

# GE Alfalfa

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Carroll <m@tthew.org.uk> <p>The Canadian Government has approved Monsanto's herbicide resistant (Roundup Ready) Alfalfa for human consumption and environmental release but Monsanto has not yet applied for variety registration. This step is needed before the crop can be commercially grown in Canada. </p><p><a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Alfalfa" target="\_self">Click here to see information on the current campaign and action you can take.</a></p><p><b>Is Monsanto waiting for the rules to change?</b> The Canadian Food Inspection Agency recently held consultations on proposed changes to seed regulations including the variety registration process. CBAN produced a <a href="/Resources/Topics/Regulation/Guide-for-Public-Participation-Seed-Modernization-proposals" target="\_self">guide to these consultations</a> and objected to the changes because we see that they would allow GE crop varieties to be approved quickly and without the safeguards for farmers established through the variety registration process. The CFIA calls this <a href="/Resources/Topics/Regulation" target="\_self">seed modernization</a>.</p><p>The introduction of GE Alfalfa is of great concern to organic farmers who grow this crop as part of their rotation, and to dairy farmers who feed alfalfa to their cows. </p><p>Click here to read the <a href="http://www.cban.ca/Priorities/GE-Alfalfa/Position-Paper-on-the-Introduction-of-Genetically-Modified-Alfalfa" target="\_self">position paper on GE Alfalfa</a> of CBAN Member the <a href="http://www.saskorganic.com/oapf" target="\_self">Saskatchewan Organic Directorate</a>.</p>