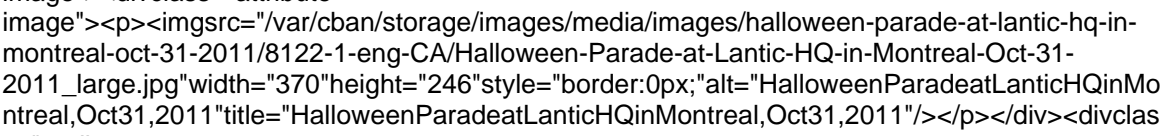


Sugar beet

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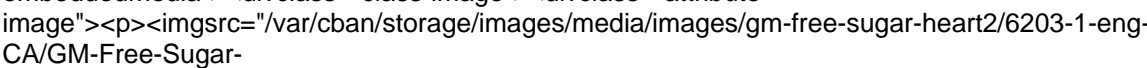
A photograph showing a Halloween parade at Lantic HQ in Montreal on October 31, 2011. The image is partially obscured by a large, semi-transparent watermark that reads "Don't buy Rogers Sugar and Lantic brands sugar products".

Halloween Parade at Lantic Sugar in Montreal! October 31, 2011. No GM sugar! Lantic Inc. (now owns Rogers Sugar) is the only company in Canada that processes sugar beet. GM sugar beets were first planted in Alberta in 2009 by farmer on contract to Lantic. Take action: <http://www.lantic.ca/contact.php?lg=en> http://www.seeds-of-deception.com/includes/services/nongm_sugar_beet_registry_display.cfm

No GM Beet Sugar Registry here! Contact your local bakery and chocolate company and ask them to stop buying Lantic sugar.

Don't buy Rogers Sugar and Lantic brands sugar products.

Instead you can buy:

A logo for GM Free Sugar Heart, featuring a heart shape with the text "GM Free Sugar Heart" inside.

Organic Sugar from other companies (Lantic has its own brand of organic sugar) Cane Sugar and products with cane sugar ingredients (cane sugar has not yet been genetically modified)

Redpath Sugar (all products use only cane sugar) Others sweeteners like: Honey, Maple Syrup, Molasses This sugar beet is genetically engineered to be resistant to Monsanto's herbicide Roundup and is currently applied to sugar beet used for processing into sugar as opposed to red table beets. GM sugar beets are wind-pollinated, and there is a strong possibility that pollen from GM sugar beets could contaminate non-

GM sugar beets as well as chard, and red and yellow beets (or table beets?). [Read the concerns in CBAN's letter to Lantic Inc.](#) **December 1, 2010, CBAN letter to Lantic sugar company:** [Request for Lantic to phase out GE sugar following US court-ordered destruction of Monsanto's genetically engineered sugar beets](#)

November 30, 2010: [Federal Court Orders First-Ever Destruction of a GMO Crop, Orders Removal of Genetically Engineered Sugar Beet Seed Crop](#)

August 13, 2010: [Federal Court Rescinds USDA Approval of Genetically Engineered Sugar Beets](#)

Press Release April 15, 2009: [Canadian Sugar Company Chooses Genetically Modified Sugar Beet](#)

Canadian Sugar Company Chooses Genetically Modified Sugar Beet: Lantic Inc. chooses Monsanto's GM sugar despite consumer concerns

Monsanto's Global Plans for Sugar

"The success of the RR [Monsanto's GE] sugar beet launch has positive implications for sugarcane, (80% of global sugar production is from cane) for which several biotech traits are at an advanced stage of development in several countries."

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