

Wheat

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<divclass="object-right"><divclass="content-view-embeddedmedia"><divclass="class-image"><divclass="attribute-image"><p><a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Wheat/Join-the-Global-Rejection-of-GE-

Wheat" target="_self"></p></div></div></div></div></h2><p>**February 9, 2010:**

<p>GM Wheat Rejected by 233 Farmer and Consumer Groups from 26 Countries.</p><a href="/Press/Press-Releases/GM-Wheat-rejected-by-233-Consumer-Farmer-Groups-in-26-

Countries" target="_self">Press Release<a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Wheat/Global-Rejection-Signatories-Feb-9-

2010" target="_self">List of Signatories<p>**1. Groups in Canada and around the world:**

<a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Wheat/Join-the-Global-Rejection-

of-GE-Wheat" target="_self">Sign the global rejection of GM wheat here.</p><p>**2. Individuals in Canada:**

<a href="http://www.cban.ca/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-

Market/Wheat/Stop-Genetically-Engineered-

Wheat" target="_self">Send an instant email to the Minister of Agriculture today! (You will receive an e-mail copy of the letter you send-

send it to your Member of Parliament. You can search for your MP here using your postal code.)</p><p>**Background:** In 2009, Monsanto launched new GM wheat research and bought Westbred, a Montana company specializing in wheat germplasm. Monsanto's announcement followed a May 2009 statement from industry groups in Australia, Canada and the US stating that they would work together to synchronize commercialization in the three countries. This industry statement was quickly countered by farmer and consumer groups in Australia, Canada and the US - they launched the <a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-

Market/Wheat/Definitive-Global-Rejection-of-Genetically-Engineered-

Wheat" target="_self">Definitive Global Rejection of Genetically Engineered Wheat:<a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Wheat/Definitive-Global-Rejection-of-Genetically-Engineered-

Wheat" target="_self">Read the statement.

(or download <a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Wheat/Definitive-Global-Rejection-of-GE-

Wheat" target="_self">the pdf.)</p><p><aname="eztoc3195_1_1" id="eztoc3195_1_1"><h3>Summary Statement:</h3><p>**In light of our existing experience with genetic engineering, and recognizing the global consumer rejection of genetically engineered wheat, we restate our definitive opposition to GE wheat and our commitment to stopping the commercialization of GE traits in our wheat crops.**

</p><p>Organizations across the world are invited to <a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Wheat/Join-the-Global-Rejection-of-GE-

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