



Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act

GROWMARK Position:

GROWMARK supports The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act (HR 4432) that will establish a federal labeling standard for genetically modified ingredients.

We feel biotechnology can increase the marketability of farm products, help provide solutions to environmental concerns, increase net farm income, and improve product quality to ensure the consumer has a stable, ample, safe, and nutritious food supply.

Background:

We need a federal legislative solution that will protect consumers by eliminating confusion and advancing food safety:

- **Eliminate Confusion:** Remove the confusion and uncertainty of a 50 state patchwork of GMO safety and labeling laws and affirm the FDA as the nation's authority for the use and labeling of genetically modified food ingredients.
- **Advance Food Safety:** Require the FDA to conduct a safety review of all new GMO traits before they are introduced into commerce. FDA will be empowered to mandate the labeling of GMO food ingredients if the agency determines there is a health, safety or nutrition issue with GMO technology.
- **Inform Consumers:** The FDA will establish federal standards for companies that want to voluntarily label their product for the absence-of or presence-of GMO food ingredients so that consumers clearly understand their choices in the marketplace.
- **Provide Consistency:** The FDA will define the term "natural" for its use on food and beverage products so that food and beverage companies and consumers have a consistent legal framework that will guide food labels and inform consumer choice.

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