

Arguments made at Ag Biotech Conference, Fargo, September 21 and 22 2005

Education is winning out and more acceptance is coming. Evidence: Netherlands' minister of something said something promising recently.

People will embrace this new wheat (GM wheat) and they need to have the chance to make that decision. Question: do you support labeling then? Hem, maybe, but we might have to label other things. From audience—why all this concern with labeling? Don't we have government agencies to guarantee that the food is safe?

I know what GM technology has done for my beans and corn, and I want the same for my wheat.

RR wheat is said to be more resistant to smut and fusarium vomatoxin. Reply from wheat breeder—no connection, whoever told you misled you. Smut reduces what we can get—penalty—lost money.

So the political climate and resistance blocked this new technology? The “nuts” are to blame for blocking the release of GM wheat.

From Monsanto: the farm community must be united in order for us to invest in these technologies.

Monsanto, Sygenta, DuPont: We have been working on “input” traits for producers. Future work will develop “output” traits for consumers.

Farmer: we are losing money on every acre of wheat; imports can be brought in more cheaply; if we don't get GM wheat to balance our costs, we will quit growing it.

The truths about biotech: safe, benefits environment, consumers are getting comfortable with; adoption rates will skyrocket.

American Bakers Association say they haven't heard any thing that makes them think consumers will be resistant.