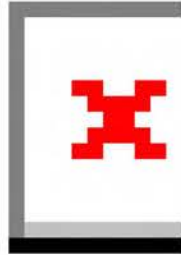
Hank Campbell: Study correlating DDT exposure to heightened autism risk just "statistical noise" 

Paul Driessen: Wildlife refuge ban on GMOs and neonics "never made an iota of scientific sense" 

Marc Brazeau: India's shift to organic not going as well as propaganda suggests 

Angela Logomasini: Using





Testbiotech was founded in 2008 by Greenpeace Germany anti-GMO campaigner and Green Party advisor Christoph Then and registered as a nonprofit organization that claims its mission is "to promote independent research and public debate on the impacts of biotechnology."

However,

## GLYPHOSATE CANCER VERDICT RESPONSE

verdict to ban glyphosate will increase food prices

Steven Novella: Verdict fallout from "bad decision by the IARC"

Ronald Bailey: Portier, IARC contribute to "scientifically outrageous" jury verdict

Chandre Dharmawardana: U.S. "mercenary legal system" unfit to determine glyphosate safety

Grant Jacobs: Proof that juries are bad at science - not that glyphosate is unsafe

Carol Lynn Curchoe: Activists bring back tainted food claims dismissed by scientists

Michelle Miller: Similarities of anti-GMO and anti-meat activists go beyond use of fear for profit

Nina Fedoroff: Untangling "regulatory thicket" for biotechnology will allow scientists to solve agricultural problems

Testbiotech and  
Then solely promote  
critical claims  
alleging health and  
environmental risks  
from biotech crops -  
including opposition  
to Golden Rice.

The group is  
currently leading  
opposition to gene  
editing and new  
breeding techniques  
like CRISPR, and it  
was **recently given a  
\$250,000-plus no-  
bid grant** from the  
German government  
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Reaz Ahmad: Bangladeshi farmers quickly  
adopting Bt brinjal, saving money by  
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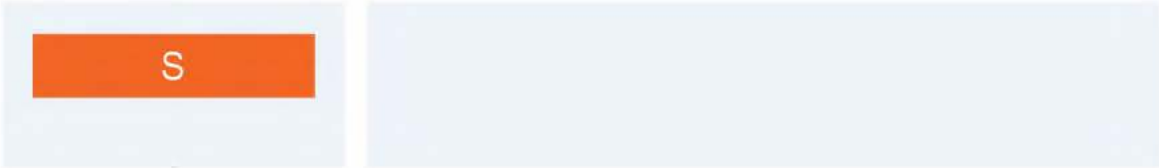
Environmental Working Group seeks to  
capitalize on glyphosate headlines by  
claiming cereals are contaminated

Canadian government to phase out most  
uses of neonics thiamethoxam and  
clothianidin within three to five years

Nigerian court throws out lawsuit seeking to  
block GM crop field trials

U.K. study concludes sulfoxaflor interferes  
with bumblebee reproduction, deems it  
unsafe alternative to neonics

Columbia University study of pregnant  
women in Finland finds DDT exposure may  
increase autism risk for children



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August 23-24	August 24-25		
Puerto Rico Agricultural Biotechnology Industry Association convention	20th Global Obesity Meeting		

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**Date:** Mon, 27 Aug 2018 16:11:31 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

When a California jury ruled in favor of a school groundskeeper who claimed his cancer was caused by glyphosate, the Environmental Working Group was ready. It rushed out a report claiming that glyphosate contaminates various breakfast foods, ignoring that the chemical was found at levels deemed safe by regulators and instead making up its own safety thresholds.

The tactic caught the attention of U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York), who asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to release data on its testing of food for glyphosate. However, [Angela Logomasini](#) of the Competitive Enterprise Institute and [Amanda Zaluckyj](#), author of The Farmer's Daughter USA blog, argued that Schumer is making the wrong move by lending credence to EWG's fearmongering.

Other items in this week's newsletter include responses to a German proposal that would put an anti-biotech group in charge of reviewing risk assessments and Canada's plan to phase out uses of neonics. Plus, several articles examine misleading food labels.

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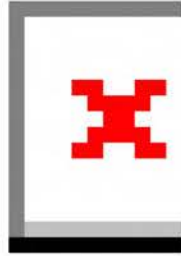
## Stories Worth Sharing

[David Zaruk: "Insane" German plan calls for tax on biotech products to fund NGO-led precautionary risk assessments](#)

[Eoin Lettice and Barbara Doyle Prestwich: EU court, Irish government stances on biotech "doomed to repeat the failures of the past"](#)

[Ed White: Canadian regulators rushing to ban neonics based on "weak and partial" data](#)

## Group



In the news this week for anti-glyphosate campaigns coordinated with litigators, the Environmental Working Group (EWG) is well known as a promoter of organic products and earns that label in part by issuing its annual "Dirty Dozen" reports complaining

Jennie Schmidt: Perceptions that GMO agriculture overuses pesticides and organic farming uses none both wrong [x](#)

Jens Sundström and Torbjörn Fagerström: NGO-influenced EU decision on gene editing latest to "lack scientific foundation" [x](#)

Carrie Vollmer Sanders: Not all food labels are created equal [x](#)

Carol Reese: Quarter-century of research finds "no difference in food safety for GM and non GM crops" [x](#)

Stephan Neidenbach: Anti-GMO movement can't decide what qualifies as a GMO [x](#)

Michele Payn: "Food bullying has become ridiculous" with misleading labels used only to make products more attractive [x](#)

Erik Frykberg: Industry group estimates New Zealand neonic ban would result in \$1.2B in farm production losses [x](#)



about "hidden" pesticides in foods.

EWG also houses and staffs an organic industry-funded lobby arm known as the Organic Voices Action Fund whose campaigns include "Just Label It" and "Only Organic."

Environmental Working Group's most recent tactic involved piggybacking on the California glyphosate cancer verdict by releasing a [report claiming many cereal products are contaminated](#) with the herbicide.

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Henry Miller: Non-GMO Project labels just another variation on selling snake oil [x](#)

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## [x](#) What's Trending?

[Brazilian prosecutor files suit seeking to block commercial release of three GM maize varieties / Ruling pending on glyphosate ban](#)

[Switzerland Federal Council rejects initiative to outlaw synthetic pesticides](#)

[Canadian plan to phase out neonics brings questions about what farmers will use instead](#)

[Following destruction of GM sunflower field, Volunteer Reapers host general assembly and block French factory entrance](#)

Environmental Working Group.

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### Calendar highlights

August 27-31	August 29		
FAO/IAEA International Symposium on Plant Mutation Breeding and Biotechnology	University of Florida town hall on pesticides and health		
August 30	August 30-31		
EU Parliament meeting of the special committee on authorization procedures for pesticides	Ghent University conference - "Scientific innovation for a sustainable development of African agriculture"		"Le

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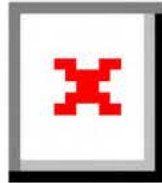
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**Date:** Mon, 03 Sep 2018 19:13:31 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

It's been nearly a month since Scott Gottlieb, the commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, **promised** to put out detailed information about organic, antibiotic-free and other labeling claims in the "coming weeks." In a follow-up article to his **previous one that prompted Gottlieb's pledge**, Henry Miller writes in the *Daily Caller* that the time for the FDA to act is now.

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter features additional reasons why non-GMO and other allegedly misleading labeling claims should be addressed. A *Washington Examiner* piece by Kevin Mooney points out the "anti-science" origins of the Non-GMO Project while Michelle Miller examines how anti-GMO rhetoric has been adopted in Ireland.

Other topics explored in this week's newsletter include questions about Canada's plan to phase out neonic usage, praise for a Nigerian court ruling in favor of GM technology and further response to the California jury verdict on glyphosate and cancer.

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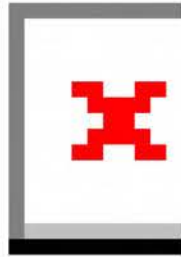
## Stories Worth Sharing

Henry Miller: Time for FDA to take action about organic marketing that is all about "leveraging consumer fears for profit" 

Alex Berezow: California makes right call in deciding coffee doesn't need cancer warning, wrong call in trusting "fringe" IARC 

Steve Sherman: Modern technology, including glyphosate and GMOs, still "by far the best option for feeding the world" 

Kevin Mooney: Origins of Non-GMO Project trace back to Maharishi "anti-science cult"




Following a similar warning from Environmental Working Group about glyphosate residues in cereal products, Moms Across America released a new report last week warning of the herbicide in hummus.


The NGO, created in 2013 in affiliation with the California State Grange, said it



Michelle Miller: Ireland's effort to block GMOs to protect "green" reputation no different than bad non-GMO marketing 

Jim Pratley: "Stakes are very high for nations around the world" after glyphosate verdict 

Robert Arnason: Bayer questions why Canada used much lower safety threshold than U.S. to justify banning neonics 

Rose Gidado: Nigerian judge's ruling ends "era of spreading unscientific rumours" about GM crops 

Ed White: Industry-funded study found European neonic ban to be "costly, environmentally dubious and regressive mistake" 

Gabriel Popkin: New York researchers set to ask U.S. regulators for approval to breed GE chestnut trees 




tested 10 hummus samples from eight brands and **found glyphosate in all but one of the samples.**

It advised supporters that glyphosate could cause cancer and suggested eating organic or biodynamic foods to avoid the chemical.

Led by Zen Honeycutt, Moms Across America has previously generated opposition to glyphosate by testing for it in breast milk. It has also run anti-GMO advocacy efforts.

Click here to **[LEARN MORE](#)** about Moms Across America.

Capital Press: California jury verdict "at odds" with safety reviews by U.S. EPA, other regulators and research 

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## What's Trending?

Brazilian court overturns injunction banning glyphosate-based products

U.K.-based researchers claim study shows bumblebees could become addicted to neonic-laced sugar solution

French ecology minister Nicolas Hulot resigns over frustrations with environmental policies, including slow progress toward glyphosate ban

Argentina agriculture committee debates seed law

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September 3-5	September 4-5		
CRISPRing Conference	BIO Latin America		C
September 5	September 5-8		
European Parliament Special Committee on Pesticides hearing	African Green Revolution Forum		

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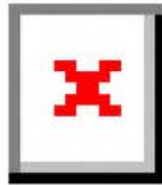
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**Date:** Mon, 10 Sep 2018 17:57:32 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes features several articles highlighting the repercussions of allowing judges and juries to decide which science is valid.

Anthony King, writing in *Chemistry World*, examines how a European court's ruling could set crop biotechnology back "for a decade" in the region and cause scientists to relocate. Ashleigh Morse, a UCLA behavioral neuroscientist, explains why she thinks juries should never be expected to make decisions based on science they may not understand - as in the recent California glyphosate cancer lawsuit.

Other pieces take a closer look at myths about organic foods, the science and rhetoric behind agroecology and a European Food

Safety Authority idea to include values, as well as facts, in the risk assessment process.

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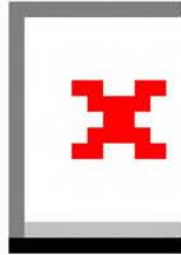
## Stories Worth Sharing

[April Benshosan: Organic food myths include nutritional and environmental benefits](#)

[Anthony King: European court ruling on CRISPR could have "profound" negative impact on European research opportunities](#)

[Andrew Porterfield: Agroecology shifting from "pure science to political movement"](#)

[Adam Morey: Time to put "truth above panic" as many scientists and health officials disagree with glyphosate cancer](#)



Nonprofit environmental law organization ClientEarth recently rejected the European Commission's view that current regulation governing endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDC) is sufficient, arguing blatant gaps still exist.

It also criticized the commission's "glowing" evaluation of its own work

verdict

Ashleigh Morse: Glyphosate case latest proof "juries should never make judgements about scientific questions"

Giovanni Tagliabue and Henry Miller: "Logically and scientifically dubious" for EFSA to base assessments on anything but facts

John Agaba: Ugandan agriculture researchers frustrated as government stymies efforts to fight hunger

Peter van Voorhis: Glyphosate verdict based on "shaky evidence" causing rash decisions by consumers and governments

Ed White: Canadian potato farmers worried about impact of proposed neonic ban

Amanda Zaluckyj: Negative campaigns make public think modern agriculture is bad



regulating EDCs, suggesting there have been undue delays and illegal criteria.

Late last month, ClientEarth published an analysis pointing out the European Commission's proposal to reform the General Food Law would allow manufacturers to redact information from pesticide safety studies, "making their publication meaningless." It called on the European Parliament and the European Council, both now considering the commission's proposal, to make amendments.

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## What's Trending?

Canadian NGO Environmental Defence latest to raise concerns about glyphosate contamination of food

CropLife-commissioned report finds European approach to biotech, crop protection puts farmers at disadvantage

Anti-biotechnology groups gear up for Switzerland food sovereignty vote

Reacting to cancer verdict, Vietnam plant protection department seeks ban on glyphosate, chlorpyrifos and fipronil

French pesticide opponents seek to expand ban of five neonics to include sulfoxaflor, flupyradifurone

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September 10-28	September 11		
United Nations Human Rights Council session	GM food and feed discussion at European Commission committee meeting		Uni pa
September 15-17	September 16-19		
South Asia Biosafety Conference	Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Asia-Pacific 2018 Conference		CO

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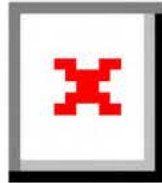
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**Date:** Mon, 17 Sep 2018 17:47:06 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

A jury's recent \$289 million judgment for a California man over his claims that his glyphosate usage led to him contracting cancer has brought new attention to the International Agency for Research on Cancer classification that led to the lawsuit -- and the activist groups that helped make the agency's ruling prominent.

This week's Favorable Outcomes includes a piece from Australian attorney Trent Thorne on the validity of IARC's assessment as well as pieces from Sara Snipes and Know Ideas Media that look at Environmental Working Group's claims that minuscule traces of glyphosate on such products as Cheerios could be harmful to consumers.

Other pieces examine calls for a "national conversation" in New Zealand about biotechnology, the use of taxpayer funds in California to boost activist campaigns against public university scientists and the fallout from the European Union's restrictions on neonics.

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**Stakeholder Spotlight:  
Global Alliance for the Future**

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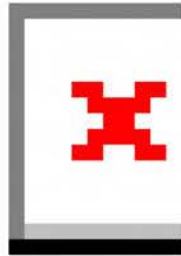
[Trent Thorne: Track record for International Agency for Research on Cancer "would put Chicken Little to shame"](#)

[New Zealand Herald: Former chief science adviser urges "national conversation" on GMOs](#)

[Cameron English: Washington State University professor explains how anti-GMO groups tried to "take me out"](#)

[Megan Poiniski: Pro-GMO food companies find transparency is best for overcoming](#)

## of Food



The Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF) is a project of the U.S.-based New Venture Fund and a coalition of large U.S. and European Union foundations that are promoting the creation of pesticide- and GMO-banning agroecology policies with governments and international

controversy, confusion among consumers



Bransford Owusu: African farmers need GMO seeds to "improve food security and reduce poverty"



Kevin Folta: University of California-San Francisco using taxpayer funding for "assault" on scientists



David Brown: With neonics unavailable, beetle causing "unprecedented degree of destruction" to oilseed rape crops



Vivian Fernandes: NGO's claims that lax oversight led to import of foods with GM material just "scaremongering"



Sara Snipes: Glyphosate levels in Cheerios are safe as long as your cereal bowl isn't a five-gallon bucket



Know Ideas Media: Environmental Working Group takes glyphosate fear-mongering to the "point of absurdity"





policy-setting entities, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

GAFF funds extreme anti-GMO advocacy groups that have supported the criminal destruction of biotech field trials and research, lobby to block establishment of biosafety regulations in emerging markets and undertake other aggressive political and litigation strategies to block and disparage the development of agricultural biotechnology tools.

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## What's Trending?

United Nations special rapporteur claims worker exposure to chemicals, including pesticides, is "global health crisis"

More than 30 U.K. biotechnology stakeholders ask Defra to set up round table on regulation of gene editing

U.S. environmental groups seek to eliminate Farm Bill provision that would pre-empt local pesticide bans

French magazine Charlie Hebdo launches campaign for national ban on synthetic pesticides / Lawmakers resume talks on food bill

European Parliament approves committee report claiming pesticide regulation does not protect human health or the environment

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September 17-21	September 18-21	
Meeting of FAO's Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee	European Food Safety Authority scientific conference	E Co
September 19	September 19	
Collaborative on Health and the Environment webinar on chemical exposures among pregnant women	Uganda Biotechnology and Biosafety Consortium annual meeting	M

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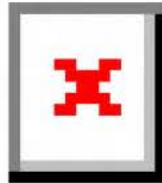
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**Date:** Mon, 01 Oct 2018 16:02:59 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Favorable Outcomes returns this week with a double issue of Stories Worth Sharing.

Featured newsletter items include criticism of a California university using public money to sponsor NGO efforts to smear university scientists and several pieces warning of the "loaded words" used by the Non-GMO Project to scare consumers - along with a campaign urging the U.S. government to do something about it. Authors also examine NGO claims that honeybees were facing extinction and a study suggesting it's "nonsense" that organic farms are better for the environment than their conventional counterparts.

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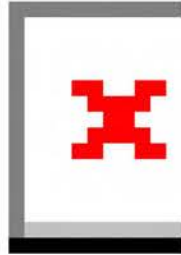
Andrew Porterfield: Environmental NGOs starting to admit bees were never at threat of extinction 

Hank Campbell: Organic industry's misleading labels, attacks on GMOs "count on consumer ignorance " 

Joni Kamiya: FDA should deem Non-GMO Project's misleading advertising built on "scary, loaded words" to be illegal 

Angela Logomasini: Competitive Enterprise Institute report details why U.S. government should stop funding IARC 

Alex Berezow: University of California-San Diego "using taxpayer dollars to personally smear other scientists" about GMOs 



Environmental Defense Fund, one of the largest environmental NGOs in the world, was founded based on opposition to pesticide use and has expanded its campaign scopes to include broader challenges to industrial chemicals and endocrine disruptors.

EDF has a mixed history in regard to food and agriculture

Henry Miller: Organic industry leaders "have to lie in order to defend a flawed product"

Jenny Splitter: Group asks U.S. government to do away with non-GMO label, which lacks oversight

Jacqueline Rowarth: Are consumers willing to accept higher prices and negative environmental impact of banning glyphosate?

Steven Novella: Non-GMO label's purpose is to trick consumers into paying more for equivalent or inferior products

David Zaruk: Europe in Dark Age due to rejection of plant biology and agritechnology

Lominda Afedraru: Scientists see Uganda's failure to embrace biotechnology as "lost opportunity"


Ronald Bailey: Cambridge study finds conventional, high-yield farming more




systems, typically promoting organic production and opposing most pesticide uses and other conventional agriculture practices. It has promoted a precautionary principle approach to regulating alleged endocrine-disrupting and toxic chemicals.

However, starting in 2017, it began to acknowledge potential climate and environmental benefits with specific GM crops and technologies. However, EDF remains in "partnership" campaigns with Greenpeace while sharing board members and directly funding

[environmentally friendly than organic](#) 

[Alex Berezow: Science shows claims that organic food is tastier, healthier and better for the environment are "nonsense"](#) 

[Paul Driessen: "Rogue" International Agency for Research on Cancer exemplifies scientific corruption in food arena and beyond](#) 

[Stephan Neidenbach: Consumers Union sees Moms Across America leader as "loon," helps spread her misinformation anyway](#) 

[Nick Saik: In debate over organic vs. conventional, there's no "only good kind of farming"](#) 

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## **What's Trending?**

[Information Technology and Innovation Foundation asks U.S. FDA to ban non-GMO labeling](#)

several staunchly anti-GMO organizations, including Environmental Working Group.

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United Nations Human Rights Council approves NGO-supported Peasant Rights Declaration that endorses food sovereignty

French National Assembly panel begins work on crafting strategy to phase out glyphosate usage

University of Texas study claims glyphosate negatively affects honeybees, makes them susceptible to pathogen

### Calendar highlights

October 1-2	October 1-16		
Plant Genomics and Gene Editing Congress: USA	16 days of global action on agroecology		
October 2	October 4-6		

French roundtable on societal health impacts of endocrine disruptors	International Biodiversity Congress	R
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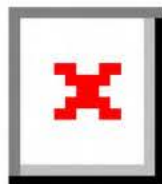
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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Against the backdrop of recent NGO tests claiming the presence of glyphosate in popular foods and campaigns to get its use banned, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration released data finding no glyphosate residues in more than half of the close to 7,500 samples it tested. It also found more than 99 percent of domestic and 90 percent of imported food samples were in compliance with federal pesticide standards.

This week's Favorable Outcomes features criticism of fear-based campaigns overstating concerns about glyphosate risks and residues in foods. Other pieces examine misuse of labels, such as GMO-free and non-GMO, and misconceptions about organic foods.

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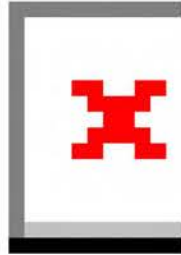
## Stories Worth Sharing

[Jon Entine: Canada's "suspect" move to phase out neonics to "protect bees" sets stage for U.S. regulatory battle](#) 

[Amanda Zaluckyj: Growth of "free-from" labels, including GMO-free denotation, is just another symptom of a "scientifically illiterate society looking for quick fixes"](#) 

[Joan Conrow: Battle on both sides of "GMO-free" branding gathers steam, with Non-GMO Project claiming it gives consumers choices, while ITIF files lawsuit saying it stigmatizes safe GM products](#) 

[David Zaruk: Seven-part exposé alleges activist scientists, NGOs conspiring with U.S. tort law firms to create fears, collect money through litigation over claims of](#)



The **Swift Foundation**, founded in 1999, is a U.S.-based private foundation that claims to support "cultural and biological diversity through environmental protection and the local stewardship of communities."

It was created by the sale of **United Parcel Service** family shareowners John

glyphosate health risks

Kavin Senapathy: Recent glyphosate saga concerning residues in popular breakfast foods is mostly a fear-driven movement promoted by anti-GMO activists toward moms

Michelle Miller: Buying organic apples doesn't mean they're pesticide-free, organic farmers often use more pesticides than conventional

Rebecca Watson: University of Texas study linking glyphosate to honeybee declines involved mega-dosing bees with glyphosate; honeybees not in trouble, anyway

Julie Gunlock: Lawsuit against LaCroix sparkling water over "all natural" reveals misuse of labels such as non-GMO; verdict in Monsanto trial likely to spur more "ridiculous lawsuits"


Kevin Folta: Class-action lawsuit over Chipotle non-GMO claims is "baseless;" but




F. Swift and daughters Sonja and Karen. Swift is a major donor to organic-promoting, anti-GMO NGOs, including [Greenpeace](#), [Center for Food Safety](#) and [Pesticide Action Network](#).

A founding member of the [AgroEcology Fund](#) and the [Global Alliance for the Future of Food](#), Swift is a leading promoter of narrowly defined technology-eschewing agroecology. It provides grants to NGOs in Africa, Latin America and Asia to oppose the use of conventional agriculture, claiming it risks human health and creates dependence on multinational

[proves you reap what you sow](#) 

[Andrew Porterfield: Organic industry has an unacknowledged "pesticide problem," the rise in detection of pesticides not allowed in organic production in imported organic produce](#) 

[Brian Lovett: Non-GMO Project Verified butterfly logo is a marketing ploy "exacerbating fears with nonsensical labeling"](#) 

[Jason Lusk: Recent paper on social pressure consumers feel to buy organic suggests a portion of organic consumption is driven by conspicuous consumption](#) 

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[New Zealand's Royal Society Te Aparangi releases discussion paper on new plant breeding techniques \(NBTs\)](#)

[GMO Answers releases the results of an online survey demonstrating most U.S.](#)

corporations and Western governments.

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consumers are still confused about genetically modified foods

U.S. Food and Drug Administration releases data finding no glyphosate residues in more than half of samples tested

Anti-pesticide "We Want Poppies" protests spurred by the Charlie Hebdo-led campaign take place throughout France

U.S. Right to Know accuses Cornell Alliance for Science of being a PR campaign for the agrochemical industry

### Calendar highlights

October 1-31	October 1-16	
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	International Conference on EDCs	EPA A
October 10	October 10	
CHE webinar - Whitewash: A Conversation with Author Carey Gillam	Colorado State panel - CRISPR gene editing in agriculture	G

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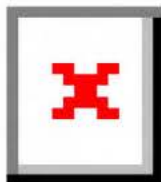
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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

With World Food Day-related activities planned throughout this week, today's edition of the Favorable Outcomes newsletter takes a closer look at GMO-free claims by Smirnoff vodka, roadblocks to the development of genetically modified bananas and claims that minute levels of glyphosate in food could be dangerous to people.

Other pieces from Henry Miller and Geoffrey Kabat highlight scare tactics used by environmental activists, such as U.S. Right to Know's Carey Gillam, while several Australian trade groups, lawmakers and farmers stepped forward to **defend glyphosate** as a safe, essential tool for agriculture.

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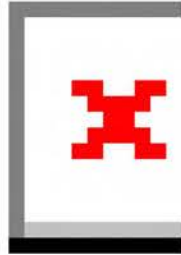
Greg Henderson: In Smirnoff's non-GMO vodka, "known carcinogen is now GMO-free" 

Alex Berezow: Despite its efforts to cash in on non-GMO fad, the "most dangerous thing in a Smirnoff bottle isn't genetically modified" 

Yvette D'Entremont: No reason to believe glyphosate levels in cereal are unsafe 

Henry Miller: Environmental activists seeking any way to link science supporters to "corporate boogeymen" 

Matt Reynolds: "Race is on" to save bananas from pathogen, with barricades to gene-editing solutions 



Children's Health Defense is led by attorney-activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and espouses messaging against vaccines, mercury use in dentistry and pesticide usage.

The NGO formerly known as the World Mercury Project was re-branded this year with a broader focus on chemicals.

The class-action law firm-linked NGO

Lominda Afedraru: Uncertain regulatory and legal environment hinders GM banana development in Uganda [x](#)

Geoffrey Kabat: Carey Gillam glyphosate scare tactics show people now get "outraged at any hint of a theoretical risk" [x](#)

Mark Buckingham: U.K. should use Brexit to distance itself from "regressive and flawed approach to innovations" [x](#)

Rebecca Mackelprang: National Organic Standards Board should reconsider decision to exclude gene editing [x](#)

MP Mark Coulton: "Safe and convenient" glyphosate provides enormous environmental benefits [x](#)


Jennie Schmidt: Less than half of Dr. Oz's claims are true, including those about glyphosate causing cancer [x](#)

ISAAA booklets highlight benefits of biotech



claims vaccines, pesticides and endocrine-disrupting chemicals cause autism and other children's health risks. CHD alleges government and corporate conspiracies, corruption and biased media are preventing exposure of their claims. CHD and Kennedy work closely with litigators, whose websites are co-hosted on CHD's servers, to bring suits against companies, government entities and others seeking compensation for families dealing with autism and other alleged victims.

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[maize production, status of African agriculture](#) 

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## [What's Trending?](#)

[Cancer Council Australia seeks independent review of glyphosate](#)

[Anti-pesticide NGOs question decision to sideline U.S. EPA's top children's health official](#)

[California judge could throw out \\$250 million jury awarded to groundskeeper over glyphosate cancer claims](#)

[U.K. government rejects sugar beet growers' request for derogation allowing continued neonic usage](#)

about Children's Health Defense.

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### Calendar highlights

October 15-19	October 15-19		
Borlaug Dialogues	FAO Committee on World Food Security 45th meeting		
October 16-17	October 16-20		
French agricultural research institute colloquium on chlordecone	2nd Biotechnology World Symposium		E

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## RE: Update on WTO SPS

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Go to the docs page for the SPS Committee on the WTO website:

[https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE\\_Browse/FE\\_B\\_009.aspx?TopLevel=7365#/](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Browse/FE_B_009.aspx?TopLevel=7365#/)

Scroll down page and click on link at box "Working Documents G/SPS/W" under "General"

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Thanks! Do you have the link we can share?

We will definitely connect when I'm next in DC.

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On Oct 17, 2018, at 9:31 PM, Doherty, Julia M. EOP/USTR <[Julia\\_Doherty@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Julia_Doherty@ustr.eop.gov)> wrote:



Jay, Josh –

I hope you're well.

I think I mentioned that we were working on a paper on fall armyworm when we last met. It's now publicly available on the WTO website. It may be of interest to you. We also working with several other countries to release a statement on agricultural applications of precision biotechnology at the Nov 1-2 meeting of the WTO SPS Committee.

Would enjoy catching up over coffee when you're in town.

Best,

Julia

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Key themes in trends found in last USDA presentation ([which you can download here](#)) include:

- Major **sources, tactics and trends** associated with anti-GMO, anti-pesticide and related food & ag advocacy and related expenditures
  - **NGOs** \$10B globally
  - **Commercial interests'** marketing portion of \$1 trillion (2020 est.) [LOHAS](#) annual sales, and growing expenditures by **U.S. litigators**
  - Political-**governmental organizations** (IGOs, EU and individual gov't investments)
- Tracking **Russian interference** (one page summary briefer attached)
- Emerging **politicized agroecology policy** challenge (one page summary briefer attached)

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**Subject:** hold for vfluence/whwg mtg with Ambassador Doud and AUSTR Bomer

Hi Jay and Josh –

Writing to confirm the meeting on Wednesday at 2pm with Gregg Doud and Sharon Bomer. Does this still work for you?

Also, could you send the powerpoint that you spoke from at USDA a month or so ago? I'd like to use it to introduce some of the topics to Sharon and Gregg.

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## THE ROLE OF THE WTO SPS AGREEMENT IN ENABLING ACCESS TO TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES AND FACILITATING INTERNATIONAL TRADE

### A CASE STUDY ON FALL ARMYWORM

*Submission from Brazil, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay, the United States of America and Uruguay*

The following communication, received on 10 September 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of Brazil, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay, the United States of America and Uruguay.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1. In the meetings of the SPS Committee in 2017, several Members shared their concerns regarding an invasive new pest to Sub-Saharan Africa, the fall armyworm (FAW, *Spodoptera frugiperda*):

- First, in March 2017, Senegal and Madagascar reported on their heightened surveillance efforts with regard to this scourge, and Senegal invited international cooperation on surveillance, sanitary control and the evaluation of progression of the FAW;<sup>1</sup>
- Next, in July 2017, Madagascar cited its recent emergency notifications regarding FAW and new phytosanitary certificates. Zambia reported FAW had infested all 10 of its provinces and its farmers faced serious problems. Burkina Faso reported harvest reductions of up to 90 percent due to FAW. Kenya stated FAW affected its crops and expressed concern regarding food insecurity for its population. Zambia called for partners to support capacity building in integrated pest management (IPM) and Kenya asked for help on detection, management and control;<sup>2</sup>
- Then in November 2017, Burkina Faso updated Members on the status of the threat posed by FAW across Africa; expressed appreciation for the collaboration across many partners to restore safety and security to its staple crops; and called for further support for IPM efforts. Senegal noted the speed at which the pest was spreading and again drew Members' attention to the threat of FAW in African countries. Togo noted that it had detected FAW in 2016 and, along with Madagascar, echoed Senegal's call for increased cooperation and technical assistance.<sup>3</sup>

1.2. Brazil, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay, the United States and Uruguay believe that the SPS Agreement offers viable strategies that African Members can employ to enable greater access to the necessary tools and technologies – physical, chemical and biological – to manage FAW in an integrated approach. Many Members across the Americas have established regulatory frameworks that enable access to these essential technologies consistent with high levels of public health and environmental protection, including frameworks conducive to commercial release of highly efficacious transgenic traits and to greater access to pesticides, including lower-risk alternatives, in the fight against FAW.

<sup>1</sup> See G/SPS/R/86, paragraphs 4.2.3 and 4.2.4.

<sup>2</sup> See G/SPS/R/87, paragraphs 5.3.3, 7.2.6 and 7.2.8.

<sup>3</sup> See G/SPS/R/88, paragraphs 2.1.4, 6.2.1 and 6.2.6.



1.3. We believe the SPS Committee can play a role in helping to mitigate the impact of FAW on food security and trade by sharing experiences on SPS approaches that reduce unnecessary burdens; increase the efficiency and predictability of science-based outcomes; and put urgently needed tools in the hands of farmers while protecting public health and the environment. To this end, this paper sets out background information on FAW and integrated pest management strategies. We also offer recommendations for further discussion in the Committee.

## **2 THE PROBLEM OF FALL ARMYWORM**

2.1. The FAW is native to the tropical regions of the western hemisphere from the United States to Argentina. Since its first detection in West Africa in early 2016, the FAO has confirmed the presence of FAW in 39 African countries, and it is likely to become endemic in many. Native to the Americas, FAW can feed on 80 different crop species but largely prefers maize, a staple food consumed by over 300 million African smallholder farm families. A highly mobile, fast-growing pest, FAW is particularly difficult and expensive to manage, posing a significant threat to food security, income and livelihoods in Sub-Saharan Africa. If countries do not implement proper control measures, the pest could cause extensive maize yield losses, estimated between \$3.6 and \$6.2 billion per year across the 12 major African maize producing countries, according to initial estimates published by the Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI) in September 2017.

2.2. The response to FAW in Africa must involve rapid dissemination of the appropriate knowledge and available tools, alongside efforts to build resilient, streamlined regulatory systems to enable access to a wider range of technologies by farmers, especially lower-risk crop protection products and FAW-resistant crop varieties. Unfortunately, in many affected countries, the best products for sustainably managing FAW are not currently available, leading to increased pest damage, risks to human and environmental health from pesticide exposure, and significant costs to farmers. In order to make these tools and technologies available to farmers in a timely manner, governments will need to develop approaches to streamline regulatory processes while safeguarding human, plant and animal health.

## **3 ENABLING A RANGE OF TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES IN GROWER IPM STRATEGIES**

3.1. At the farm level, the FAO and the International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement (CIMMYT) recommend an integrated pest management (IPM) approach to address FAW in Africa. IPM relies on agronomic management techniques, biological control, and frequent farm field monitoring to avoid and reduce pest infestation. Farmers apply direct control measures only when pest populations exceed economic thresholds to minimize the need for pesticide applications. Farmers in the Americas have been successful in controlling FAW by planting resistant crop varieties in combination with synthetic and/or organic pesticides. In some cases, FAW has developed resistance to both pesticides and transgenic *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) traits in the Americas, though Bt resistance genes have not been found in genetic analysis of African FAW populations. Nevertheless, African farmers will need to employ a range of tools to manage this difficult pest and reduce the likelihood of resistance to specific tools.

3.2. Resilient IPM strategies require a variety of lower-risk pesticide tools to address quickly crisis pests, including FAW. There are several pesticides, both synthetic and organic, that can control FAW, without endangering human health and the environment, or interrupting trade through potential violations of pesticide maximum residue limits. However, many of these products are not available in all African countries for a variety of reasons, including a lack of a policy environment to enable registration, lack of data to support registration dossiers, inadequate extension infrastructure to farmers, or input market disincentives such as small sales potential and weak intellectual property protections. In addition, the widespread availability of inexpensive expired, off-label, counterfeit or otherwise substandard products provides unfair competition.

3.3. One of the three pillars of IPM is host plant resistance, which in the context of FAW requires maize breeders to develop and test resistant maize varieties through conventional breeding and biotechnology. CIMMYT and USDA researchers have identified resistant conventional maize varieties from the Americas. However, it will take time to cross these with African maize varieties and verify their efficacy in resisting FAW. Prior to commercialization, new seed varieties must often complete a registration process involving national performance trials. Many of the constraints on



the introduction and adoption of novel pesticides apply as well to improved seed varieties, including poor enabling policy and market disincentives.

3.4. Biotechnology offers the advantage of adding insect resistance genes encoding for Bt proteins directly into farmer-preferred maize varieties that are already adapted to African agroclimates and consumer tastes. There are at least five transgenic traits in maize that confer resistance to FAW at higher levels compared to conventionally bred resistant varieties, and these genetically engineered (GE) traits can be stacked to improve efficacy and delay insect resistance. In particular, some traits, such as Bt maize, have been highly efficacious when deployed against the FAW in Brazil, where it is widely adopted by the majority of farmers. In the United States approximately 87 percent of farmers rely on these traits for control of FAW and other insect pests susceptible to Bt. Combined, the transgenic maize traits developed for FAW have already been approved by competent authorities in over 15 countries including: Brazil, South Africa, Japan and the European Union.

3.5. However, Bt maize varieties have only been developed for a handful of East and Southern African countries. South Africa is the only country affected by FAW to have commercialized Bt maize, which has reportedly helped to limit FAW damage to their maize production. Field trials of Bt maize have been conducted in Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda and Nigeria, but these varieties have not yet been commercialized. Additional insect resistance traits targeting FAW have not yet begun field trials in Sub-Saharan Africa.

3.6. Under IPM, farmers can use biological control methods in conjunction with resistant crop varieties and other management approaches. Biological control methods for FAW include releasing predatory insects and parasitoids that aim to reduce pest populations within farmers' fields. Another approach involves releasing GE self-limiting FAW moths that would reduce pest populations by mating with wild FAW moths to produce non-viable offspring. The self-limiting FAW would likely require coordinated government-sponsored releases across national boundaries, similar to the sterile insect technique (SIT) employed by FAO and the IAEA since the 1950s as part of area-wide IPM strategies to suppress insect pests. The self-limiting approach has proven successful for mosquito control in Brazil. Biocontrol methods require further research to validate their efficacy and applicability to manage FAW in Africa.

3.7. Additionally, the regulatory process in most African countries for biocontrol products is unclear, especially where their use involves releasing non-native organisms into the environment. Many of the same regulatory challenges for GE crops will also apply to GE insects. Clear and predictable regulatory pathways need to be established. The development of classical biological control tools in African countries will require engagement of national and regional authorities in a wide variety of ministries to address various laws enabling biological control (such as registration, biosafety, etc.). Some African officials report a lack of technical capacity for conducting and evaluating environmental risk assessments. Capacity is also needed for implementation of stewardship of such tools once they are introduced.

#### **4 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FIFTH REVIEW**

4.1. Brazil, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay, the United States and Uruguay believe there is a compelling need to enable greater access to safe tools and technologies in the quest for safer and more sustainable agriculture and to prevent food insecurity. We also consider that the significance of FAW, and the importance of the application of principles affirmed in the SPS Agreement to the handling of FAW, make FAW an example that could form a basis for valuable discussion by Members. To that end, we recommend that interested Members of the Committee form a working group for the purpose of undertaking the activities outlined in sections 5 and 6 of this paper. The working group could, at an appropriate time, provide a report on its activities to the Committee.

#### **5 THE SPS AGREEMENT AND FAW**

5.1. Brazil, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay, the United States and Uruguay note that strengthened implementation of the following principles affirmed in the SPS Agreement in the development and implementation of SPS measures carries significant potential to reduce unnecessary burdens, increase the efficiency and predictability of science-based outcomes and improve human and plant health:

- a. Risk analysis;
- b. Scientific evidence;
- c. Harmonization;
- d. International standards;
- e. Transparency and predictability.

5.2. We recommend that the working group examine, identify, and discuss examples of the effective use by Members of these principles to enable greater access to safe tools and technologies to manage FAW in Africa. The working group could also determine if any of these principles have not been employed in the FAW context as well as the reasons why, and how the principle could be relevant in the future.

## **6 TOWARDS SAFER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

6.1. Brazil, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay, the United States and Uruguay recognize that collaboration at the regional and international level to streamline and improve regulatory approaches to pre-market approvals and inspection systems (e.g., for pesticides, biotech, seeds, etc. as appropriate), with respect to products affected by FAW could support national and regional efforts to increase access to those products. Such collaboration could focus on, *inter alia*, the following areas:

- a. Field trials;
- b. Data portability;
- c. Common application dossiers;
- d. Joint risk assessments;
- e. Unilateral recognition of the results of risk assessments/regulatory determinations;
- f. Mutual recognition.

6.2. We recommend that the working group collect and compile information and experiences resulting from collaboration in these areas. The compilation could serve as a resource for national and regional authorities with capacity or expertise constraints in the development of their own systems and strategies. The compilation would obviously not affect Members' rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.

6.3. Brazil, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay, the United States and Uruguay believe there is a compelling need to enable greater access to safe tools and technologies in the quest for safer and more sustainable agriculture and to prevent food insecurity. We recommend that interested Members of the Committee form a working group to develop these documents outlined in sections 5 and 6 of this paper for consideration by the Committee under the Fifth Review.



# [EXTERNAL] Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes newsletter - Oct. 22, 2018

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter features another plea for the leader of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to push for honesty and truth in food labeling, even as vodka maker Smirnoff admitted that its recent release of a "non-GMO" vodka was just for marketing.

Other items include response to a California judge reconsidering a \$289 million verdict against Monsanto in a glyphosate case, plus commentaries on biotech crops in India and Tanzania.

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Amanda Zaluckyj: FDA commissioner should end "slanderous" labels from organic industry, demand honesty and truth [x](#)

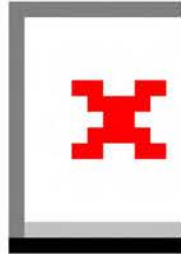
Andrew Porterfield: Glyphosate and neonic bans carry real-world consequences for farmers [x](#)

Hank Campbell: Smirnoff vodka admits non-GMO ploy was a "marketing scam" [x](#)

Marshall Matz: European Parliament should start "honest conversation with an open mind" on gene editing [x](#)

Angela Logomasini: California judge right to question glyphosate ruling based on junk science and IARC findings [x](#)

Stuart Smyth: Science pushing back against "environmental misinformation campaigns" targeting biotechnology [x](#)



Jack Heinemann is a professor of genetics and molecular biology in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand.

Previously a staff fellow at the U.S. National Institutes of Health, he is a senior adjunct professor of gene ecology at GenØk - Centre for Biosafety in Tromsø, Norway.

Navneet Anand: Modi government should end Bt brinjal ordeal with "decisive verdict in favour of science" [x](#)

Julie Gunlock: Consumer Reports erodes own credibility by associating with "extremely radical environmental groups" [x](#)

Andrew Porterfield: "Not good science" to throw atrazine under the bus to defend glyphosate [x](#)

Joan Conrow: Tanzania field trial of GM maize shows promising results when compared to conventional variety [x](#)

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## [What's Trending?](#)

[Jurors ask California judge to uphold \\$250M in punitive damages for man who claimed glyphosate caused cancer](#)

[Organic Consumers Association urges boycott of Mexico's Maseca flour, claims it is contaminated with glyphosate and GMOs](#)



Heinemann has served as an expert witness and provided amicus testimony for the Center for Food Safety in GMO labeling lawsuit appeals and also served as a paid expert witness for the Organic Farming Association of India on GMO-related litigation.

Heinemann has published peer-reviewed scientific literature, authored invited works for the U.N. FAO and World Bank and has advised various government agencies in several countries.

His most recent research, published by PeerJ, concluded

New French agriculture minister reaffirms nation's plan to outlaw glyphosate by end of Macron's term

Environmental Working Group leads opposition to Trump administration proposal to allow 16-year-olds to handle restricted-use pesticides

Center for Biological Diversity campaign bids to block expanded usage of sulfoxaflor, citing risk to bees

that herbicide-antibiotic exposure combinations can increase the evolution of antibiotic resistance.

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October 22-24	October 23-24		
Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro endocrine disruptors conference	European Commission Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed meeting (agenda)		US
October 24-26	October 25		
International Conference on	Spain Scientific Research Council conference on transgenic crops		Eu th

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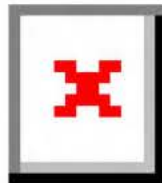
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**Date:** Mon, 29 Oct 2018 16:39:54 -0400

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

In the past week, two academic journals have published papers alleging that agricultural pesticide usage is unsafe for human health. A publication run by the Journal of the American Medical Association posted results of a French survey suggesting that consumption of organic foods can **reduce a person's cancer risk**, and a Public Library of Science journal printed a paper co-authored by Natural Resources Defense Council scientist Jennifer Sass that called for **organophosphates to be banned** due to health risks.

Today's Favorable Outcomes newsletter includes responses noting the safety of pesticides, as well as pieces on the impact of predatory law firms and updates on biotechnology issues in Nigeria, Kenya and the Philippines.

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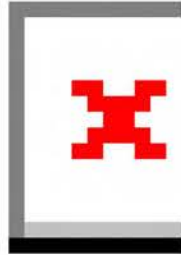
[Chase Purdy: Given closer look, study claiming organic food reduces cancer risk not "terribly compelling"](#)

[Steven Novella: Impossible to draw clear conclusions from study claiming organic food consumption reduces cancer risk](#)

[Matt Bogard: Use non-GMO and other labels adding only perceived value comes at expense of more affordable food](#)

[Alex Berezow: Claim that organic food reduces cancer risk is "complete nonsense" since that is biologically impossible](#)

[Patience Koku: Time to move on from Nigeria's decision to block GMOs, which](#)



The Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society was founded in 2010 at the University of California-Berkeley.

Earlier this month, the institute released a [report](#) suggesting major mergers within the agribusiness industry will mean the end of competition.

Last year, the

"held back the entire country" [x](#)

Andrew J. Wight: European court decision blocking gene editing slows research on bananas for Africa, soy for Brazil [x](#)

David Zaruk: Predatory law firms turn "victim of a tragedy into an opportunity to manipulate" [x](#)

Munene Kamau: Bt cotton could revive dormant Kenyan textile industry, bring new jobs [x](#)

Henrylito D. Tacio: Golden Rice offers potential solution to increasing Vitamin A deficiency in Philippines [x](#)

Jon Entine: Public has "unhealthy" obsession with alleged dangers of chemicals [x](#)


Peter Griffin: New Zealand regulators "made the right call" in resisting political pressure to reassess glyphosate [x](#)



institute collaborated on opposition to the new Green Revolution for Africa initiative supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Gates Foundation and others.

The Haas Institute is also linked to the Shahidi Project, which has produced several reports and initiatives critical of corporate agribusinesses and technology comparing them as industrial systems versus more equitable agroecology.

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Cam Dahl: Embrace modern agriculture because "good old days were not very good for those living in them" 

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## What's Trending?

French researchers claim survey shows consumption of organic foods reduces cancer risk

Natural Resources Defense Council scientist, North American researchers publish paper demanding ban on organophosphates

Dozens of research institutions ask European lawmakers to address gene-editing regulations that put EU at disadvantage

Meeting between U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration fails to resolve conflict over lab-grown meat

California judge reduces punitive damages, upholds jury verdict holding glyphosate responsible for causing man's cancer

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October 29-30	November 1	
Organic & Non-GMO Forum	U.S. EPA biotechnology seminar	1s
November 1-2	November 3-5	
Hawaii Department of Agriculture public hearings on proposed amendments to pesticide regulations	African Food Systems Conference	ap

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**Date:** Mon, 05 Nov 2018 16:01:32 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Last week, a group calling itself the Citizens for Science in Pesticide Regulation launched a campaign calling on European regulators to take industry interests out of the risk assessment process? But just which "citizens" are these?

As David Zaruk explains in a piece featured on this week's Favorable Outcomes, the group is not a representative slice of Europe's citizenry; there are no farmers and no agronomists, and there are plenty of activists who are funded by the organic industry lobby that would gain from the changes demanded in their manifesto.

Other articles focus on the benefits of genetic engineering, a U.S. decision to extend usage of dicamba technology and steps



forward for GM crops in Africa.

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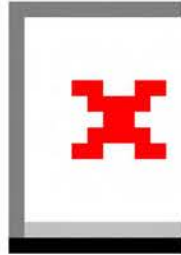
## Stories Worth Sharing

[David Zaruk: Citizens for Science group features no farmers, but plenty of activists "bought and paid for by the organic food industry"](#)

[Bianca Torres-Garcia: GM crops help the environment flourish and have the potential to save lives](#)

[Hank Campbell: Dicamba extension "a win for 34 soybean and cotton producing states"](#)

[Stephan Neidenbach: "Deceitful corporate marketing" and "not trusting in the scientific method" give wealthy good reasons to buy organic](#)



Health and Environment Alliance is a Belgium-based environmental advocacy group that opposes pesticides and has promoted anti-GMO messaging. It is also one of the leading NGOs demanding stricter policy on endocrine-disrupting chemicals.

Last week, it was among more than 100 European

Amanda Maxham: "Genetic engineering is enhancing our lives in ways big and small"



Hembree Brandon: Stampede of non-GMO water, salt and even vodka shows that "scare sells"



Lominda Afedraru: Ugandan scientists could release vitamin-fortified GM banana in 2021 if biosafety law passes



Joseph Opoku Gakpo: Scientists in Ghana preparing to apply for commercialization of GM cowpea



Simon Smith: Neonic ban leaves "no viable solution" to protect sugar crops from virus yellows disease



Avery Plote: Non-GMO buzzwords cause people to pay extra for food that's the same or lesser quality



Know Ideas: Non-GMO Project "isn't here to

activist groups to launch a new "Citizens for Science in Pesticide Regulation" campaign seeking to limit industry participation in the pesticide risk assessment process.

Other prominent NGOs involved in the effort include Pesticide Action Network, Generations Futures, ClientEarth and Corporate Europe Observatory.

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## What's Trending?

European NGOs launch new Citizens for Science in Pesticide Regulation campaign

U.S. EPA extends registration for dicamba with new stipulations aimed at reducing drift

Australia, Brazil, Canada, U.S. among World Trade Organization members to sign non-binding statement promoting ag biotechnology

Study of Puerto Rican rainforest brings about new claims that insects are declining globally



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November 6	November 7		
Brazil National Seminar on the Presentation of the National Policy for the Reduction of Agrochemicals	Food Institute U.S. Food Labeling Seminar		U Se
November 7-9	November 8		
International Conference on Organic Agriculture Sciences	Meeting of European Parliament Special Committee on Authorization Procedures for Pesticides		Me Con
November 8-9	November 12		
9th meeting of the EFSA scientific network for risk assessment of GMOs	University of Sao Paulo talk on endocrine disruptors		20th

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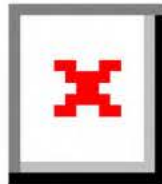
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**Date:** Mon, 12 Nov 2018 16:02:26 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights a series of articles that explore how consumers struggle to identify risk - and perhaps some of the reasons why.

Alex Berezow makes the argument that statistics showing an increase in organic food purchases and a decrease in the percentage of adults getting flu vaccines - despite 80,000 Americans dying from the flu last season - proves that humans are bad at understanding risks. As Hank Campbell explains, though, organic food labels confuse consumers by making them believe their food is safer. And David Zaruk suggests that the public's trust is eroded even further by predatory law firms.

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Hank Campbell: Organic label "does not mean your food is any safer" 

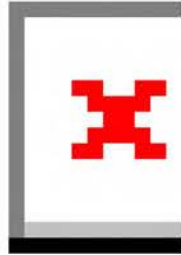
Colin Berry: Troubling when "risks, feelings, opinions, and conjecture are of equal value with reason and knowledge" in Europe 

Matt Ridley: Britain "at risk of missing out on a revolution" if it follows EU court decision on genome editing after Brexit 

Andrew Porterfield: Scoreboard shows several victories for genetic modifications, with possibility for more 

Alex Berezow: Drop in flu shots, rise in organic food purchases shows humans are terrible at judging risk 

David Zaruk: Public is the true victim of



Henry Rowlands is an anti-GMO/pesticide activist and organic entrepreneur. He is publisher of the Sustainable Pulse and other anti-GMO campaign websites.

In addition to being founder and CEO of the **for-profit glyphosate testing** company The Detox Project, Rowlands is linked to various business interests in Bulgaria and the

predatory law firms as trust is eroded in regulatory science [x](#)

Adriel Dave "AD" Alvarez: Even the most isolated and deprived farmers can benefit from technology [x](#)

Michelle Miller: Kansas liquor store stands up to "fake fearmongering" of non-GMO vodka [x](#)

Tim Burrack: Dicamba renewal gives U.S. farmers key lifeline with "as many options as possible for growing the food we need" [x](#)

Know Ideas: Science ensures herbicides are safe, just as it does with cars, airplanes and bridges

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## [What's Trending?](#)

European Commission expresses commitment to reducing human and environmental exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals

U.K. with ties to both the Maharishi movement and the Sustainable Food Trust (an organic-linked NGO run by former U.K. Soil Association chairman Patrick Holden).

Rowlands provides public relations services and promotional support to the Russian-led **Factor GMO** campaign and affiliated Russian GMO and pesticide testing and "research" efforts led by the Kremlin-linked **National Association for Genetic Safety** (NAGS).

Click here to **[LEARN MORE](#)** about Rowlands.

**German environment minister commits to government ending glyphosate usage by 2023**

**Uganda Parliament debates biosafety bill updated to address president's concerns**

**Harvard-led research draws attention for unique system detecting impact of neonic exposure on in-hive behavior**



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November 12-13	November 12-16	
20th International Conference on Plant Breeding and Biotechnology	Asian Seed Congress hosted by Asia & Pacific Seed Association	Co a
November 14-29	November 15-16	
Conference of the Parties to the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity	International Conference on Agriculture and Biotechnology	Con

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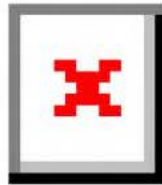
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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

As American prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, this week's Favorable Outcomes offers some suggestions for that extra time in front of the television.

In separate articles, Tim Durham and Mary Kekatos explain the flaws and falsehoods in "[Secret Ingredients](#)," the new documentary from former swing dance instructor [Jeffrey Smith](#) of the Institute for Responsible Technology. As an alternative, Amanda Zaluckyj recommends the episode of the Netflix documentary series "A User's Guide to Cheating Death" that debunks myths about organic foods.

And in *Forbes*, John Tamny explains how misleading labels from the organic food industry and the Non-GMO Project have made



Thanksgiving dinner more expensive for everyone.

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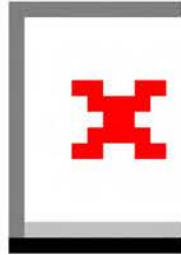
John Tamny: Higher prices for Thanksgiving dinner brought on by \$124B organic food industry, Non-GMO Project 

Tim Durham: "Secret Ingredients" documentary absurdly blames all health ills on GMOs and Roundup 

Mary Kekatos: Scientists deem Jeffrey Smith's new documentary 'false, unsubstantiated propaganda' 

Amanda Zaluckyj: Netflix documentary slays falsehoods that organic food is more nutritious and grown without chemicals 

Jenny Splitter: Non-GMO Project refusing to



The Organic Center is a nonprofit organization under the administrative control of the Organic Trade Association.

The group has claimed to be an independent research organization to support its 501(c)3 tax-exempt charitable organization status, yet Organic Trade Association CEOs

change despite scientists, WHO agreeing biotech foods don't pose added risk [x](#)

Michelle Miller: Organic Valley and Hunt's use "blatantly wrong imagery and messaging" on herbicides, non-GMO tomatoes [x](#)

Dirk Inzé: European court ruling threatens "unacceptable consequences" on sustainable agriculture, plant breeding [x](#)

Jon Entine: Facing evidence that honeybee population is stable, NGOs seek out new "scare opportunity" with birds [x](#)

Michele Payn: Combat confusion and misinformation about food by knowing the farmer and knowing the science [x](#)

Richard Halleron: European approach to GM crops makes U.K. farmers operate with "one arm tied behind their backs" [x](#)

Brian Barth: Misleading advertising touts non-GMO vodka. Why not sugar-free beef?

Katherine DeMatteo and Laura Batcha have signed the center's tax returns as its principal officer and legal representative.

The center's stated mission is research and education, but the vast majority of its research is into the alleged dangers and risks of competing conventional production practices such as use of pesticides, antibiotics and GMOs. Organic watchdog group The Cornucopia Institute has called the center a "big agribusiness lobby group."

The mission and promoted goals of



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## What's Trending?

European Commission science advisers recommend aligning GMO Directive with "current scientific knowledge"

NGOs claim new academic analysis shows "scientific malfeasance" by Dow on chlorpyrifos safety study

Scientists ask U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity to reject NGOs' call for moratorium on gene drives

California judge agrees to expedite trial on couple's claim glyphosate caused their cancer, setting March trial start



the center would make it a primary beneficiary of OTA's proposed voluntary organic check-off program.

Click here to [\*\*LEARN MORE\*\*](#) about The Organic Center.

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November 19-20	November 20		
European Parliament environment committee meeting including discussion of EU Pollinators Initiative	Global Positive Forum featuring Vandana Shiva		A Co
November 20-21	November 22		

AgChem & Technology Europe  
Congress

French Agriculture Academy  
symposium on new biotechnologies

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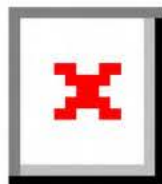
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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights a new commentary by CropLife International CEO Howard Minigh responding to a report critical of pesticides by United Nations special rapporteur Hilal Elver. Minigh argues Elver has "no scientific experience in agriculture or pesticides" and that her assertions about biotechnology, glyphosate and neonicotinoids are unfounded -- as are her expectations for agroecology as a replacement.

Other articles provide updates on Bt eggplant field trials in Bangladesh and appearances by molecular biologist Nina Fedoroff in India and Nobel laureate Sir Richard Roberts in the Philippines in which both discussed biotechnology.



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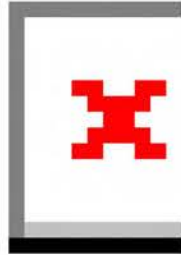
[Howard Minigh: Report by "compromised" rapporteur undermines United Nations' goals for safe, affordable food](#) 

[Toban Dyck: Public needs help to judge agriculture based on more than " cursory understanding of chemicals"](#) 

[Mark Lynas: Bangladesh field trials confirm Bt gene protects against critical eggplant pest](#) 

[David Zaruk: Predatory lawsuits like those spurred by IARC bring "less innovative technologies, higher costs and poor quality products"](#) 

[A Fresh Look: Farmers, moms dispel myth that GM crops are "doused" with pesticides](#)




Jeffrey M. Smith, the executive director of the Institute for Responsible Technology, has been increasingly active in recent weeks promoting his "[Secret Ingredients](#)" documentary claiming people were cured of autism, infertility and cancer by removing GMOs and pesticides from their diets.




Mikael Angelo Francisco: Nobel laureate Richard Roberts says biotech opponents using "science that has already been proven wrong" 

The Hindu: Molecular biologist Nina Fedoroff says "political elites" making India lag in embracing GM crops 

Grant Jacobs: TIME ignores journalism tenets of balance and fairness by running glyphosate piece from biased activist Carey Gillam 

Cameron English: Despite activist claims, your Thanksgiving dinner is not "tainted" by pesticides and antibiotic-resistant bacteria



Farm to Table Talk: Genetic Literacy Project's Jon Entine discusses phobias about chemicals in food supply 

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Smith attended school at the Maharishi Institute of Management in Fairfield, Iowa, where he resides, and has no other reported science education background or other credentials.

He formerly worked as the vice president for marketing, communications and business development for the Fairfield-based GMO testing laboratory Genetic-ID, founded by John Fagan of the Maharishi Institute.

Click here to [\*\*LEARN MORE\*\*](#) about Smith.

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## What's Trending?

Le Monde report highlights presence of riboflavin produced by GM bacterium in animal feed

French government to take public comments through Dec. 10 on Ecophyto plan to reduce pesticide usage, phase out glyphosate

Tanzania government bans confined GM crop field trials, orders destruction of research materials

Bayer appeals California jury verdict ruling glyphosate caused man's cancer



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November 26-27	November 28-29	
EU Commission PAFF committee meeting on pesticide residues	European Food Safety Authority plenary meeting of the Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues	"Do he
November 28-30	November 30 - December 1	
IFPRI-FAO global conference - Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition	2018 G20 Leaders' Summit	Ch

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**Date:** Mon, 03 Dec 2018 16:41:26 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

In this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter, we highlight a series of pieces detailing the promise of new crop breeding techniques -- as well as the threat to these breakthroughs from activist opposition and increasingly strict European regulation.

Other pieces examine new survey insights into U.S. consumers' resistance to genetically modified foods and give reasons why funding to the International Agency for Research on Cancer should be cut off.

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Steven Cerier: If NGOs succeed in attacks on new crop breeding techniques, "we all stand to lose" 

Amanda Zaluckyj: We need to support brands that don't see "fear as fashionable" 

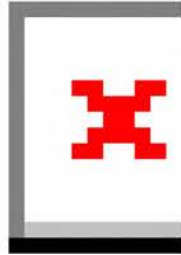
Colin Berry: European regulatory scheme turning its back on reason, blocking "miracles of modern science" 

Kenneth Artz: Heartland Institute says IARC "more into fearmongering than science," shouldn't get another penny from U.S. 

Stuart Smyth: Good to see African nations pushing back against NGO misinformation on gene drives 

Steven Novella: Survey shows U.S. public thinks scientists are divided although every major organization has endorsed GMO





ActionAid Uganda is part of ActionAid International.

The NGO claims its mission is to tackle the root causes of the injustice of poverty rather than just meeting people's immediate needs; however, it plays a key role in lobbying on political issues and is a leading opponent of GMOs and conventional agriculture

safety

Josh Kruskal: Survey indicates attitudes about GMO foods formed "long before children are able to make informed decisions"

Ieuan Evans: "Farfetched" to believe neonic seed treatments are killing off honeybees faced by numerous destructive pests and diseases

Hank Campbell: "Anti-science" environmental NGOs capitalize on emotional, hot button words to spread their message

Know Ideas: Smirnoff using "fuzzy" logic to claim non-GMO vodka is better; move also breaks labeling rules

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### What's Trending?

French version of "Food Evolution" documentary premieres at AgroParisTech

development, instead favoring alternative organic agroecology.

ActionAid Uganda was instrumental in blocking the passage of science-based, enabling biosafety legislation in the country and adding a range of highly restrictive amendments, which Nobel Laureate Sir Richard Roberts called "poison pills" designed to block development and use of biotechnology-developed products.

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Uganda Parliament approves biosafety bill containing liability clause that could discourage research

Activist groups praise U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity call for strict risk assessments on gene drives

French government to remove 132 products from market, review 69 others as part of glyphosate phase-out process

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December 4	December 4		
Argentina Ministry of Education, Culture and Technology seminar on gene editing	Bioteknologirådet open meeting presenting GMO regulation proposals		Co
December 7-8	December 9		
International Conference on Biotechnology and Bioengineering	Swiss NGO Public Eye screens "Seed: The Untold Story" documentary with panel discussion		Ag

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

A theme running through several of the pieces highlighted on this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter is skepticism about the ability of organic farming - as well as agroecology and regenerative agriculture - to provide food security and environmental benefits to the world.

Writing for the Breakthrough Institute, Ted Nordhaus examines the findings of a World Resources Institute report that instead suggests the need for sustainable agricultural intensification. Ivo Vegter, in South Africa's *Daily Maverick*, argues that organic farming is relying on "magic" instead of science to solve food production needs. And Stuart Smyth of the University of Saskatchewan argues that it's time for environmental NGOs to accept vast evidence that agricultural technology is the best way

forward.

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[Stuart Smyth: Will environmental groups ever accept "vast amount of evidence" on benefits of technology traits and chemicals](#)



[Ted Nordhaus: World Resources Institute report skeptical of regenerative farming and agroecology](#)

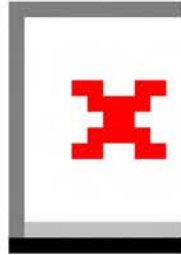


[Ivo Vegter: Organic farming, built on "unscientific principles of magic," provides no substantial benefits](#)



[Jean-Paul Oury: "Food Evolution" documentary arrives in France, could change perception of GMOs](#)





Food Tank was founded in 2012 by Danielle Nierenberg and Ellen Gustafso as a "think tank" on global sustainable food systems.

Food Tank partners with a wide range of stakeholders, which includes organic trade interests and anti-GMO/anti-pesticide advocacy groups.

Last week, Food Tank **promoted**

Hank Campbell: The Guardian lets famed scaremonger Erin Brockovich reel off "series of logical fallacies" about glyphosate



Katherine Baker: Sharing an underappreciated perspective about the role of GMOs in sustainably producing food



Truth in Advertising: Bumble Bee Foods, Non-GMO Project give mixed messages on labeling of tuna as non-GMO



Andre Heitz: Recently published items evidence of Nature journal's "slipping editorial standards and a descent into activism"



Amanda Zaluckyj: Environmental Working Group belongs on Santa's naughty list for claims about glyphosate contamination of food



Cameron English: Pediatrician explains similarities between anti-vaccine movement and biotechnology opposition





World Soil Day and highlighted the sentiment of the U.N. **sustainable development goals** that soil health is key to environmental and human health.

It also **amplified and applauded** anti-GMO campaign funder David Bronner, CEO of Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps, stressing the need to design agricultural production systems that go beyond organic to encompass labor and social values envisioned in regenerative practices.

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## What's Trending?

Nobel Prize winners in chemistry warn that unwarranted fear of GMOs limit scientists' ability to address food security needs

Belgium approves derogation to allow neonic usage on sugar beets, Austrian environment minister considering proposal

California judge considers excluding regulatory assessments from glyphosate cancer cases

French farmers union organizes response to government "agri-bashing" from glyphosate regulations, taxes

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December 12	December 12	
"Does our environment seriously affect health?" seminar hosted by France's Inserm	France's ANSES scientific conferences on bee health	Ar

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**Date:** Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:49:16 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

**New research** was published last week concluding that organic farming, due to its use of more land to produce the same amount of crops, is **worse for climate change** than conventional farming. The study received high-profile news coverage, including a piece highlighted below from Alexa Lardieri in *U.S. News & World Report*.

This week's newsletter also includes items taking a closer look at the Organic Consumers Association's stances on various issues and explaining that seed patents aren't just for GMOs. Also, David Zaruk provides some tips for getting through the holidays if contentious topics come up at your family gatherings.

Following this edition, Favorable Outcomes will take a brief break



for the holidays. Look for our next newsletter in early January. We hope you enjoy a festive holiday season and have a happy new year!

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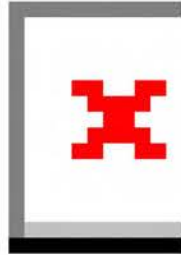
## Stories Worth Sharing

[Alexa Lardieri: Study finds "organic food is so much worse for the climate" than conventional agriculture](#)

[Hank Campbell: Organic Consumers Association not really pro-organic but "against any science a client will pay them to be against"](#)

[David Zaruk: How to make it through family gatherings with a zealot who relies on "alarmist fabrications"](#)

[Leia Flure: Money from seed patents gets reinvested in research and development of better plants](#)



Environmental Health Sciences was founded by "Our Stolen Future" co-author Pete Myers in 2002 to "increase public understanding of the scientific links between environmental factors and human health."

EHS publishes Environmental Health News and both operate under the NGO Virginia

Hembree Brandon: Research estimates massive drop in farm income, crop production if glyphosate is banned [x](#)

Drew Kershen: Deadly food poisoning incidents a cautionary tale about abandoning science and technology in farming [x](#)

Jerry Weinberger: "Deep ecology" doctrine evident in Non-GMO Project warnings on food that won't sicken or kill anyone [x](#)

Aishwarya Kumar: Biologist Nina Fedoroff says there's "no evidence" GM crops grown today are dangerous when consumed [x](#)

Vic Martin: With misleading labels like non-GMO salt, consumers must be "armed with facts and not swayed by fear or emotion" [x](#)

Podcast: Kevin Folta and Rob Saik discuss Erin Brockovich article "laced with scientific inaccuracies" about glyphosate [x](#)

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Organizing, which funds and houses the Science Communication Network.

Documents recently exposed via various Freedom of Information Act requests reveal the Science Communication Network helped coordinate attacks on glyphosate linked to claims from the International Agency for Research on Cancer and litigators that the herbicide causes cancer.

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Study in Nature concludes organic farming is worse for climate due to increased land usage to produce same amount of food

French agricultural research institute study debunks Seralini claims about negative impact on rats from GM corn

Austria latest European country to grant exemption allowing neonic usage on sugar beets in 2019



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December 18-20	December 19-21		
<b>!Que No Te Alteren Las Hormonas</b> EDC webinar series	<b>International Conference on</b> <b>Agriculture and Biotechnology</b>		<b>G</b>

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## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Happy new year!

As we start 2019, Favorable Outcomes highlights recent pieces from science communicators on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed GMO labeling standards, plus the agency's latest testing on pesticide residues in food. Other articles explore anti-GMO claims circulating in India and the repercussions of delaying GM canola approval in Australia.

If you haven't joined the Bonus Eventus network yet, make a resolution to get involved this year. If you are a member, we hope you'll become even more engaged in sharing positive news about food and agriculture.

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[Michelle Miller: 2019 could be the year fear-mongering food labels fade away](#) 

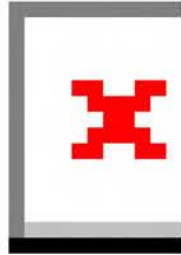
[Anastasia Bodnar: Instead of GMO labeling, make food companies spend on "real issues like food safety and nutrition"](#) 

[Greg Jaffe: USDA labeling guidelines should address "misleading" non-GMO claims](#) 

[Andrew Porterfield: European Union gives science short shrift with different treatment of glyphosate, copper sulfate](#) 

[Karen Briere: Study finds negative economic and environmental consequences from Australia delaying GM canola approval](#) 





Friends of the Earth, originally founded as an anti-nuclear power group in 1969, now enjoys status as one of the largest environmental and social cause activist groups in the world.

FOE campaigns on issues involving energy, food, economic justice, climate, human rights and chemicals. Most of its activity on

Jean-Paul Oury: Why is media's coverage of science so pessimistic? [x](#)

Chuck Dinerstein: USDA reports 99 percent of food samples within pesticide tolerances [x](#)

Devang Mehta: Swaminathan claims about GMOs "littered with scientific untruths" [x](#)

Gail Keck: On GMO issue, people seem "willing to publicly oppose something they clearly don't understand" [x](#)

John Tamny: Smirnoff vodka taken in by "fact-challenged" Non-GMO Project [x](#)

Know Ideas: Using Lego blocks to explain how non-browning apples work [x](#)

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## [x](#) What's Trending?

U.S. Department of Agriculture releases final rules for GMO labeling, including usage of "bioengineered" terminology

agriculture focuses on GMOs, pesticides, water and promotion of agroecology/organic alternatives.

FOE is a frequent collaborator and joint campaign coordinator with Greenpeace and other multinational environmental NGOs.

FOE recently published multiple pieces as part of a new "**Organic for All**" project that promotes consumption of organic food while alleging health and environmental harms from pesticides. The Center for Food Safety, Commonweal and

Argentina reportedly nearing decision on commercialization of genetically modified wheat

U.S. EPA gathering comments on Center for Food Safety petition for revised pesticide testing requirements

Environmental groups praise elimination of provisions from final U.S. Farm Bill now signed by Trump

Turkey announces plan to ban three neonic pesticides after campaign by Greenpeace

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January 7	January 8-12		
European Parliament agriculture and environment committees debate court ruling on new breeding techniques	American Beekeeping Federation annual conference		A

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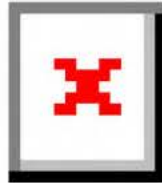
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**Bonus Eventus  
Favorable Outcomes Newsletter**

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights opportunities to engage.

Writing on Science 2.0, Hank Campbell lays out the opportunity to comment on the nomination of an official involved in the International Agency for Research on Cancer's monograph program to be on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals. In the Reason Foundation's magazine, Ronald Bailey argues that researchers should recognize the opportunity to increase the nutritional value of crops via biotechnology to help feed the world. And in Canada, Tom Button asks why farmers haven't engaged to dispute a "Glyphosate Residue Free" certification standard.

Other pieces examine "deliberately misleading" non-GMO marketing claims, problems with organic wine production and the debate over biotechnology in Nigeria.

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[Eric Bohl: Non-GMO Project certification akin to verifying products haven't harmed unicorns, don't contain Bigfoot DNA](#)



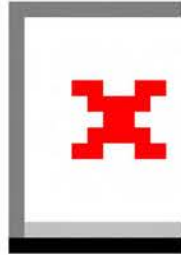
[Henry Miller: Russia's "information warfare" includes disparaging U.S. biotechnology](#)



[Zakariyya Adaramola: Nigeria biotechnology agency official says NGOs funding activists to make false claims about GMOs](#)







The Center for Biological Diversity is the wealthiest and most legally aggressive organization in America singularly focused on biodiversity battles.

The NGO routinely sues government agencies, most notably the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of the Interior. It has a variety of active

Ronald Bailey: Opposing "safe modern biotechnology will only exacerbate" food security challenges posed by climate change [x](#)

Thomas Pellechia: Use of copper sulfate in organic wine production could be harmful to soil [x](#)

Gretchen Mullen: Non-GMO Project feeds off consumers concerns based on "social media memes and myths" [x](#)

Tom Button: Why did Canadian farmers sit idly by and let "Glyphosate Residue Free" become certification standard [x](#)

David Zaruk: U.S. Right to Know, Corporate Europe Observatory and other "hypocrites for hire" won't police snake-oil supplements [x](#)


Barb Glen: Erin Brockovich representing well-financed law firm, not protecting the little guy, when attacking glyphosate [x](#)

Freedom of Information Act requests pending with EPA and is involved in ongoing pesticide and health litigation claims.

The center recently commented on EPA's draft health risk assessment for atrazine, seeking a ban on usage of the herbicide. It has also pushed for **reinstatement of a ban** on neonics and genetically modified crops in national wildlife refuges.

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Know Ideas: Accidental contamination with genetically modified wheat not possible 

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U.K. environment secretary endorses use of gene editing in British agriculture after Brexit

U.S. judge's ruling could limit plaintiffs' evidence for cases claiming Roundup causes cancer

French anti-pesticide campaign stages latest round of monthly protests

University of Illinois study demonstrates improved photosynthetic efficiency in GM tobacco

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January 7	January 8-12		
European Parliament agriculture and environment committees debate court ruling on new breeding techniques	American Beekeeping Federation annual conference		A

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**Date:** Mon, 14 Jan 2019 16:03:09 -0500

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Dear Julia,

Is a product labeled "natural" better than one that isn't? Do "organic" and "non-GMO" certifications really mean a product is healthier? And what are the impacts of these labeling claims. This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights a number of pieces exploring these issues, along with Alex Berezow's explanation of why these claims can be tempting.

Other articles include Jon Entine's explanation of the proposed bee risk guidance document in Europe, a report detailing Nobel laureate Richard Roberts' comments about GMOs in India and Henry Miller's critique of nominees to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency chemicals committee - including a key figure in the International Agency for Research on Cancer monograph program.

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**Stakeholder Spotlight: Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment**

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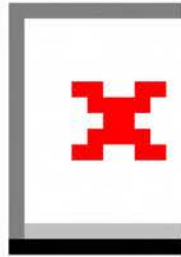
[Jon Entine: Approving bee risk guidance document could multiply billions of dollars of crop losses caused by European neonic ban](#)

[Kevin Mooney: Non-GMO Project runs an "extortion racket" that undermines ingenuity](#)

[Sir Richard Roberts: GMO opposition is a "western indulgence of the rich" that doesn't work for the poor and hungry](#)

[Henry Miller: Many nominees for EPA's Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals are "hired guns" for trial lawyers](#)

[Stephan Neidenbach: No, Organic Trade](#)



The Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE), is a public policy research and advocacy think tank based in Kampala, Uganda, that opposes GMOs and conventional agriculture while promoting agroecology and organic alternatives.

ACODE opposed

Association, those organic cinnamon rolls are not chemical-free ... or healthy

Alex Berezow: Falsified organic products show how it can be "tempting to purposefully mislabel a product if you can make extra money"

Ivo Vegter: Premise that "natural" label means a product is better - or even good - is wrong

Hank Campbell: Despite misleading non-GMO health claims, Drake's Organic Spirits are a class 1 carcinogen

Ronald Bailey: Gene-edited tomatoes offer chance to produce more capsaicins for pharmaceutical purposes and pest deterrence

MEP Jan Huitema: Pragmatic debate needed on new breeding techniques

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Uganda's 2012 biosafety bill and advocated for inclusion of a strict liability clause in the law recently signed by President Yoweri Museveni.

The *Daily Monitor* recently published an [op-ed](#) from ACODE research fellow Barbara Ntambirweki claiming the liability system is critical to protect small-scale farmers.

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Health Canada stands by 2017 assessment that glyphosate does not cause cancer, will not launch another review

Alliance of 31 agricultural organizations warn Zambia National Biosafety Authority they will fight introduction of GM crops

U.N. special rapporteur previews General Assembly report on toxic exposure to indigenous people

Media note citizens' interest in glyphosate urine testing in France

**Calendar highlights**

January 14-28	January 16-17	
Greenpeace France film festival	Sustainable Foods Summit featuring Organic Trade Association, Rodale Institute execs	Glo
January 18-27	January 18-19	
International Green Week	French endocrine disruptor congress featuring Barbara Demeneix	The po

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**Date:** Mon, 21 Jan 2019 16:04:28 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

Researchers from the United States and Canada published a **study** last week in *Nature Human Behavior* detailing their findings that "extreme opponents of genetically modified foods know the least but think they know the most." The findings prompted high-profile **news coverage** and response from science communicators.

In this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter, we highlight pieces from Steven Novella and Ronald Bailey explaining the difficulty scientists face in communicating the truth about GMOs to the public, particularly when faced with NGO misinformation campaigns.

We also feature commentary pieces on the glyphosate cancer



verdict and European regulation of biotechnology, plus a video examining claims that organic foods are superior.

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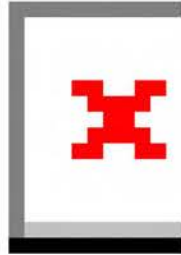
### Stories Worth Sharing

Steven Novella: "Deliberate propaganda campaign largely funded by the organic lobby" fuels lack of public knowledge about biotech 

Ronald Bailey: Study showing knowledge gap among GMO opponents difficult to overcome with NGOs "keeping their dupes ignorant" 

Myles Power: Greenpeace opposition to GMOs "full of hypocrisies and a deliberate miscommunication of the technology" 

Paul Driessen: Glyphosate cancer lawsuits rely on outlier IARC review that is "beneath



Tyrone Hayes is a University of California-Berkeley academic, litigation consultant to class-action lawyers and outspoken activist who has appeared in multiple documentary attacks on pesticides, specifically atrazine.

Hayes claims atrazine turns male frogs into females and causes fertility issues in men.

scientific norms"

Michelle Miller: "GMOs are no more dangerous or scary than anything else we've done to plants for thousands of years"



Joanna Dupont-Inglis: Europe "lagging behind" on breakthroughs in agricultural biotechnology

Amanda Zaluckyj: Glyphosate cancer verdict a reminder that activist groups are "rich, organized, and powerful"

Cameron English: Claims that German regulators plagiarized glyphosate review ignore safety findings from around the world



Jean-Paul Oury: French TV special on glyphosate shows truth and reason no longer matter

Munich-based educational video provider questions whether organic food is superior

Hayes has been criticized for his work, ethics and academic conduct by Science Magazine and various agriculture trade and science professional publications.

He is scheduled to be a keynote speaker at the 1st All-Africa Congress on Synthetic Pesticides in June in Nairobi, Kenya.

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Cornell Alliance for Science accepting applications for Global Leadership Fellows Program

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### What's Trending?

European Parliament adopts special pesticides committee's report recommending changes to oversight process

Critics argue Elise Lucet's "Envoye Special" report on glyphosate lacks scientific rigor, is filled with "journalistic dishonesty"

Health Canada upholds its assessment of glyphosate, decides objections "not scientifically supported"

Indian state of Kerala opens inquiry into deaths of two pesticide applicators

International Agency for Research on Cancer releases updated list of participants in its review panels



**Calendar highlights**

January 21-22	January 22		
European Parliament Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety meeting	How Can We Help Bees? An Evening with the University of Minnesota Bee Squad		The po
January 23-26	January 24-25		
EcoFarm Conference featuring U.S. Right to Know, Pesticide Research Institute officials	European Commission Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed meeting		Re f Sm

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**Date:** Mon, 28 Jan 2019 17:44:45 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This month, a commission endorsed by *The Lancet* released a report offering suggestions for a sustainable food production system. It coincided with similar agroecology- and regenerative agriculture-promoting policy statements from other groups. But was anything left out?

As Dennis Erpelding argues in an article highlighted in this week's newsletter, the commission failed to recognize "innovative products and practices with demonstrated benefits," such as biotechnology and agricultural chemicals. More broadly, Erpelding questions whether the commission's recommendations will really tackle hunger and malnutrition.

We also highlight the first two installments in the Genetic Literacy

Project's planned six-part series, "[Pesticides and food: It's not a black or white issue](#)." Additional pieces are planned this week about glyphosate and comparing the toxicity of organic and synthetic pesticides.

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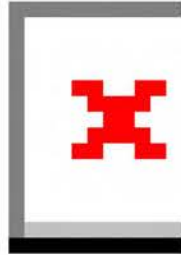
[Dennis Erpelding: Lancet commission report "appears to ensure sustainable hunger and malnutrition"](#) 

[Grant Jacobs: Strategies for dealing with people opposed to GM foods who "insist they already know everything they need to know"](#) 

[Marc Brazeau and Kayleen Schreiber: Many modern pesticide fears "not based on current scientific evidence"](#) 

[Kayleen Schreiber: Fewer "highly toxic" pesticides being used today, and at lower](#)





Leonardo Trasande is an activist, academic and physician who advocates a low-dose to no-dose screening and hazard-based evaluation approach for endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs).

He promotes organic foods to avoid pesticides and GMOs.

Trasande serves as

[application rates](#)

[Alex Berezow After endorsing vaccines, The New York Times should do same for GMOs and chemicals](#)

[Stuart Smyth: Production of small-scale GM crops such as pineapples, eggplant can still have "big benefits"](#)

[Hank Campbell: Australian article on atrazine should be teaching point for science journalists to be skeptical about chemical risk claims](#)

[Laura Rance: Agency tasked with protecting Canadians' health upholds decision on glyphosate safety](#)

[Henry Miller and Colin Carter: Stop ignoring "prodigious scientific, economic, and humanitarian contributions" of genetic engineering](#)

[Joseph Opoku Gakpo: Concerns about illegal GM food imports bring calls to speed](#)

an adviser to the anti-chemical industry, organic industry-funded Environmental Working Group on its "Healthy Child, Health World" advocacy campaign.

He is the author of multiple papers alleging low doses of chemicals, including pesticides, are linked to long-term and multi-generational health risks - claims he makes via aggressive publicity, including multiple appearances on "The Dr. Oz Show."

He currently is promoting his newly released anti-EDC book, "Sicker. Fatter. Poorer."

[up Ghana biosafety lab](#) 

[Rona Johnson: Milk mistakenly labeled as being from "vegetarian-fed chickens" brings laughs, but how many people believed it?](#)



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## What's Trending?

[Lancet commission report argues "global transformation" of food system is needed](#)

[Ellen MacArthur Foundation report claims pesticide usage contributes to unhealthy food system](#)

[Macron says France unlikely to uphold pledge to ban glyphosate by 2021](#)

[European Commission drafts less strict alternative to European Food Safety Authority bee risk guidance document](#)

[Survey by American Heart Association, International Food Information Council finds consumers confused by absence claims on food labels](#)

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January 29	January 29-30	
Public Policy Exchange hosts "Food Safety in the EU" symposium	Friends of the Earth hosts lectures by glyphosate lawsuit attorneys (Jan. 29 in Ottawa) (Jan. 30 in Toronto)	T

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**Date:** Mon, 04 Feb 2019 16:12:05 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

When Friends of the Earth accidentally rolled out draft language around its new report touting the benefits of an all-organic diet based on urine testing of four families, it didn't go unnoticed. This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights Alex Berezow's article describing the limitations and flawed methodology - along with the mistakes the NGO made in putting its incomplete research online.

This week's newsletter also includes Kayleen Schreiber's next two pieces from the Genetic Literacy Project six-part series, "**Pesticides and food: It's not a black or white issue.**" The final two installments will be published this week. And, legal expert Professor Drew Kershen joins former FDA official Dr. Henry Miller in an op-ed calling on the U.S. Congress to fix misleading

## GMO food labels

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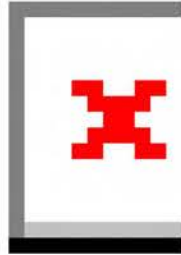
### Stories Worth Sharing

[Alex Berezow: Friends of the Earth "marketing stunt" promoting benefits of all-organic diet doesn't make sense](#)

[Henry Miller and Drew Kershen: Congress should pass law enabling states to override "bewildering" USDA rules for GMO labeling](#)

[Kayleen Schreiber: Banning glyphosate could lead to less sustainable farming practices](#)

[Kayleen Schreiber: Comparisons to organic rely on misleading, "hypothetical dangers" of synthetic pesticides](#)



The World Food Preservation Center (WFPC) is a U.S.-based for-profit consultancy organized to coordinate research and conferences on food production issues.

WFPC has announced it will host the first **All-Africa Congress on Synthetic Pesticides** to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, on June 18-20.

Paul Driessen: Thousands of glyphosate cancer lawsuits built on "scientific misconduct of one agency"

Hank Campbell: Religious people have less faith in "meaningless" organic food labels

Kendal Hirschi: Adam Smith would endorse "productive, efficient, and environmentally sound" GM foods

Jayson Lusk: Survey results show consumers perceive organic as natural, but not the pesticides used in organic agriculture

Michelle Miller: Five reasons why you should become an advocate for agriculture

Know Ideas: Already confused by Non-GMO Project claims, consumers shouldn't be asked to learn what "bioengineered" means

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Promotional materials include claims that GMOs and pesticides may cause cancer and other diseases.

Featured speakers include Gilles-Eric Seralini, Tyrone Hayes, Don Huber and representatives from the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements, Pesticide Action Network, Organic Consumers Association, and other well-known anti-science critics of conventional agriculture.

The WFPC event claims to be sponsored by European organic-promoting

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### What's Trending?

Bangladesh agriculture minister announces Golden Rice will be released soon in hopes of combating Vitamin A deficiency

Nigerian biosafety agency approves commercial release of pod borer-resistant Bt cowpea

German NGO seeking 1 million signatures in bid to launch "Save the Bees" referendum

U.S. judge rules plaintiffs can present evidence on Monsanto ghostwriting claims during glyphosate cancer trial

foundations and the Swiss foreign aid program.

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February 5	February 6		
Marion Nestle "Food Politics 2019" lecture at University of California-Berkeley	European Parliament members host "Towards a Global Pact for the Environment" panel discussion		Van lau
February 8	February 8		

<p>"CRISPR: Can You Eat That?" presentation in Germany</p>	<p>Tyrone Hayes participates in panel discussion at "Ground-Truthing Injustice" event</p>	<p>Uni dis</p>
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**Date:** Mon, 11 Feb 2019 18:01:13 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

As Ted Nordhaus and Emily Brush note in their [introduction](#) to the latest edition of the Breakthrough Institute's journal, agroecology has become the buzzword for Western NGOs attempting to advise African smallholder farmers. But that ignores the fact that many subsistence farmers already use those techniques -- out of necessity, not adherence to principles -- and need a better way to feed their families and make a living.

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights the same article Nordhaus and Brush were previewing -- Nassib Mugwanya's "After Agroecology."

We also include another item, this time from Hank Campbell of Science 2.0, that criticizes the methodology behind Friends of the

Earth's new report warning about pesticide residues in food. And we highlight the final two installments from the Genetic Literacy Project's six-part series on pesticides.

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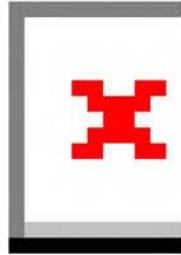
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[Nassib Mugwanya: Agroecology is "dead end for Africa," which already uses most of its principles](#)

[Hank Campbell: "Shoddy" Friends of the Earth report relies on pesticide testing by lab that manufactures results for Non-GMO Project](#)

[Paul Driessen: NRDC using "convenient revision of history" to blame endangered bee's demise on pesticides](#)

[Anastasia Bodnar: Award withdrawn for glyphosate researchers who "did not exemplify scientific responsibility"](#)



Michael Antoniou is an anti-GMO, anti-pesticide scientist affiliated with Gilles-Eric Séralini's CRIIGEN advocacy group.

He has been an academic reader affiliated with King's College London since 1994.

Antoniou is co-author with Maharishi Institute food purity and health invincibility

Amanda Zaluckyj: Michelob's organic Pure Gold is the Fyre Festival of beers -- a "shameless con"

Kayleen Schreiber: Tillage is one example of organic farming being less sustainable than conventional agriculture

Kayleen Schreiber: Conventional and organic produce contain low enough amounts of pesticides to be safe

Walter Suza: In many African countries, root cause for opposition to GMOs is lack of scientific awareness

Alex Berezow: By launching health shows with Gwyneth Paltrow, Netflix cementing spot as nexus for "crackpot, unscientific" shows

David Zaruk: Fallout from IARC glyphosate litigation consultants "hurts everyone carrying on the scientific tradition"



raja John Fagan and GMWatch activist Claire Robinson of a report "GMO Myths and Truths," published by the Maharishi vedic organic movement advocacy group Earth Open Source.

His research claims about organic benefits and risks of GMOs and pesticides has been funded by NGOs backed by the organic and natural products industries like the Sustainable Food Alliance, The Breast Cancer Campaign and the Sheepridge Trust.

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Emily Laurence: Ethos brand launches chocolates with fruits saved by genetic modification 

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## What's Trending?

Rapeseed destroyed in France and Germany after discovery of GMO contamination

Australia-based researchers grab headlines with claims that agricultural intensification, neonic usage are driving global insect decline

Quebec agriculture minister asks ombudsman to investigate his firing of official who leaked pesticide information

"Save the bees" referendum in Bavaria surpasses 900,000 supporters; 1 million required before Wednesday deadline

University of Queensland professor's book, "Good Enough to Eat" warns of misinformation and fake news about GMOs

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February 12	February 12		
Public hearing on "Saving New Hampshire's Pollinators Act"	Marion Nestle "Food Politics" presentation: "Nutrition Science Under Siege"		Va
February 13	February 13		
Tyrone Hayes lecture at University of Wisconsin-Parkside	Vandana Shiva lecture at Washington University in St. Louis		

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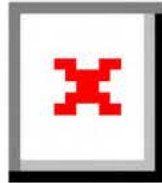
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**Date:** Mon, 18 Feb 2019 16:04:52 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

As Valentine's Day passed last week, the Ethos Chocolate brand attracted a series of articles reflecting the benefits of biotechnology - and enough interest to reportedly run out of free chocolate samples. The effort, put together by the "**A Fresh Look**" campaign, generated coverage from *Bloomberg*, *Adweek* and several industry trade publications -- as well as the commentary by John Tamny that is highlighted in this edition of Favorable Outcomes.

This week's newsletter also includes responses to the recent research **blaming agriculture** for putting insects at risk of extinction, Friends of the Earth's "**Organic for All**" food testing campaign and the proposed U.S. **Green New Deal** legislation that could broadly impact food production.

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**Stakeholder Spotlight:  
Philip Njemanze**

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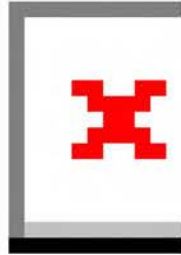
[Jenny Splitter: Friends of the Earth testing not a "meaningful comparison" since authors ignored organic pesticides](#)

[John Tamny: Pro-GMO chocolate brand refreshing change of pace compared to "truth-challenged organic industry"](#)

[Robert Walker: Latest Insectageddon claims "hugely hyped up research with click bait headlines" although insects will not vanish](#)

[Amanda Zaluckyj: Stop covering foods with "pointless marketing" labels that confuse customers](#)

[Geoffrey Kabat: Authors used "highly](#)



Philip Njemanze is a Nigerian conspiracy-theory activist, physician, self-described inventor and entrepreneur who also uses the title "prince."

He is active in various Catholic pro-life, anti-vaccine and anti-gay marriage campaigns in Nigeria which he ties to anti-GMO activities via claims allowing plant biotechnology and

questionable number" in meta-analysis claiming glyphosate could be linked to higher cancer rate [x](#)

David Zaruk: European Union "not at all interested" in developing agricultural technologies and innovations [x](#)

Hank Campbell: Friends of the Earth urine testing for pesticides is "junk science" using biased lab and samples sent in the mail [x](#)

Paul Driessen: Green New Deal's inclusion of "healthy organic food" has no foundation in science [x](#)

Alex Berezow: Organic Consumers Association serves as "useful idiots" for Russians spreading anti-GMO and anti-vaccine propaganda [x](#)

Amanda Capritto: Breaking down the studies behind "misconceptions" that GMOs are not safe [x](#)

G-TwYST consortium: "No adverse effects"



bio-safety regulations somehow facilitates international human egg/embryo and organ trafficking via biological colonialism.

Most recently, Njemanze wrote a [commentary](#) in *The Herald* claiming that the Gates Foundation and "biotechnology companies are the main foreign sponsors of Boko Haram."

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from feeding GM maize to rats with or without Roundup [x](#)

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## [x](#) What's Trending?

"Green New Deal" legislation likely to get vote in U.S. Senate

Meta-analysis University of Washington, other U.S. researchers claims glyphosate exposure increases cancer risk

Argentina trade deal with Brazil reportedly clears way for approval of GM wheat commercialization

U.S. activists object to government's use of emergency exemptions to allow for use of pesticides, including sulfoxaflor and clothianidin

Kerala government allocates additional funding for endosulfan victims

## Calendar highlights

February 19	February 20	
Marion Nestle "Food Politics" presentation: "An Agenda for the Food Movement"	Genome British Columbia hosts "Are the Bees Really Dying?" lecture	EFS
February 21-22	February 22-26	
USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum	Moms Across America hosts "day of action" events at Kroger stores to demand phase-out of foods grown with pesticides	G

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**Date:** Mon, 25 Feb 2019 17:11:48 -0500

## Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Julia,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter features a Genetic Literacy Project piece from Marc Brazeau that explains why people should use a critical eye when reviewing the research of Gilles-Eric Seralini. Several other articles provide reasons a similar approach should be used for other recent claims:

- Pieces from *The Atlantic* and *The Western Producer* take a closer look at the analysis claiming agriculture is putting many insect species at risk of extinction;
- Gary Truitt of *Hoosier Ag Today* reviews the claims activists are using to demand Kroger stop selling foods grown with synthetic pesticides and replace them with organic alternatives; and
- Kelly Visser of the Iowa Food & Family Project reveals survey results about consumer confusion brought on by



non-GMO product labels.

Other pieces examine the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's lax oversight of the laws governing non-GMO product labels and recap U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue's comments blasting what he called "fear your food" campaigns.

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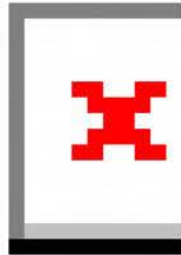
## Stories Worth Sharing

[Gary Truitt: Kroger protests driven by "science fiction" claims that organic foods are safer and more nutritious](#) 

[Kevin Mooney: U.S. FDA "falling down on the job" by not enforcing laws on non-GMO labeling](#) 

[Ed Yong: Entomologists don't see new claims about insect extinction as plausible due to "mountains of unknown facts"](#) 

[Chuck Abbott: U.S. agriculture secretary](#)



Zen Honeycutt, the founder of the U.S.-based NGO **Moms Across America**, lobbies with fellow activists Jeffrey Smith, Elena Sharoykina and Pamm Larry against GMOs, vaccines and pesticides around the globe.

Honeycutt is a co-litigant with the Organic Consumers Association suing General Mills and

defends biotechnology, crop protection tools against misinformation, "fear your food" campaigns [x](#)

Brian Macleod: Response to insect decline claims "will require more profound thinking than blame," rush to promote organics [x](#)

Marc Brazeau: Tips for turning a more critical eye toward Séralini and his co-authors [x](#)

Anastasia Bodnar: Submit comments in support of trials for GM wheat with high iron [x](#)

Kayleen Schreiber: Infographic aims to help consumers understand process of genetically modifying crops [x](#)

Kelly Visser: Eight in 10 lowans find food labels, including non-GMO claims, to be misleading [x](#)

Podcast: Cancer epidemiologist debunks "fatally flawed" study linking glyphosate to

alleging products with the word "nature" in them are misleading due to pesticide residues and GMOs.

This week, Moms Across America is one of several groups -- along with Friends of the Earth and Beyond Pesticides -- that are encouraging U.S. consumers to [protest at Kroger stores](#) and ask company leaders to phase pesticides out of food production practices.

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[U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization report warns significant decline in biodiversity could devastate agriculture systems](#)

[French National Assembly rejects proposal to include glyphosate ban in agriculture legislation](#)

[Friends of the Earth, Moms Across America urge supporters to put pressure on Kroger to "get toxic pesticides out of your food"](#)

[Trial set to begin on second California lawsuit claiming Roundup caused plaintiff's cancer](#)



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February 26	February 26-27		
Microbiome AgBioTech Summit	California Certified Organic Farmers annual meeting		
February 27-28	February 27		
Plenary meeting of European Food Safety Authority GMO Panel	Uganda biosafety forum		Tyre A

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