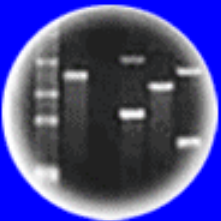


DNA  
Genetic Code of Life



Entire Genetic Code  
of a Bacteria



DNA Fingerprinting



Cloning: Ethical Issues  
and Future Consequences



Plants of Tomorrow

# HC70A, SAS70A Winter 2016 Genetic Engineering in Medicine, Agriculture, and Law

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Crop domestication to gene editing – How genetics  
is shaping our farming

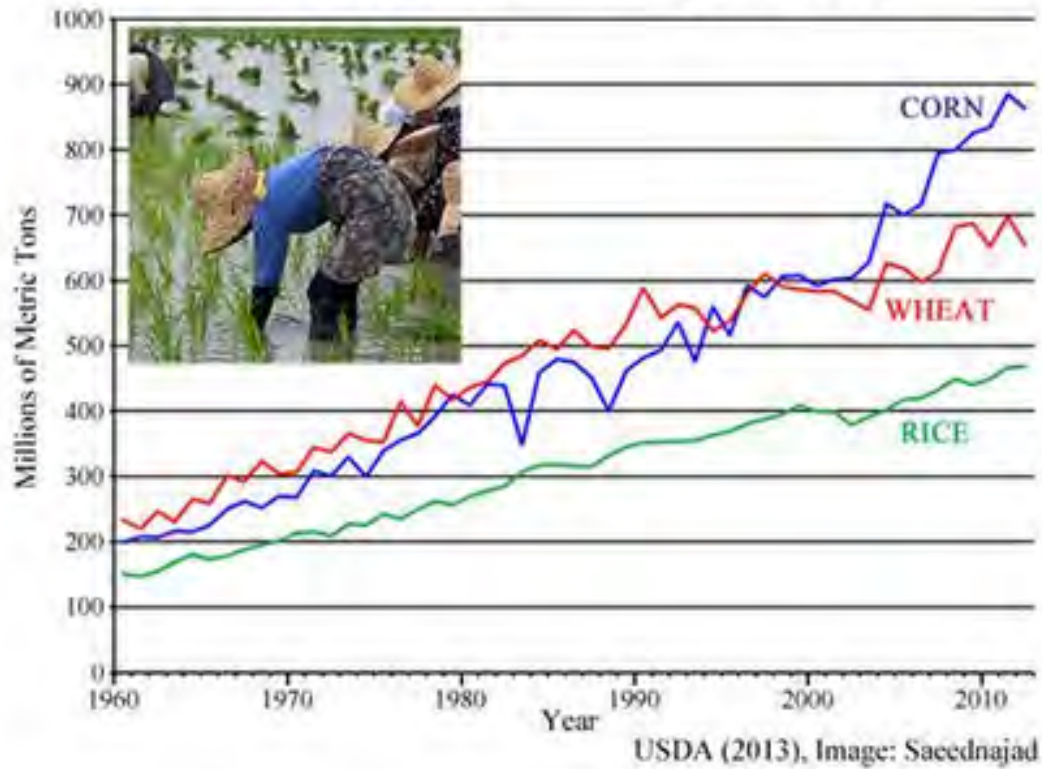
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## World Grain Production (1960-2013)



## Grain Production For Selected Countries

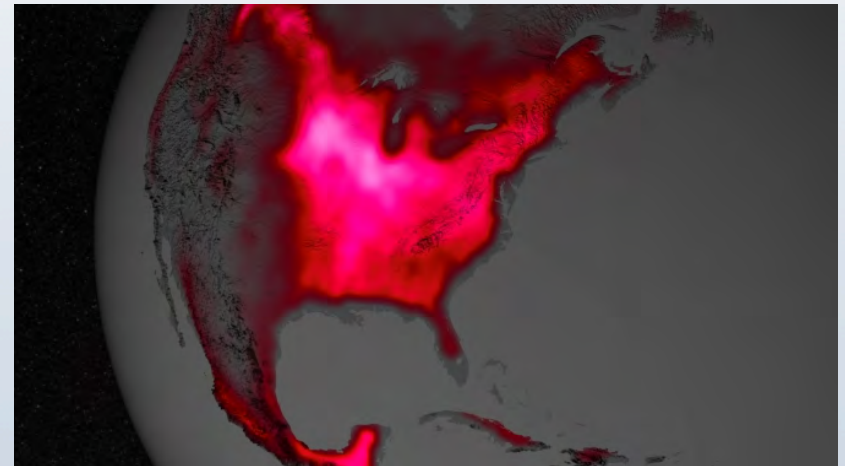
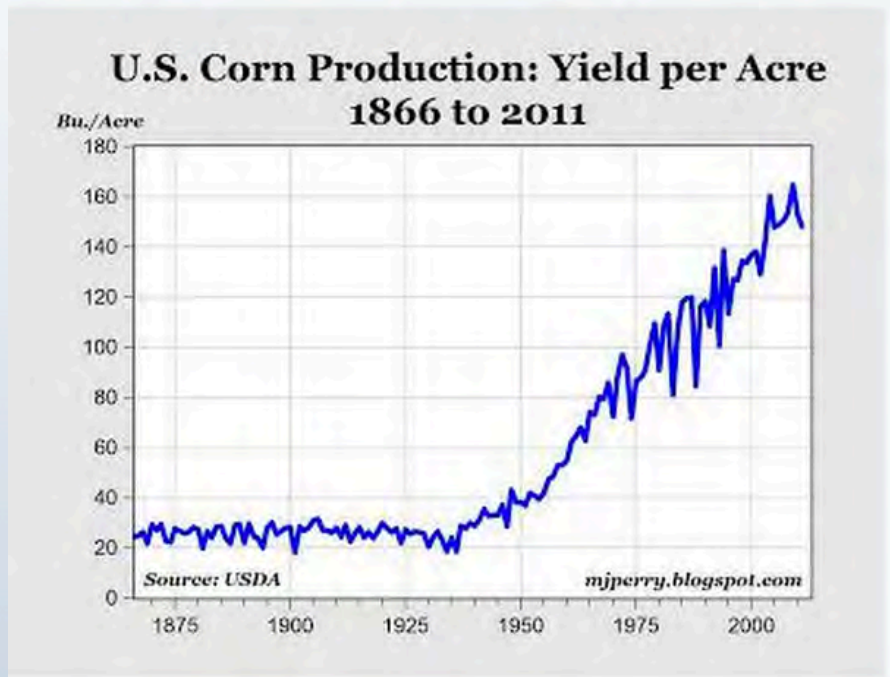


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# Corn yield trend; NASA Picture showing US Corn Belt with the highest productivity on earth

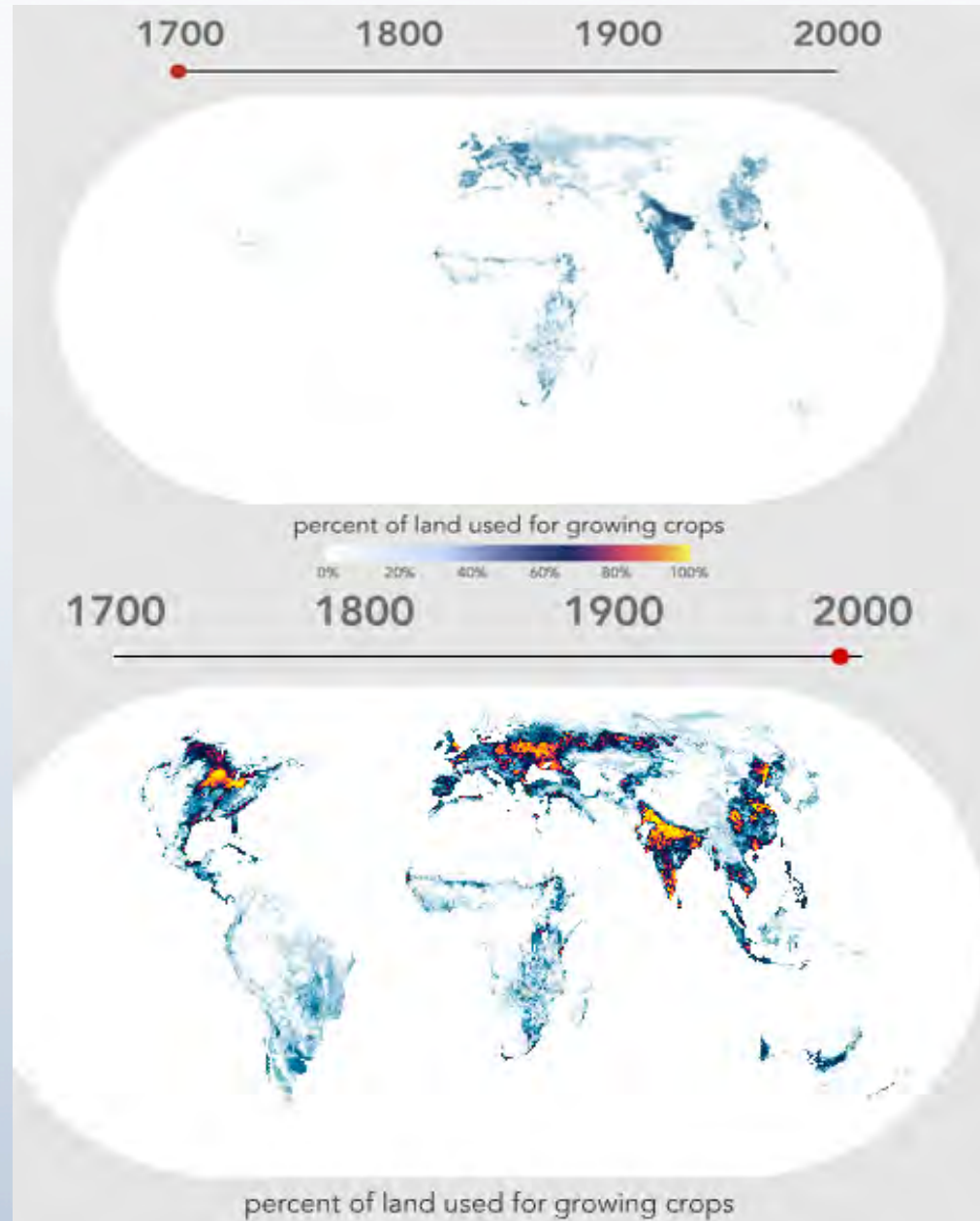
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# Percent of Land under farming in 1700 vs. now!



# California Drought

California just had its worst drought in over 1200 years, as temperatures and risks rise

Global warming is playing havoc on extreme weather



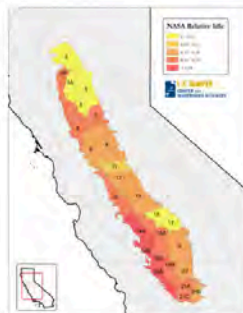
## Economic Analysis of the 2014 Drought for California Agriculture

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**Drought -- the third most severe on record -- is responsible for the greatest water loss ever seen in California agriculture**

\*Revision of original July 15, 2014 report. (See Erratum.)



# Human civilization evolved in parallel with crop domestication and breeding



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# The myth of natural food



The food we eat comes from plants already extensively modified from their original form. Even heritage varieties are extensively genetically modified.

*Eat only 'natural' food just as God intended , not modified by man?  
Then, one on the left is for you! . ---->*



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# Crop Modification Techniques

## Cross Breeding

Combining two sexually compatible species to create a variety with the desired traits of the parents



The Honeycrisp Apple gets its famous texture and flavor by blending the traits of its parents.

## Mutagenesis

Use of mutagens such as radioactivity to induce random mutations, creating the desired trait



Radiation was used to produce a deeper color in the red grapefruit.

## Polyploidy

Multiplication of the number of chromosomes in a crop to impact its fertility



Seedless watermelons are created by crossing a plant with 2 sets of chromosomes with another that has 4 sets. The seedless fruit has 3 sets.

## Protoplast Fusion

Fusion of cells or cell components to transfer traits between species



Male sterility is transferred from radishes to red cabbage by fusing their cells. Male sterility helps plant breeders make hybrid crops.

## Transgenesis

Addition of genes from any species to create a new variety with desired traits



The Rainbow Papaya is modified with a gene that gives it resistance to the Papaya Ringspot Virus.

## Genome Editing

Use of an enzyme system to modify DNA directly within the cell



Genome editing was used to develop herbicide resistant canola to help farmers control weeds.

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# Mutation Breeding – Irradiation



How modern breeding changed water melon? Renaissance paintings will tell! L paint, R now!

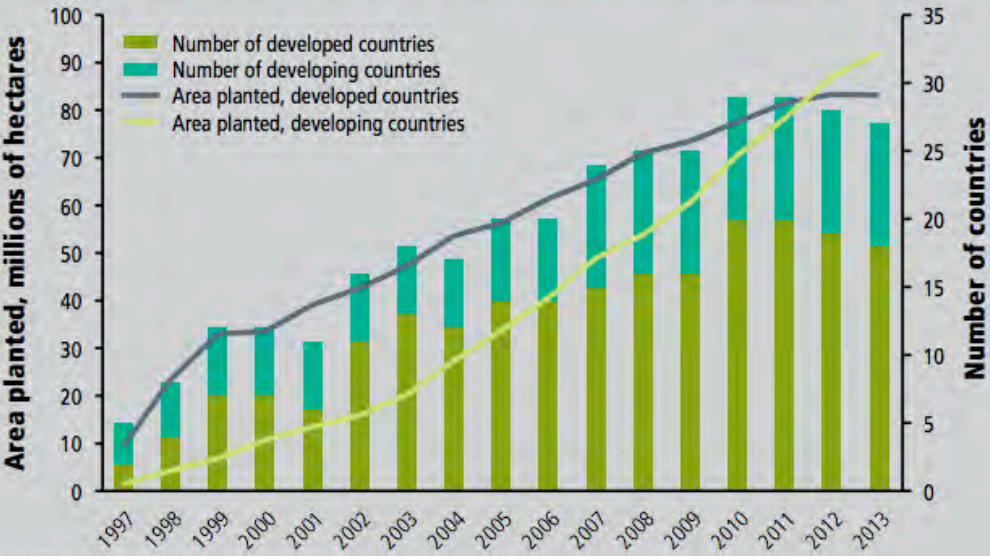
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Then and Now




FIGURE 1 Numbers and global area of countries with biotech crops, 1997–2013




Source: Authors' elaboration of data from James (1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006–2010, 2012–2013).  
Note: Classification of countries as "developed" and "developing" is based on the World Bank (2014) classification of countries by income. All countries that in 2012 had a gross national income (GNI) per capita of US\$12,616 or more are classified as high income and in this figure as developed. All other countries, with less than US\$12,616 GNI per capita, are classified as developing.







# Advent of GM Crops



## IMPACTS OF BIOTECH



The latest PLOS ONE metastudy looked at the impacts of biotechnology. We dove in.

Before Biotech	After Biotech	Before Biotech	After Biotech	Before Biotech	After Biotech
					
	37%	22%		68%	
Reduction in Pesticides		Increase in Yields		Increase in Farmer Income	

[FOODINSIGHT.ORG/FACTS](http://FOODINSIGHT.ORG/FACTS)

# GMO or Non-GMO?



Bt

Convencional

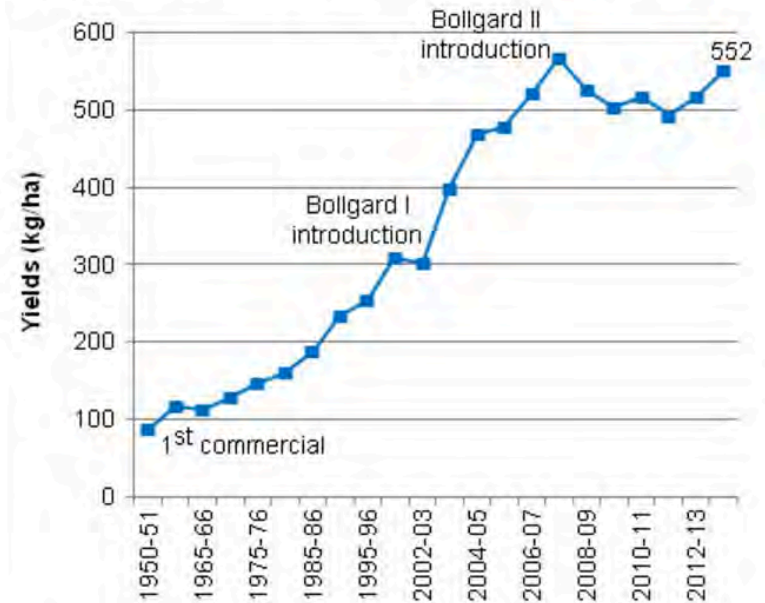




**This is why we plant Bt cotton.**  
**100% yield loss from bollworm in non Bt strips.**

via @acatchot #GMO <http://bit.ly/WhyBtCotton>

**Figure 2.** Cotton yields in India (kg/ha) 1950-51 to 2013-14.

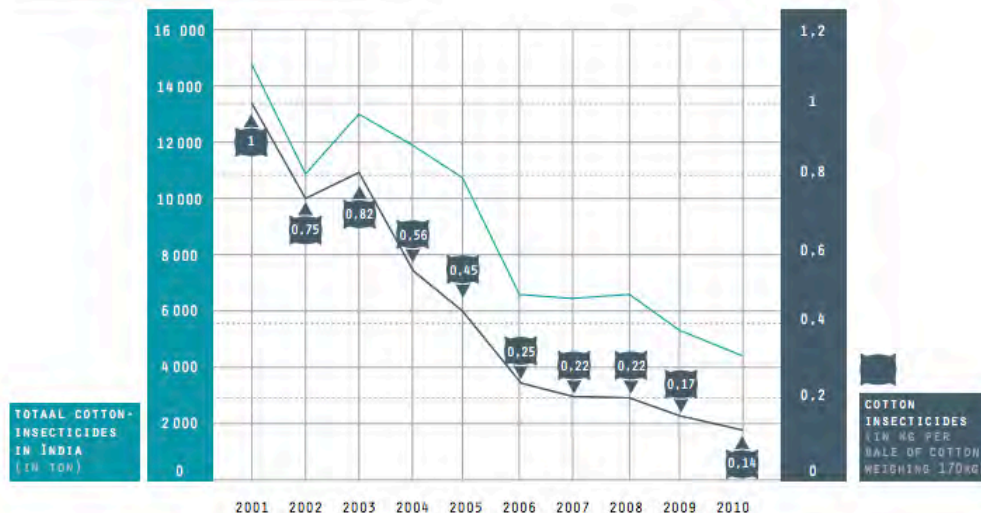


Source: The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (2014)

# Bt Cotton - India

## Yields have gone up

## Pesticide Use is Down





## Soybean pest resistance



the soybean at left expresses a Bt gene for resistance to caterpillar



# Potato resistance

## Colorado potato beetle



## Late Blight Disease (Irish Famine Disease!)

Innate™ Gen 2 Provides 24-Hour Resistance to Late Blight, the Top Potato Disease





# Virus-resistant papaya

**Saved the Hawaiian industry in the mid-1990s**  
**90% of crop today**

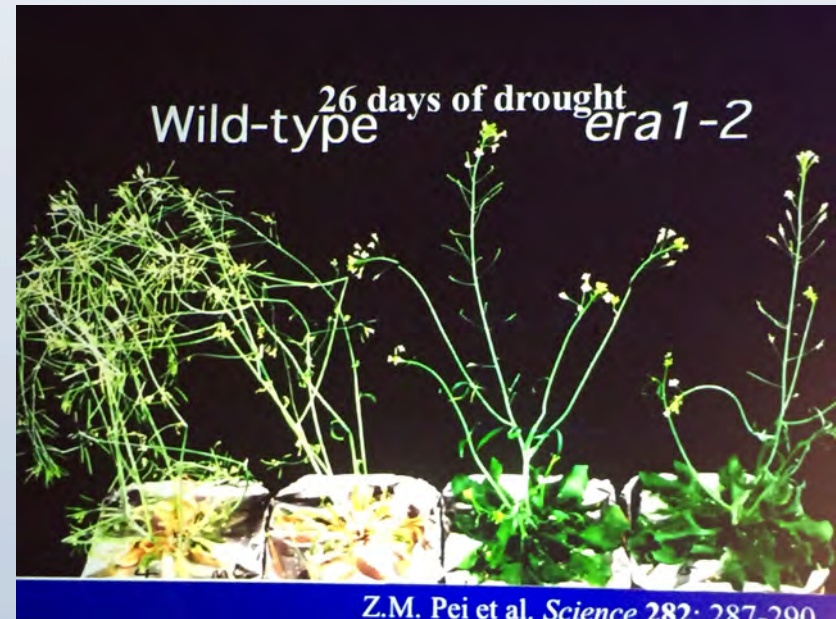


**Virus-resistant trees**

**Provided by Denis Gonsalves, formerly of Cornell University**



# Climate Smart Crops: Drought





# Flood-tolerant Rice



International Rice Research Institute, Philippines



# Freeze Tolerant Biotech *Eucalyptus*

Results from first winter in  
South Carolina

Results from second winter  
in Alabama



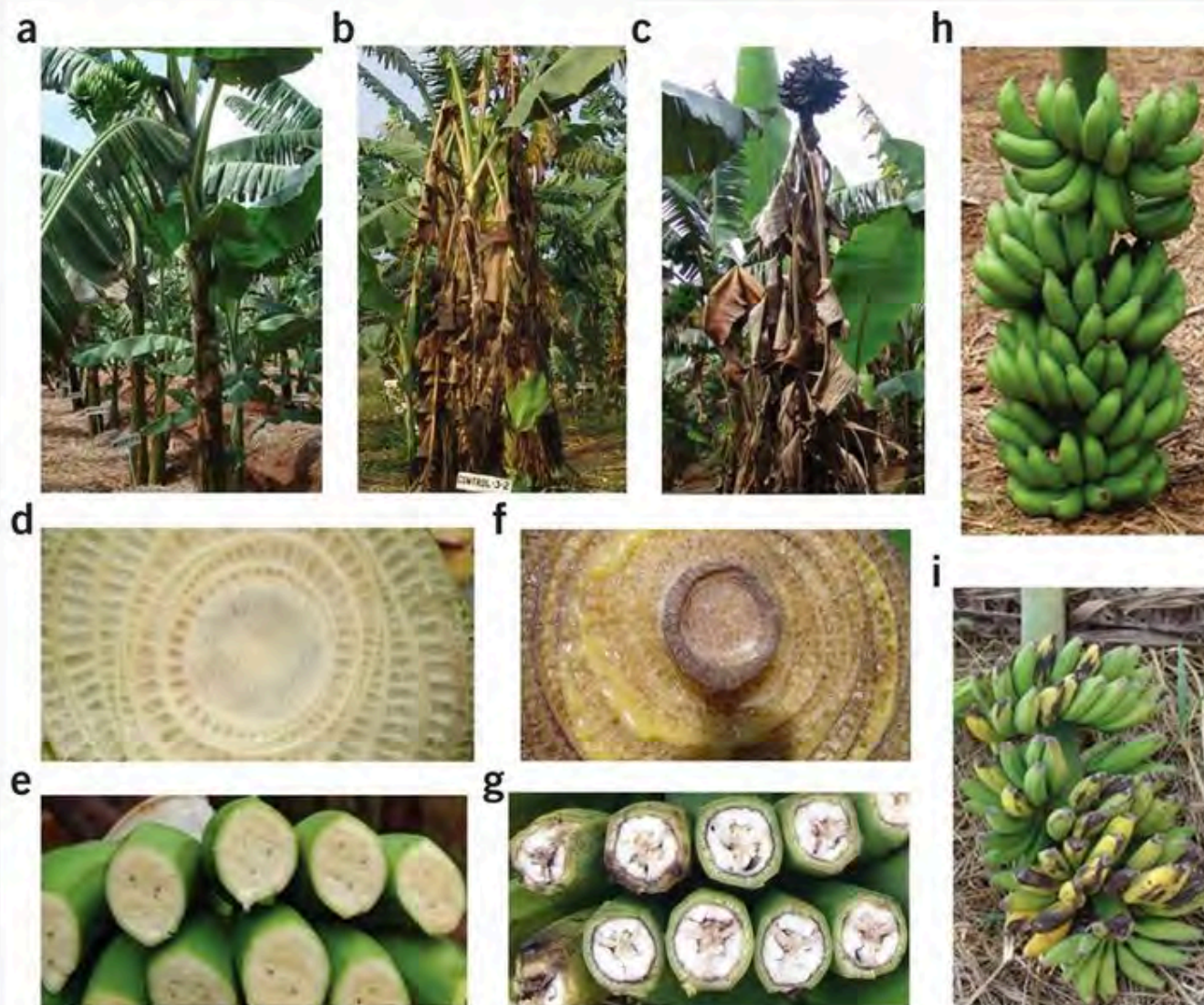
Field results indicate freezing tolerance to ~16°F (- 8° to - 9°C)



# Bringing back the Great American Chestnut







(a) Asymptomatic transgenic plant showing no symptom after artificial inoculation. (b) Nontransgenic plant showing wilting of leaves post inoculation. (c) Symptomatic plants showing rotten fruit bunch. (d,e) Transverse section of pseudostem and fruits of transgenic plants showing no internal symptoms. (f,g) Transverse section of pseudostem and fruits of nontransgenic plants showing internal symptoms (yellow ooze, brown scars and ooze on the margin). (h) Fruit bunch of transgenic plant showing no external symptoms. (i) Fruit bunch of nontransgenic plant showing premature ripening.



# Bt Eggplant in Bangladesh



*"Bt brinjal has been very effective against the key pest – the fruit and shoot borer,"*  
Mohammad Rafiqul Islam Mondal, Director-General, BARI.



Figure 3. Non-Bt eggplant

Figure 4. Bt Eggplant

Photo: UPLB IPB Bt Eggplant Project, 2014

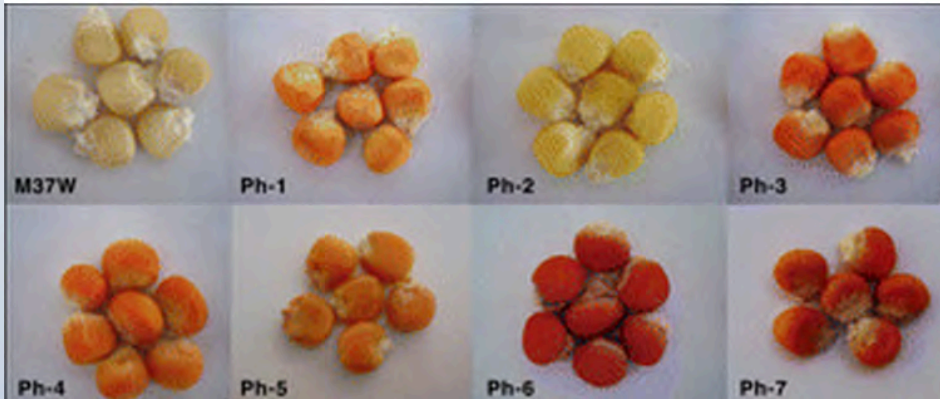


# Vitamin A Fortification



civil corn used in feeding chicken had 50 fold increase in carotenoids, extraordinary levels!

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# Better Nutrition

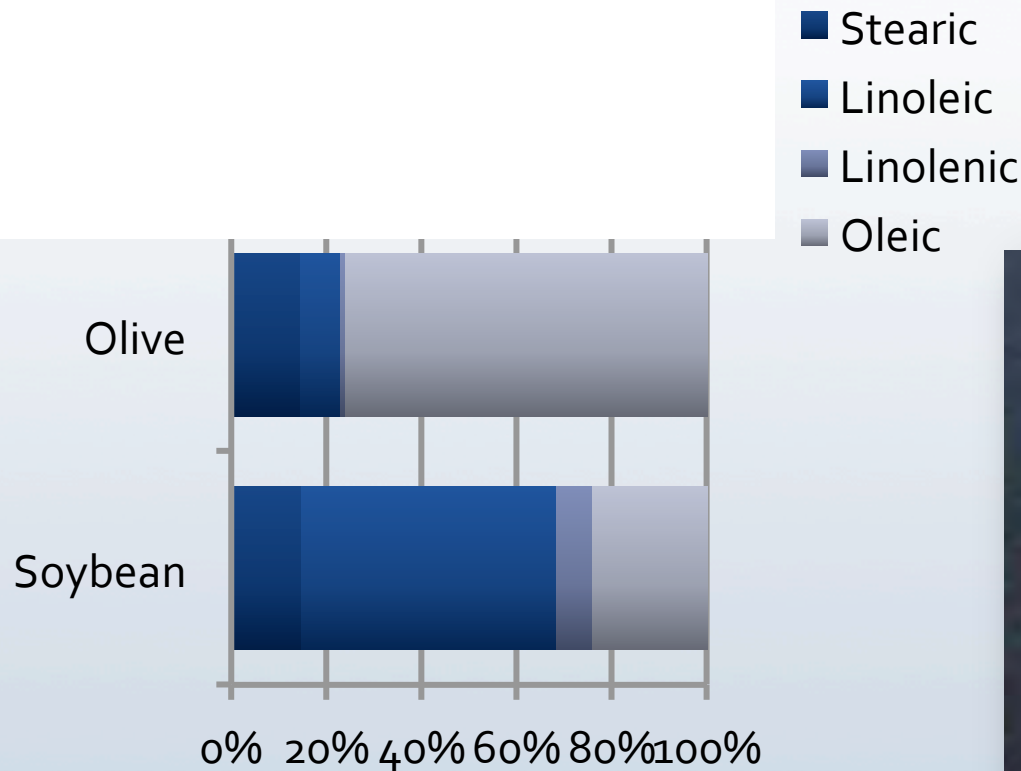


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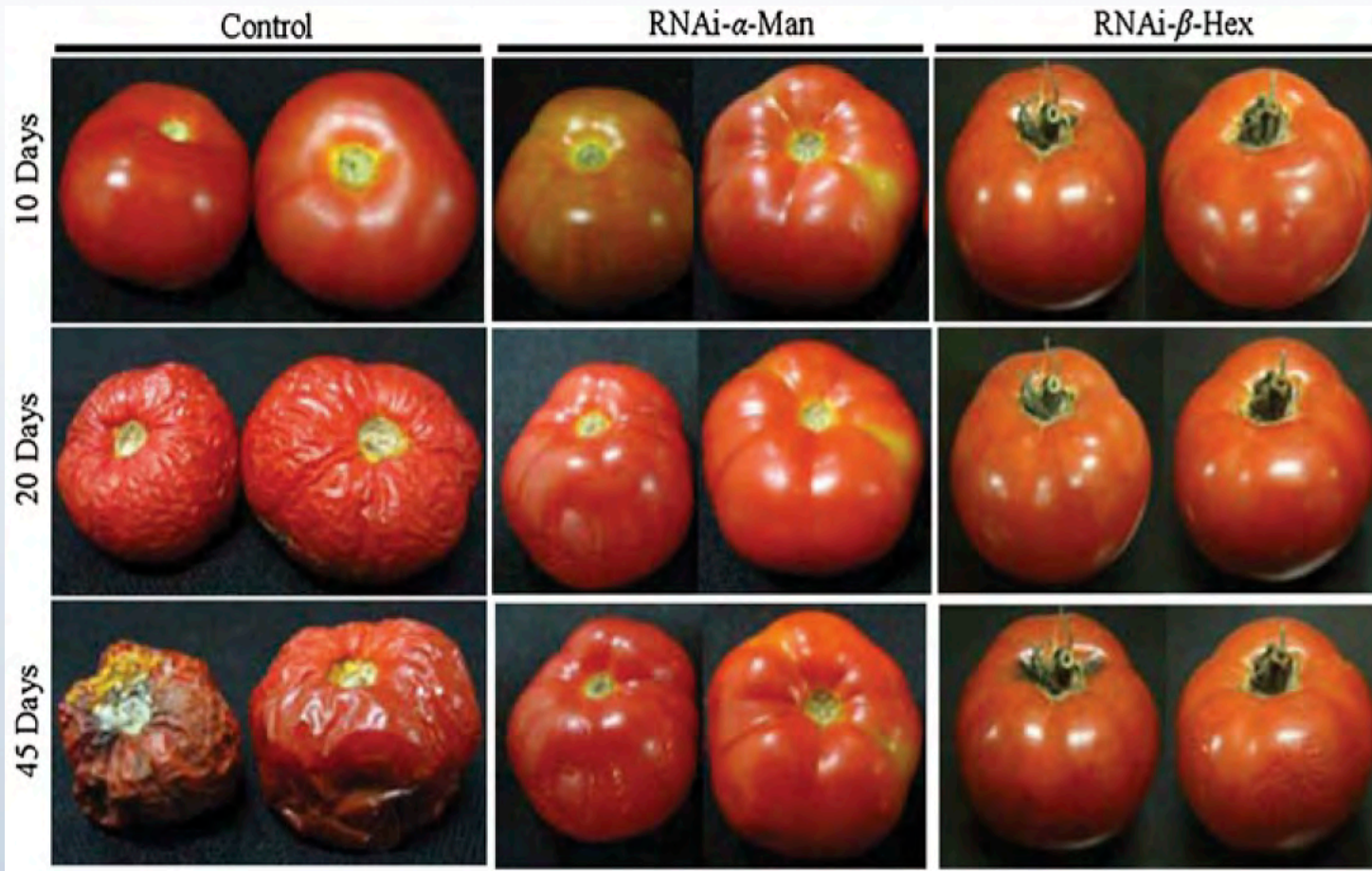


# High oleic oil

Eliminates transfats



# *Engineered tomatoes have ~30 day extension of shelf life*



SOURCE: Meli, V.S., Ghosh, S., Prabha, T.N., Chakraborty, N., Chakraborty, S., and Datta, A. 2010. Enhancement of fruit shelf life by suppressing N-glycan processing enzymes. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, doi/10.1073/pnas.0909329107.





# Prevent food spoilage

## Non-browning potato & apple



# Safer Food; Less Mycotoxin





# Zmapp – Ebola serum produced in GMO tobacco in Kentucky



Tobacco plants grown in greenhouses at Kentucky BioProcessing in Owensboro were "infected" with a protein, which the plants then reproduced, that is turned into a serum to fight the Ebola virus

# Blue Rose!





# Gene editing – CRISPR to the Rescue?



- No Foreign genes
- Minimal genome disruption
- High frequency
- Circumvent or minimize regulation?
- Greater public acceptance?



Making plants shorter



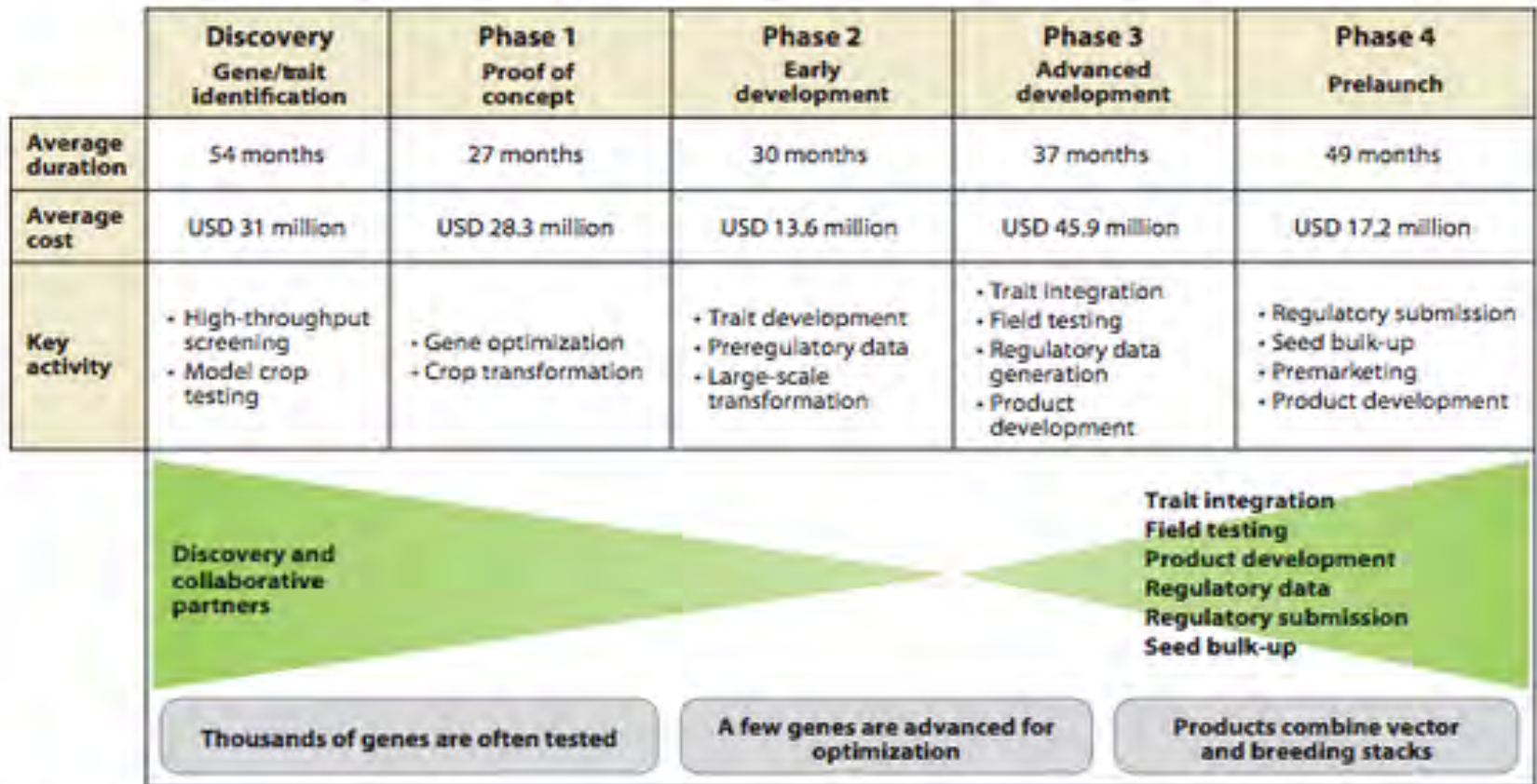
**I hope that there is nothing genetically modified in this**



# How Safe is GM Food?

- As Safe as Conventional Food
- Subject to Sound Regulation - FDA, EPA, USDA
- Every Product Tested on Case-by-Case
- Over 4 Billion Acres Grown Since 1996
- More than 30,000 Food Products Contain GM
- Not One Single Instance of Hazard
- Dozens of Scientific Societies Have Endorsed it
- >5,000 Scientists plus 24 Nobel Laureates
- EU Scientific Commission - 'Safer than Conventional Food'
- 2000+ scientific peer-reviewed papers confirm safety
- Recent review – 30 years, 100 billion livestock. Trillion meals - safe

# 16 years + \$135 M to develop biotech crop

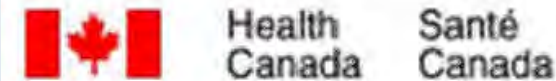


**Figure 1**

Overview of the development process of a genetically engineered crop, including activities, durations of those activities, and costs. Durations and costs are industry averages (60). Because various activities overlap, the cumulative total of each phase does not reflect the actual duration of the overall research and development process.



# Global Gate Keepers



# Societal Cost of Regulation

- Increased regulatory process stifles innovation. Today's approval takes 2 more years than 2002.
- Discovery, development and authorization of a new biotech crop trait is \$136 million.
- Regulatory costs and the lengthy approval process are barriers to entry for small biotech firms with new ideas for innovation.



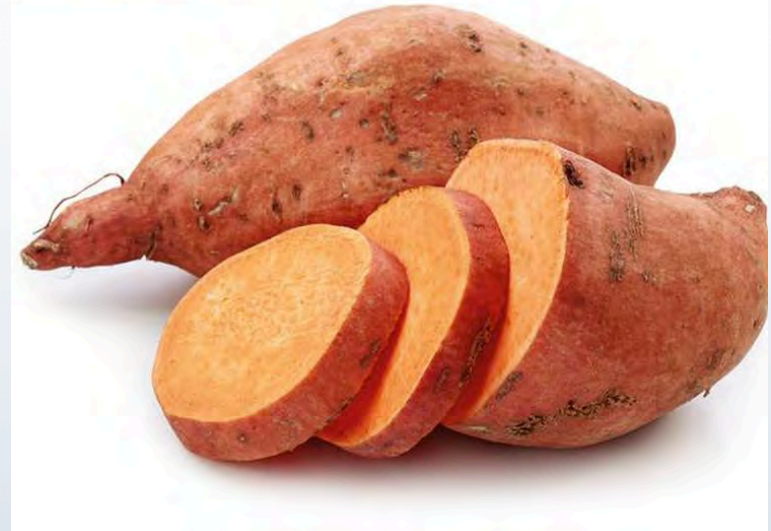
# GMOs in Mother Nature



*Sea slug has chloroplast genes and makes its own food*

Domestication: Sweet! A naturally transgenic crop - Jonathan Jones

[nature.com/articles/nplan...](http://nature.com/articles/nplan...)



Icon of GMO- haters, Monarch Butterfly itself is a GMO! Natural transgenic, thx Mother Nature  
[sciencemag.com/news\\_articles](http://sciencemag.com/news_articles)





# Opposition to GMO







**Destruction of GMO test sites; food aid**



We wouldn't think of going to our doctor and saying 'Treat me the way doctors treated people in the 19th Century,' and yet that's what we're demanding in food production.

Nina Fedoroff





# Keeping Biotech Crops Out of Poor Countries

- **Regulatory environment (Precautionary Principle)**
- **Trade barriers (European pressure)**
- **Orchestrated public perception**
- **Imported environmental activism**
- **Negative media portrayal**
- **Food industry and retailers**
- **Organic food industry**



The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.



**C. S. Prakash** @AgBioWorld · Aug 7

Response of an young girl in Liberia to the news of Ebola vaccine development

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