

Community Foods rejects GM claims

The Royal Society Report due out on Wednesday 21st October 2009 is widely anticipated to suggest GM foods have so contaminated our food chain that resisting the technology is largely useless.

We at Community and Crazy Jack Organic strongly reject any such claims, for the following reasons:

1. We are part of a £2.1 Billion industry that is set up to produce foods that are free from GM and have done this very successfully for very many years. We continue to uphold these standards and have no intention of acknowledging such a ridiculous and unfounded claim.
2. Despite the propaganda of the GM industries our industry is perfectly capable of tracking product from seed to finished product and these standards enable us to differentiate our products. It is the organic industry's attention to detail that allows us to make our claims and to resolve transgressions and problems quickly.
3. The presumption that GM foods are the answer to food problems is completely unfounded and a mischievous manipulation of peoples fears – Our industry in contrast, welcomes the independent findings of a 4 year review of the food chain, sponsored by the United Nation's and involving more than 400 international scientists which concludes global hunger is a result more of the power and control of the food system rather than growing enough food, contrary to the claims of the GM lobby.

Our view is that the integrated, GM free approach of organic farming delivers many of the solutions facing global food production in a sustainable, robust fashion that is equitable to all – farmers, producers, manufacturers and consumers.

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Notes to Editors

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- Community Foods are Britain's experts in the procurement, sale and distribution of organic and natural dried fruits, nuts, seeds, pulses, grains and branded health foods. For more information on Community Foods Ltd, visit www.communityfoods.co.uk

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