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This whole idea of making a large set of rules regarding labeling for GMOs is ridiculous. There is nothing that shows Transgenic foods are any different than any conventionally bred food items. But since this won't be going away anytime soon I would like to answer some of the questions posed on your web page about the labeling requirements.

2. Which breeding techniques to consider conventional: **Anything that was bred with cross pollination, cross breeding, without the use of bacterium or DNA splicing.**
3. Found in nature: **There was recently an article out there that showed yams used a technique that was essentially transgenic modification as far back as 1,000 years ago in nature. Maybe should read more into that one.**
4. Disclosure of foods highly refined that derived from bioengineered products: **Absolutely, then people will see that the majority of products they consume are already engineered and nothing bad has happened to them. Maybe if people quit eating super processed crap, the majority of problems seen in society today would go away and people would realize it is not because of harmless GMOs.**
6. Meat, poultry, eggs: **A meat fillet or egg should never contain information regarding being free of GMOs because that would imply that somewhere out there someone is using that technology on animals which is not the case. Would hurt the base of your food animal producers that both supply the large chain as well as do small trade to individuals. There is nothing but cross breeding being done to animals in the main stream and every day producing world. Something that is highly breaded or has other ingredients that would qualify as bioengineered should be clearly stated that it is the ingredients and is not the meat or egg itself.**
14. Digital Link: **Should require that it is not a huge long web address that would discourage visitation by customers. Should be a working link at all times and require a hotline to be posted in the event that the digital link goes down.**
16. Non-conventional purchasing/packaging: **There should not be a requirement for fresh produce to have a label posted on each item. In many roadside stand, grocery, etc situations there is no way that that would be able to be incorporated without a huge amount of time and money spent on signage. There should only be a requirement that any engineered foods that are on a fresh produce stand be available by list upon customer request.**
22. Small producers: **There should be an exemption for roadside stands, farms that sell direct to consumers, etc. Where there is a very good opportunity for customers to ask questions regarding their food buying choices. For example, I have a roadside stand and the only fresh fruit/vegetable that we carry that would even have the potential to be bioengineered would be the sweet corn and potentially squash. Since there are only 7 products that are even available for growing and selling that would be a GMO, there should be no requirement to label EVERYTHING that either is or is not GMO. It would**

cause many more problems than it would solve for the consumer as well as the people trying to provide fresh food for people.

30. Import requirements: There should be the same requirements on imports as with our domestic products. If there is not, that would give the imports an unfair advantage with consumers that are just being scared off by a label without doing any research into what actually happens when an item is GMO. An imbalance of labeling would also have a negative effect on the consumer perception for the amount of food products coming in from other countries. Going the other direction: It may even lead to people being able to tell what is USA produced and what is not, which is essentially a Country of Origin Label and that has already been marked as an unfair practice that may have a negative impact on imports, could potentially piss off other countries if Americans were able to tell and possibly only buy USA produced items.

Thank you,
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