

Over the past decade, repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost U.S. farmers billions of dollars. Oregon farmers grow many high-value or specialty crops that are at significant risk of contamination by GMO crops. Creeping Bentgrass, a GMO grass, continues to spread in Malheur and Jefferson counties.

I understand that the GMO wheat that was tested in Eastern Oregon has failed to respond to industries efforts to eradicate it and whatever will happen is being left to Oregonians. That's a demonstration of how bad it can get to allow GMO into the wild. It's so very possible that Oregon will lose the ability to export wheat to Japan and other countries as GMO contamination becomes impossible to avoid.

Please help find ways to eliminate or carefully isolate GMO productions, and to avoid their use where it is accompanied by overdosing on insect and weed killers.

Thanks,

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