

## THE TOP 12 MYTHS ABOUT MONSANTO

### 1 MONSANTO EMPLOYEES DON'T EAT GM FOODS (THEY ONLY EAT ORGANIC FOODS) IN OUR CAFETERIA.

**Truth:** All types of foods can be found in our cafeterias. It's the same foods that we purchase at grocery stores for our families, and it's the same foods that everyone else eats. Sometimes, we have special menu items that feature our products. For example, last summer we held a special event for employees to purchase GM sweet corn from a local farmer, and it sold out quickly. [A similar question was asked on GMOAnswers.com, click here for the response.](#)

### 2 GMO FOODS ARE NOT SAFE TO EAT.

**Truth:** Genetically modified, or biotech, crops are the most tested crops in history. The safety of foods made with biotech crops has been confirmed by numerous third-party organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Society of Toxicology, the [National Academy of Sciences in the U.S.](#), the Royal Society of the United Kingdom, the World Health Organization, the French Academy of Medicine, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the European Union Commission. More than 2,000 studies from independent researchers also have shown no adverse effects of eating foods containing GM. [Watch this Give It a Minute video about GMOs for more info.](#)

### 3 MONSANTO'S PRODUCTS KILL BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS.

**Truth:** Honey bees are incredibly important in agriculture. Many of the foods and beverages we enjoy every day wouldn't be available without honey bees. Knowing this, we've partnered with experts through the [Honey Bee Health Coalition](#), and have our own honeybee experts on staff. Together, we're working toward finding a solution for the leading cause of the decline in bee populations—the parasitic Varroa mite. [Hear more from our resident bee expert.](#)

### 4 MONSANTO SUES FARMERS WHO HAVE TRACE AMOUNTS OF PATENTED SEED IN THEIR FIELDS.

**Truth:** We have never sued a farmer based on mere trace amounts of our patented seeds or traits present in the farmer's fields. It has never been, nor will it be, Monsanto's policy to exercise its patent rights where trace amounts of our patented seeds or traits are present in a farmer's fields from inadvertent means. [More info can be found here on Monsanto.com.](#)

### 5 MONSANTO GMOS HAVE LED TO THOUSANDS OF FARMER SUICIDES IN INDIA.

**Truth:** There is a wide spread claim that failure of Monsanto's GMO cotton product caused farmers in India to commit suicide. Tragically, farmer suicides in India began long before the introduction of GMO cotton in 2002. This claim was studied by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington D.C. who found that, if anything, suicides among farmers have been decreasing since the introduction of GMO cotton. [A similar question was asked on GMOAnswers.com, click here for the response.](#)

### 6 MONSANTO IS WORKING ON GMO MARIJUANA TO IMPROVE THE COMPANY'S IMAGE.

**Truth:** Monsanto is not working on GMO marijuana, nor have we worked on it in the past. [A similar question was asked on GMOAnswers.com, click here for the response.](#)

### 7 MONSANTO DEVELOPED AGENT ORANGE.

**Truth:** From 1965 to 1969, the former Monsanto Company was one of nine wartime government contractors who manufactured Agent Orange for the U.S. Government. The government set the specifications for Agent Orange and determined when, where and how it was used. Agent Orange was only produced for, and used by, the government. [A similar question was asked on GMOAnswers.com, click here for the response.](#)

### 8 MONSANTO'S ROUNDUP CAUSES CANCER.

**Truth:** Numerous studies and evaluations, spanning more than four decades, have concluded that, when used according to label instructions, glyphosate does not cause cancer. Most recently in March 2017 the European Chemicals Agency concluded another review of glyphosate and affirmed that it is not carcinogenic. [Watch this Setting the Record Straight: Glyphosate Safety video for more info.](#)

### 9 MONSANTO BUYS OFF GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE GMOS ARE APPROVED.

**Truth:** Monsanto does not give any money to government officials to secure any product approvals; however, the company does pay for any required filing fees that all applicants for approval are required to pay. Monsanto follows the regulatory requirements of each country and deploys a strict program to assure against corruption in the actions of our own employees as well as in the actions of third parties who perform or engage on our behalf. Monsanto's success in gaining approvals of biotech seeds in more than 63 countries is the result of solid science-based development and comprehensive studies that follow guidelines established by regulatory authorities. [Here is an infographic depicting GMO Research, Review and Regulation.](#)

### 10 MONSANTO CONTROLS THE WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLY.

**Truth:** Commercial sales by all seed companies only account for about 40 percent of the total volume of seeds used globally. Of those commercial seed sales, two-thirds of the seed volume comes from private breeding programs and one-third comes from national or public institutions. The remaining non-commercial seed volume is seed saved and replanted by farmers. [A similar question was asked on GMOAnswers.com, click here for the response.](#)

### 11 THERE IS A "STUNNING REPORT, CLEARLY SHOWING THE NUTRITIONAL VALUE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GMO CORN AND NON-GMO CORN."

**Truth:** This myth is from a "study" to examine the feed value of corn. Values presented were obviously not from corn samples and most likely were soil samples. Comprehensive composition and feeding studies have been conducted that clearly demonstrate that GM crops are as nutritionally equivalent as their non-GM crop counterparts. [A similar question was asked on GMOAnswers.com, click here for the response.](#)

### 12 MONSANTO IS "BIG INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE" AND ITS PRACTICES ARE NOT SUSTAINABLE.

**Truth:** Monsanto helps farmers grow the food we need using fewer natural resources. That means we employ modern agriculture techniques and technologies that help preserve natural ecosystems, address water scarcity and soil health, increase farmer efficiency and mitigate climate change. We continue to make improvements in digital tools and data, and have multiple collaborations among farmers and researchers that help realize our sustainability goals. [Climate Change commitments](#) and [Watch this Give It a Minute video about reducing agriculture's carbon footprint.](#)