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I am a retired Chemist who knows enough biochemistry to realize that many of the genetically engineered food products are not able to be absorbed and nutritionally metabolized by our bodies because there are more biochemical factors than DNA structure involved in proper utilization of our food stuff by our bodies. My point of view is based on theoretical knowledge of basic biochemistry. Filling a person's stomach simply to ease hunger without rendering nutrition will impair that person's health. I for one have been seeking out organically certified food, and paying extra for such. I recently heard a PhD genetic engineer at my Alma Mater, U C Berkeley, insist that she is in a position to know more about genetically engineered food, than the layman and she insists it is safe. My answer to her is that being an expert at creating engineered food does not qualify her as an expert in human metabolism. Please give Americans the freedom of choice as to whether they will eat GEM food or not.

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