

IMPORTANT QUOTES
THIRD PARTY ENDORSEMENTS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

“To date, no adverse health effects attributed to genetic engineering have been documented in the human population.”

U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Safety of Genetically Engineered Foods: Approaches to Assessing Unintended Health Effects (2004)

“The American Medical Association recognizes the many potential benefits offered by genetically modified crops and foods, does not support a moratorium on planting genetically-modified crops and encourages ongoing research developments in food biotechnology.”

American Medical Association, Council on Scientific Affairs (2000)

“Biotechnology can overcome production constraints that are more difficult or intractable with conventional breeding. It can speed up conventional breeding programmes and provide farmers with disease-free planting materials. It can create crops that resist pests and diseases, replacing toxic chemicals that harm the environment and human health, and it can provide diagnostic tools and vaccines that help control devastating animal diseases. It can improve the nutritional quality of staple foods such as rice and cassava and create new products for health and industrial uses.”

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Agricultural Biotechnology: Meeting the Needs of the Poor? (2004)

“Current internationally agreed approaches to the safety assessment of GM food crops offer a high level of safety assurance for the consumer.”

ENTRANSFOOD (European Network Safety Assessment of Genetically Modified Crops), Main Conclusions & Recommendations (2003)

“Foods can be produced through the use of GM technology that are more nutritious, stable in storage, and in principle health promoting—bringing benefits to consumers in both industrialized and developing nations.”

National Academy of Sciences, Transgenic Plants and World Agriculture (2000)

“The campaign of fear now being waged against genetic modification is based largely on fantasy and a complete lack of respect for science and logic.”

Dr. Patrick Moore, co-founder of Greenpeace

“These initiatives narrowly and selfishly serve the purposes of the anti-biotech community by attempting to prohibit the cultivation of biotech crops that have been proven to be beneficial to agriculture in general, and farmers and the environment in particular.”

The California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology, 2004