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representing Canada's plant science industry

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**Re: Frankenfood scary, Packet and Times, Feb. 5, 2011**

I can't help but respond to a recent letter in the Packet & Times that presented wildly inaccurate information about genetically modified foods.

Genetically modified crops – which have been thoroughly tested over the course of the last two decades – are subject to Canada's strict regulatory standards to ensure that Canadians have access to one of the safest food supplies in the world.

In addition, regulatory agencies around the world, including the World Health Organization, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, have endorsed GM foods.

Farmers who choose to use GM crops do so for the tremendous benefits they deliver, such as increased yields and environmentally sustainable production methods. With the global demand for food expected to double by 2050 GM crops will play an important role in feeding the world's growing population.


The fact of the matter is Health Canada has declared that GM foods are equally as safe as traditional foods and Canadians should feel confident to choose these foods that contain genetically modified ingredients.

Canada's plant science industry welcomes questions about our products and looks forward to future opportunities to set the record straight about the safety of our products and our industry's commitment to people, public health and the environment.


Sincerely,


Lorne Hepworth  
President, CropLife Canada - *representing the plant science industry*


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