

Alfalfa

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asenttheircommentstotheUSDepartmentofAgricultureinresponsetotheirDraftEnvironmentalImpactStatementonalfalfa. Thesearegreatreports ontheimpactsofGMalfalfaandtheexperienceofGMcontaminationinCanada. **Readthecommentsfrom:**

- [TheNationalFarmersUnion](/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Alfalfa/National-Farmers-Union-response-to-USDA-on-alfalfa)
- [BeyondFactoryFarming](/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Alfalfa/Beyond-Factory-Farming-Submission-to-USDA-re-GE-Alfalfa)
- [TheSaskatchewanOrganicDirectorate, OrganicAgricultureProtectionFund](/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Alfalfa/Submission-to-USDA-from-SOD)
- [NationalOrganicCoalition](/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Alfalfa/National-Organic-Coalition-Submission-on-Alfalfa) (U.S. withCanadiansignatories).

[History](#)



BeforetheFederalectioninCanada, May2011: Conservativespurposefullydelayedavote(twice) on [amotionforamoratorium](/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Alfalfa/Liberal-Motion-for-a-Moratorium-on-GM-Alfalfa) onGMalfalfa attheAgricultureCommitteemeeting! TheLiberals, NDPandBlocmembersallsupportedthemoratoriumsoiftheConservativeshadallowedthevote, themotionwouldhavebeenapprovedandthemotionwouldhavepassedtotheHouseofCommonsforavote. ThemotionwasproposedbytheLiberalmembersoftheHouseofCommonsAgricultureCommitteeafterhugepublicpressuretосupportBillC-474whichwouldhaverequiredanassessmentofexportmarketharmbeforeanynewGMseedwaspermitted.

In2007ajudgeruledthattheUSDepartmentofAgriculture's(USDA)approvalofGMalfalfawasillegalandorderedtheDepartmenttoconductanenvironmentalriskassessmenttolookintofarmerconcernsaboutcontamination. **InDecember2009, theUSDAreleaseditsdraftEnvironmentalImpactStatement(EIS)forcomment** (thisisthefirsttimeithasconductedthistypeofanalysisforanyGMcrop).

http://www.youtube.com/v/L-3_wa_bgOI

CalltoJointheCampaign

Thecommercializationofgeneticallymodifiedalfalfa--GMalfalfa--plannedbyMonsantoandForageGeneticsInternational, wouldhaveasevere, negativeimpactonCanadianagriculture, markets, andourenvironment. Aunitedeffortbyagricultureproducergroups, consumerandenvironmentalorganizations, aswellasconcernedindividuals, willpreventthisfromhappening. AsimilarcampaignstoppedGMwheatin2004.

ThisisyourinvitationtojointogetherthetopthebrakesonGMalfalfa.

Weinviteallorganizations, producerassociations, companiesandcommunitygroupstoendorsethe"NotoGMalfalfa"campaignbysigningontothefollowingstatement(Yourgroup'snamewillbeusedinalistofgroupsthatstateoppositiontoGMalfalfa):

- Weopposethesale, tradeandproductionofGMOalfalfainCanada.**
- WeasktheCanadianFoodInspectionAgency(CFIA)to reassessitsapprovalforenvironmentalreleaseofGMOalfalfa.**
- Wewantthepublictounderstandthehazards, costsandmarketlosses thatwouldresultifGMOalfalfawerereleasedintoourenvironment.**

[Signthestatementthere!](/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Alfalfa/Sign-on-to-the-Statement-Against-GM-Alfalfa) oremail coordinator@cban.ca formoreinfo.

[Seethelistofgroupsthathaveendorsedthecampaign.](/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Alfalfa/Signatories-to-Not-to-GMO-Alfalfa)

TheSaskatchewanOrganicDirectorate(SOD) isaMemberofCBAN. SODistheumbrellagroupfortheorganicsectorinSaskatchewan. In2001the [OrganicAgricultureProtectionFundCommittee](http://www.saskorganic.com/oapf) wasestablishedbySODinordertoprotectorganicfarmsandfoodfromcontaminationbyGMOs. TheOAPFCommitteeprovidedsupporttothelegalactionagainstMonsantoandBayertobringaboutaninjunctiontostopthecommercializationofGMOwheat, andtomakethebiotechcom

panies liable for losses to organic farmers due to contamination of certified organic crops and fields by GMO crops. In 2004 Monsanto withdrew its application to have GMO wheat approved in Canada.

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