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 **The market understands that our food is personal**

*By Paul Overby*

*Published on 01/11/2005*

*Word Count: 615*

I'd like to ask the members of Growers for Wheat Biotech a question. If your favorite manufacturer started selling pickups in only one color -- pink polka dot --would you buy one?

What if that manufacturer told you that they, and the compa...

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 **Chemical firms now own seed**

*By Todd Leake*

*Published on 12/24/2004*

*Word Count: 635*

I'd like to respond to the Associated Press article in Thursday Dec. 9 Forum "Biotech crops popular abroad." The article refers to a study from the University of Minnesota's Center for Food and Agricultural Policy. The report, ...

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 **Older elevators still serve Minnesota towns**

*By Bill McAuliffe Star Tribune of Minneapolis*

*Published on 11/13/2004*

*Word Count: 633*

GLENCOE, Minn. -- Elevenyear-old Nick Pagel has been hanging around the family grain elevator after school these days, watching the trucks and wagons unload their

soybeans, getting to know the local farmers and generally absorbing how dad and gran...

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### **A new face for state ag department**

*Published on 10/22/2004*

*Word Count: 276*

North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture Roger Johnson has done a good job in his two terms, but the changing face of agriculture requires new approaches. Republican candidate Doug Goehring, a Menoken farmer/rancher, is living the realities of rap...

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### **Three squawks against biotech wheat are bogus**

*By Doyle Lentz*

*Published on 08/29/2004*

*Word Count: 957*

While Monsanto pulled the plug on its Roundup-ready wheat program a few months ago -- and in fact discontinued its research and development on biotech wheat altogether -- some public and private biotech wheat R & D continues, and most in the w...

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### **Biotech firm gets research funding**

*By Craig McEwen [cmcewen@forumcomm.com](mailto:cmcewen@forumcomm.com)*

*Published on 08/28/2004*

*Word Count: 455*

Fargo biotechnology firm Aldevron has received \$2.45 million from the Department of Defense to conduct vaccine research to fight HIV and bio-terror agents.

The one-year funding package will allow Aldevron to expand and apply its rapid vaccine-t...

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 **Most in dark about modified foods**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 07/25/2004

Word Count: 743

Even with genetically modified corn, soybeans and canola growing all around them, most North Dakotans know very little about the high-tech foods.

That's one of several findings in a report that delves into the state's attitudes toward...

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 **Don't place faith and trust in USDA**

Dorothy Orts Oriska, N.D.

Published on 06/20/2004

Word Count: 163

If the North Dakota Farm Bureau's Eric Aasmundstad and his biotech buddies are placing their "faith and trust in the scientific credibility" of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, they need to look at the bovine spongiform encephalo...

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 **Biotechnology on cusp of agricultural progress**

By Terry Wanzek

Published on 05/26/2004

Word Count: 792

Anti-biotech activists declared victory when Monsanto announced that it was shelving plans to press ahead with a form of wheat that has been genetically modified to resist herbicide. There was a long round of congratulatory patter about saving...

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### **GM wheat research important**

*Published on 05/23/2004*

*Word Count: 419*

Opinions about the efficacy and safety of genetically modified wheat are as diverse as weeds in a North Dakota road ditch. Some see GM crops as the next wave of scientific progress in production agriculture. Others describe GM plants and animals a...

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### **Wheat farmers miffed by Monsanto decision**

*Published on 05/13/2004*

*Word Count: 154*

Minnesotans in the agriculture industry had mixed reactions to the news that Monsanto is shelving plans for genetically modified wheat that would have been grown mostly in the Upper Midwest.

Dave Torgerson, president of the Minnesota Associatio...

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### **Biotech wheat on hold**

*By Patrick Springer pspringer@forumcomm.com*

*Published on 05/11/2004*

*Word Count: 865*

Monsanto Co.'s decision to withdraw its genetically engineered wheat hands opponents of transgenic foods a victory.

Reaction among many North Dakota farmers, how ever, was a mixture of relief and disappointment involving a crop with a v...

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### **Push to ban biotech wheat in N.D. begins**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 05/02/2004

Word Count: 769

Church pastor Karl Limvere will this week begin a statewide crusade to save North Dakota's wheat industry.

Limvere, pastor of Medina's Zion United Church of Christ, and 26 other members of a group called the Go Slow with GMO Committe...

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### **Biotech initiative ready for circulation**

Published on 04/16/2004

Word Count: 107

BISMARCK -- A ballot measure that would restrict biotech wheat plantings in North Dakota is ready for circulation, Secretary of State Al Jaeger said.

Supporters of the initiative must gather petition signatures from at least 12,844 North Dakota...

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### **More GMO plantings expected**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 04/01/2004

Word Count: 466

Farmers in North Dakota and Minnesota will plant more genetically modified crops this spring than ever before, a government report says.

Gene-altered soybean varieties are expected to make up about 83 percent of Minnesota's crop and 81 per...

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### **Biotech corn**

*Published on 03/12/2004*

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NAFTA panel worries U.S. biotech corn could contaminate native varieties in Mexico C1...

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### **Aldevron acquires biotech company**

*By Helmut Schmidt [hschmidt@forumcomm.com](mailto:hschmidt@forumcomm.com)*

*Published on 03/12/2004*

*Word Count: 292*

Aldevron, a Fargo-based biotechnology company that produces plasmid DNA and vaccines for clinical and research use, has acquired Genovac, a Freiburg, Germany-based biotech firm.

The terms of the agreement weren't released Thursday.

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### **Biotech wheat release debated**

*By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)*

*Published on 03/02/2004*

*Word Count: 496*

JAMESTOWN, N.D. -- Mike Brandenburg braved icy roads Monday to weigh in on one of the state's most controversial farm issues: the pending release of genetically modified wheat.

Renewed efforts to squash the commercial release of genetically...

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 **Members of NDSU biotech crops panel resign**

*Published on 02/09/2004*

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MANDAN, N.D. -- Several members of a group studying farming policies related to biotech crops resigned from the panel after branding the process a failure.

The resignations Saturday were in protest of the group's proposed management practi...

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 **'Natural' foods will cost more**

*By Blake Hurst*

*Published on 01/05/2004*

*Word Count: 693*

Farmers aren't stupid. We don't make choices because of glossy ads in farm magazines, or in response to a mindless search for the latest, glitziest technology.

In fact, we're the original conservatives, extremely slow to adopt ne...

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 **Biotech partnership could benefit Moorhead**

*By Mike Nowatzki [mnowatzki@forumcomm.com](mailto:mnowatzki@forumcomm.com)*

*Published on 11/08/2003*  
*Word Count: 458*

A partnership between Minnesota's top two medical research groups could benefit Moorhead and other outlying communities, say officials involved in the project.

Representatives from the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic in Rochester g...

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 **USDA strengthens oversight of biotech crops**

*By Jeff Zent jzent@forumcomm.com*

*Published on 11/06/2003*

*Word Count: 365*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is beefing up its regulatory enforcement over testing of genetically modified crops.

The department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is forming a compliance unit that will more closely regulat...

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 **Genetic wheat market big risk**

*By Jeff Zent jzent@forumcomm.com*

*Published on 10/31/2003*

*Word Count: 538*

U.S. farmers would out-smart themselves by growing hightech wheat, a new study reports.

If U.S. farmers grow genetically modified spring wheat within six years, they'll risk losing 30 percent to 50 percent of their foreign customers, says ...

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## **Profound religious issues part of GMO crop debate**

By Christopher Dodson Bismarck

Published on 10/16/2003

Word Count: 325

In his commentary of Oct. 6, Terry Wanzek states that the controversy surrounding genetically modified crops "certainly isn't religious." The statement is surprising since, as the chairman of the 2001-2002 legislative interim commit...

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## **Biotechnology delivers for farmers, consumers**

By Terry Wanzek

Published on 10/06/2003

Word Count: 592

It looks like North Dakota won't impose a ban on biotech wheat anytime soon -- and that's welcome news.

In back-to-back legislative sessions, the opponents of biotechnology have tried to enact a "moratorium" on genetically modified wh...

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## **Tech exec goes bust**

By Mike Nowatzki [mnowatzki@forumcomm.com](mailto:mnowatzki@forumcomm.com)

Published on 10/04/2003

Word Count: 2035

In 2000, at the height of the nation's dot-com boom, a young software executive named Michael Volk set out to build a \$1.3 million home on a double lot overlooking a south Fargo golf course.

Volk's good fortune was tied to the fate of...

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 **N.D. production agriculture about holding our markets**

By Wayne F. Fisher

Published on 09/25/2003

Word Count: 395

As a no-till farmer of Hard Red Spring wheat I'm responding to The Forum's Aug. 13 editorial titled "Emotions skew GMO discussion." The article stated "Production agricultural is about production." Isn't production agricultural real...

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 **Anishinaabeg not alone in concern about GMOs**

By Winona LaDuke

Published on 09/20/2003

Word Count: 1110

Say you are an Ojibwe farmer who has somehow saved seeds of corn, which are thousands of years old. That corn is part of your culture and your spirituality. That corn also contains some of the best medicine to heal your community's health -- ...

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 **The Forum produced puff piece on GMOs**

Richard Strom Fargo

Published on 08/28/2003

Word Count: 407

How convenient it must be for The Forum and its reporter, Jeff Zent, to have puff-piece articles provided for them by the friendly, deep-pocketed bio-tech lobbyists in Washington and their even chummier chums at good old Monsanto. I'm referri...

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 **GMO crop opponents act like snake oil salesmen**

By Lyle Best

Published on 08/19/2003

Word Count: 746

I am a practicing family physician and also have considerable additional training and experience in the field of genetics. The most recent claims that genetically modified organisms pose a serious threat to our food supply are promoted by many of t...

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### **Dems, GOP divided over biotech issues**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 08/13/2003

Word Count: 1437

It was the biggest upset and most hotly contested race in the 2002 North Dakota Senate campaign.

April Fairfield, an energetic, card-carrying member of the Democrat Party and North Dakota Farmers Union, fought hard to take the District 29 Senat...

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### **Seeds for the future**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 08/12/2003

Word Count: 1291

Lynn Dahleen's work in the smallest of places, the gene structure of plants, could pay off in a big way.

For four years, she has toiled in her Fargo laboratory, inserting foreign genes into barley.

Using genes plucked from fungus and ye...

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### **Researchers guard against protesters**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 08/12/2003

Word Count: 539

Even in farm country, where most of the benefits from modified gene technology can be found, scientists are wary of extremists who oppose their work.

"The inherent power in genetic modification is the ability to move a gene, regardless where it...

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### **Saying no to GMO**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com) Rennes, France

Published on 08/11/2003

Word Count: 1238

Severina Moulin strolls through her local grocery store with a box of chocolate cakes in her hand basket.

The 29-year-old office worker in this city in northwestern France isn't overly health conscious, but she draws the line at geneticall...

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### **European farmers leery of new crops**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 08/11/2003

Word Count: 754

BUTOW, Germany -- Karl Heinrich Niehoff is a much more efficient farmer than the communists who once worked his land in the rugged countryside north of Berlin.

Before the Berlin Wall fell, the communists paid 140 people to work the 3,000-acre f...

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### **Benefits vs. backlash**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 08/10/2003

Word Count: 1647

For years, farmer Matt Mechtel listened as his neighbors in Page, N.D., talked about their success growing high-tech, lowmaintenance crops.

In farmyards and coffee shops, they told him how the crops sometimes yield more bushels per acre and hel...

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### **Tasting the benefits of modified crops**

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com)

Published on 08/10/2003

Word Count: 1281

Twenty years ago, scientists only theorized they could modify the genetic makeup of living organisms.

Biotechnology's possible applications were even more abstract.

But what was science fiction a few decades ago is reality today.

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### **New European rules on biotech foods**

Published on 07/03/2003

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Main points surrounding European Union legislation, passed by the European Parliament on Wednesday, meant to toughen rules how biotech foods will be sold and labeled:

- All genetically altered products including animal feed, vegetable oils...

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 **Earthwise offers picky customers a choice**

*By Bob Reha Minnesota Public Radio*

*Published on 05/17/2003*

*Word Count: 701*

A semitrailer rolls on to the scales at Earthwise in Moorhead. The place looks like a regular elevator, but this is more than an elevator. It's a processor and a marketing team. Workers sample a load and test it for weight, moisture and purit...

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 **Protests won't stop biotech**

*Published on 12/04/2002*

*Word Count: 470*

By Jeff Zent [jzent@forumcomm.com](mailto:jzent@forumcomm.com) Controversy surrounding transgenetic science will not slow research at North Dakota State University, two campus officials said Tuesday. "We feel it's very important to continue to look at biotechnology as well ...

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 **Farmers ask Veneman to block sale of corn**

*Published on 10/09/2002*

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Forum and wire reports WASHINGTON - Midwestern farmers and environmental groups are asking Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman to block a biotech corn suspected of containing a toxic mold that they fear could contaminate the food supply. They wan...

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