

# SHE CAN'T TELL IF HER CEREAL HAS DRUGS IN IT.



## CAN YOU?

Experimental crops that are genetically engineered to produce powerful drugs and chemicals may soon be secretly planted in open fields of rice across Missouri. When bees, wind, rain, or birds spread pollen and seeds across the landscape, the drugs and chemicals travel right along with them to pollinate other plants or to be eaten by wildlife. They could even end up in your breakfast.

This is a bad idea, no matter how you look at it.

Despite the threat of contamination, the consequences of experimenting with our food supply and environment are being hidden like the crops themselves. The biotech industry downplays the dangers but refuses to share vital information such as the location of test fields. Likewise, the government has been more interested in protecting these companies' profits than in protecting Missourians' food supply.

Isn't it time for open public debate on this controversial industry?

### STOP DRUG CROPS NOW!

Ask the US Department of Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration to increase public oversight of the biopharm industry.

To: Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture  
Lester M. Crawford, Acting Commissioner, FDA

I am concerned by the secrecy surrounding genetic engineering in Missouri. Food crops should not be used to produce untested experimental compounds, especially in open-field tests. The USDA should conduct environmental risk analyses, and the FDA should test these crops for risks to human health before permits are issued. This controversial industry needs public oversight and effective regulation.

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