



Empowering you Organically - Season 4 - Episode 29

Title: The Dirty Secrets About Your Food That They Don't Want You To Know

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Description: What secret ingredients in our food supply are making us sick? Tune in to hear Jeffrey Smith, the founding executive director of the [Institute for Responsible Technology](#) and the leading consumer advocate promoting healthier non-GMO choices, educate TeriAnn and Jonathan on the risks of GMOs and glyphosate in our food supply. Fascinating science and uncomfortable truths concerning GMOs and the pesticides. This affects everyone's health! Please join us for an in-depth discussion.

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About Jeffrey Smith

Jeffrey is the founding executive director of the [Institute for Responsible Technology](#) and the leading consumer advocate promoting healthier non-GMO choices. He was named the 2017 Person of the Year by Masters of Health Magazine for more than two decades of work in 45 countries exposing how biotech companies mislead policymakers and the public and put the health of society at risk.

In 2018, he and Amy Hart released [Secret Ingredients](#), a documentary that highlights numerous individuals and families that healed from serious conditions after switching to an organic diet. His feature-length documentary, Genetic Roulette: The Gamble of Our Lives was awarded the 2012 Movie of the Year, and inspired millions worldwide to choose healthier non-GMO foods.

His books include [Seeds of Deception](#), it is the world's bestseller on GMOs, and [Genetic Roulette: The Documented Health Risks of Genetically Engineered Foods](#). He has counseled government leaders and healthcare practitioners from every continent and has been quoted by thousands of news outlets, including The New York Times, the Washington Post, and Time Magazine. He appears on influential radio and television programs, including the BBC, NPR, Fox News, Democracy Now, The Doctors, and the Dr. Oz Show.

Secret Ingredients

- *"The most effective and efficient tool at convincing people that they absolutely have to eat organic immediately", Jeffrey Smith*
- In the film, all these people get better from different diseases and disorders just after switching to organic food.
- then they realize the role of the food and the secret ingredients in the food

What Are The Secret Ingredients To Be Aware Of?

- GMOs
 - It's traditionally been where you take a gene from one species and you force it into the DNA of another species.
 - The 6 main crops are; soybeans, corn, cotton, canola, sugar beets, alfalfa.
 - The main reason they genetically engineer is to allow that crop to be sprayed with herbicide.
 - These are chemical companies making seeds that tolerate their chemicals.
- Roundup
 - not JUST glyphosate in the formula - the ENTIRE formula
 - Roundup can be 125 times more toxic than glyphosate.

Human Health Impacts of GMOs - 10 Reasons to Avoid GMOs

Source: <https://responsibletechnology.org/10-reasons-to-avoid-gmos/>

1. GMOs are unhealthy.

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) urges doctors to prescribe non-GMO diets for all patients. They cite animal studies showing organ damage, gastrointestinal and immune system disorders, accelerated aging, and infertility. Human studies show how genetically modified (GM) food can leave material behind inside us, possibly causing long-term problems. Genes inserted into GM soy, for example, can transfer into the DNA of bacteria living inside us, and that the toxic insecticide produced by GM corn was found in the blood of pregnant women and their unborn fetuses.

Numerous health problems increased after GMOs were introduced in 1996. The percentage of Americans with three or more chronic illnesses jumped from 7% to 13% in just 9 years; food allergies skyrocketed, and disorders such as autism, reproductive disorders, digestive problems, and others are on the rise. Although there is not sufficient research to confirm that GMOs are a contributing factor, doctors groups such as the AAEM tell us not to wait before we start protecting ourselves, and especially our children who are most at risk.

The American Public Health Association and American Nurses Association are among many medical groups that condemn the use of GM bovine growth hormone, because the milk from treated cows has more of the hormone IGF-1 (insulin-like growth factor 1)—which is linked to cancer.

2. GMOs contaminate—forever.

GMOs cross pollinate and their seeds can travel. It is impossible to fully clean up our contaminated gene pool. Self-propagating GMO pollution will outlast the effects of global warming and nuclear waste. The potential impact is huge, threatening the health of future generations. GMO contamination has also caused economic losses for organic and non-GMO farmers who often struggle to keep their crops pure.

3. GMOs increase herbicide use.

Most GM crops are engineered to be “herbicide tolerant”—they are deadly weed killers. Monsanto, for example, sells Roundup Ready crops, designed to survive applications of their Roundup herbicide.

Between 1996 and 2008, US farmers sprayed an extra 383 million pounds of herbicide on GMOs. Overuse of Roundup results in “superweeds,” resistant to the herbicide. This is causing farmers to use even more toxic herbicides every year. Not only does this create environmental harm, GM foods contain higher residues of toxic herbicides. Roundup, for example, is linked with sterility, hormone disruption, birth defects, and cancer.

4. Genetic engineering creates dangerous side effects.

By mixing genes from totally unrelated species, genetic engineering unleashes a host of unpredictable side effects. Moreover, irrespective of the type of genes that are inserted, the very process of creating a GM plant can result in massive collateral damage that produces new toxins, allergens, carcinogens, and nutritional deficiencies.

5. Government oversight is dangerously lax.

Most of the health and environmental risks of GMOs are ignored by governments’ superficial regulations and safety assessments. The reason for this tragedy is largely political. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), for example, doesn’t require a single safety study, does not mandate labeling of GMOs, and allows companies to put their GM foods onto the market without even notifying the agency. Their justification was the claim that they had no information showing that GM foods were substantially different. But this was a lie. Secret agency memos made public by a lawsuit show that the overwhelming consensus even among the FDA’s own scientists was that GMOs can create unpredictable, hard-to-detect side effects. They urged long-term safety studies. But the White House had instructed the FDA to promote biotechnology, and the agency official in charge of policy was Michael Taylor, Monsanto’s former attorney, later their vice president. He was the US Food Safety Czar under President Obama.

6. The biotech industry uses “tobacco science” to claim product safety.

Biotech companies like Monsanto told us that Agent Orange, PCBs, and DDT were safe. They are now using the same type of superficial, rigged research to try and convince us that GMOs are safe. Independent scientists, however, have caught the spin-masters red-handed, demonstrating without doubt how industry-funded research is designed to avoid finding problems, and how adverse findings are distorted or denied.

7. Independent research and reporting is attacked and suppressed.

Scientists who discover problems with GMOs have been attacked, gagged, fired, threatened, and denied funding. The journal *Nature* acknowledged that a “large block of scientists . . . denigrate research by other legitimate scientists in a knee-jerk, partisan, emotional way that is not helpful in advancing knowledge.” Attempts by media to expose problems are also often censored.

8. GMOs harm the environment.

GM crops and their associated herbicides can harm birds, insects, amphibians, marine ecosystems, and soil organisms. They reduce bio-diversity, pollute water resources, and are unsustainable. For example, GM crops are eliminating habitat for monarch butterflies, whose populations are down 50% in the US. Roundup herbicide has been shown to cause birth defects in amphibians, embryonic deaths and endocrine disruptors, and organ damage in animals even at very low doses. GM canola has been found growing wild in North Dakota and California, threatening to pass on its herbicide tolerant genes on to weeds.

9. GMOs do not increase yields, and work against feeding a hungry world.

Whereas sustainable non-GMO agricultural methods used in developing countries have conclusively resulted in yield increases of 79% and higher, GMOs do not, on average, increase yields at all. This was evident in the Union of Concerned Scientists' 2009 report Failure to Yield—the definitive study to date on GM crops and yield.

The International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) report, authored by more than 400 scientists and backed by 58 governments, stated that GM crop yields were “highly variable” and in some cases, “yields declined.” The report noted, “Assessment of the technology lags behind its development, information is anecdotal and contradictory, and uncertainty about possible benefits and damage is unavoidable.” They determined that the current GMOs have nothing to offer the goals of reducing hunger and poverty, improving nutrition, health and rural livelihoods, and facilitating social and environmental sustainability.

On the contrary, GMOs divert money and resources that would otherwise be spent on more safe, reliable, and appropriate technologies.

10. By avoiding GMOs, you contribute to the coming tipping point of consumer rejection, forcing them out of our food supply.

Because GMOs give no consumer benefits, if even a small percentage of us start rejecting brands that contain them, GM ingredients will become a marketing liability. Food companies will kick them out. In Europe, for example, the tipping point was achieved in 1999, just after a high profile GMO safety scandal hit the papers and alerted citizens to the potential dangers. In the US, a consumer rebellion against GM bovine growth hormone has also reached a tipping point, kicked the cow drug out of dairy products by Wal-Mart, Starbucks, Dannon, Yoplait, and most of America's dairies.

Differences in Labeling Terms

- Non-GMO Project Verified
- Requires testing to prove there are no GMOs.
- Organic
- This term is regulated by USDA.
- Doesn't allow Roundup and other toxins.
- Not allowed to have GMOs, but they don't have to test for GMOs.
- Natural

- Means NOTHING from a regulation perspective.
- Only used as a marketing term to lull consumers into false security.

Jeffrey's Recommendation

- Try to purchase Organic and Non-GMO Verified products to ensure the cleanest possible food.
- “Now, it's not going to be necessarily 100% pure all the time. It's the nature of nature. Pollen travels, wind blows, glyphosate is found in the rain and in the air because it's the most used agricultural chemical in history. So even products that are isolated, grown carefully as organic may have a small amount. And that's something we all have to accept because that's the facts. So we minimize our exposure by going to organic. It's not 100% guarantee. And so I just wanted to make that clear.”

Deeper Dive Resources

Secret Ingredients - The Movie

<https://in188.isrefer.com/go/sifs/Organixx/>

BOOK: Seeds of Deception

<https://amzn.to/2DC5N9O>

BOOK: Genetic Roulette: The Documented Health Risks of Genetically Engineered Foods

<https://amzn.to/2Jbcj5>

Institute of Responsible Technology

<https://responsibletechnology.org/>

Pets & GMOs

<https://petsandgmos.com/>

Dr. Gilles-Éric Séralini

<http://www.seralini.fr/>

Controversy Around the Séralini Study in 2012

<https://www.gmoseralini.org/ten-things-you-need-to-know-about-the-seralini-study/>

<https://www.gmoseralini.org/retraction-by-corruption-seralini-study/>

<http://www.seralini.fr/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Novotny-JBPC-2018-On-Seralini-FCT-retraction.pdf>

Laboratory Rodent Diets Contain Toxic Levels of Environmental Contaminants: Implications for Regulatory Tests

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4489719/>

Transcriptome profile analysis reflects rat liver and kidney damage following chronic ultra-low dose Roundup exposure.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26302742>

Glyphosate Causes Serious Multi-Generational Health Damage to Rats – New WSU Research

<https://responsibletechnology.org/glyphosate-causes-serious-multi-generational-health-damage-to-rats-new-wsu-research/>

Dr. Arpad Pustazai

<https://www.organicconsumers.org/news/arpad-pusztai-and-risks-genetic-engineering>

Effect of diets containing genetically modified potatoes expressing Galanthus nivalis lectin on rat small intestine

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(98\)05860-7/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(98)05860-7/fulltext)

Project Censored

<https://www.projectcensored.org/?s=GMO>

BOOK: Altered Genes, Twisted Truth: How the Venture to Genetically Engineer Our Food Has Subverted Science, Corrupted Government, and Systematically Deceived the Public

<https://amzn.to/2XRHWdJ>

Non-GMO Project

<https://www.nongmoproject.org/product-verification/>

<https://www.nongmoproject.org/about/>

USDA Certified Organic

<https://www.usda.gov/topics/organic>

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic>

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