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Subject: Boulder County Commissioners and POSAC to deliberate cropland policy/GMOs comments next week
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County Commissioners and Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee to Deliberate Cropland Policy Five-Year Review - March 15 and March 17

A public hearing was held Monday, Feb. 29 to take public testimony; no additional testimony will be taken at the public meetings scheduled for March 15 and March 17.

Boulder County, Colo. - The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) along with the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) will hold separate meetings next week to consider public testimony received on the use of certain genetically engineered (also referred to as GMO) crops on a portion of Boulder County-owned Open Space agricultural lands.

Public Meetings – March 15 and March 17

- POSAC will deliberate public comments received concerning the Cropland Policy Five-Year Review Regarding Genetically Engineered Corn and Sugarbeets on **Tuesday, March 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m.*** ([staff memo](#)), and make a recommendation to the County Commissioners.
- The Boulder County Commissioners will deliberate public comments received concerning the Cropland Policy Five-Year Review Regarding Genetically Engineered Corn and Sugarbeets, including the POSAC recommendation, on **Thursday, March 17 beginning at 4 p.m.***

No further public testimony will be taken at either meeting.

Both meetings will be held in the:

County Commissioners' Hearing Room
Boulder County Courthouse
1325 Pearl Street, 3rd floor
Boulder, Colo. 80302

Background

A [public hearing](#) was held on Feb. 29 at the Plaza Event Center in Longmont to take public input on whether to continue or change the current approval in Section 6.1 of the Boulder County Parks & Open Space Cropland Policy that allows for the use of certain genetically engineered (GE) crops on Open Space land. That approval expires on Dec. 20, 2016.

More than 100 people spoke at the day-long public hearing, and hundreds more have submitted written comments since mid-January. (Note: an audio recording of the Feb. 29 hearing and copies of written comments are available on the [Cropland Policy web page](#))

More information, plus a form to submit written comments, can be found at: bit.ly/BCcropland. Comments received before noon on Tuesday, March 15 will be forwarded to POSAC and the BOCC before the scheduled public meetings.

Comments may also be mailed to:

Boulder County Commissioners' Office
Cropland Policy Comments
PO Box 471
Boulder, CO 80306

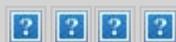
[>>](http://www.bouldercountyopenspace.org/croplandpolicy)

*The POSAC meeting will not be web-streamed, but an audio recording will be made available to the public and posted on the [Cropland Policy web page](#) by noon the following day. The Boulder County Commissioners' meeting will be web-streamed 'live' and made available for viewing on the [Commissioners' hearings & records website](#) at the earliest date possible.



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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#242] 2016-02-26 14:49:24 | Claris Ritter
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 3:49:26 PM

Name * Claris Ritter

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * helloclais@verizon.net

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Farming practices or economies of farming
 Alternate solutions to planting GMO/GE crops
 Other

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

Thank you for considering my input on this controversial issue. I am in the produce end of the food business and there is clearly much pressure from the food industry and Big-Ag to quash the public outcry against GMOs and for transparency in GMO labeling. But make no mistake, the cat is out of the bag and the public, especially here in Boulder County, does not want any part of the baggage that comes along with GMOs.

First: Herbicide resistant varieties of genetically engineered plants are at the heart of this debate, which I believe should be of primary consideration. Glyphosate, that was initially designed, tested and approved to kill plants, and therefore whose residue was never intended to be consumed, is now being liberally applied to crops that are used in every phase of food and fiber production. It is detected in ground water, surface water, precipitation, soil and sediment, human breast milk and urine. There is recent scientific evidence that glyphosate is not the benign chemical it was touted as and has proven toxic human consequences. I'm sure you all are very aware that California's EPA has recently taken action to classify glyphosate as a human carcinogen. This board should consider this carefully. It is clearly the duty of our elected and appointed public officials, that once there is clear unbiased evidence to the dangers of a chemical used widely on crops plant ed on our public open space, to do what they can to protect our citizens, our cropland, our watershed and our wildlife with a commonsense approach to a choice in what is approved on public lands.

<http://www.eastbayexpress.com/SevenDays/archives/2015/09/05/california-epa-moves-to-label-monsantos-roundup-carcinogenic>

Alternatives: There are plenty of alternatives to raising GMO sugar beets and GMO corn on public open space here in Boulder County. The market for non-GMO and organic food, feed and fiber crops is in an under-supply and high-demand position in the state of Colorado and in the US. Between the water shortages in the West where most of our food is grown, to the exploding demand for organic ingredients with very limited supply, it is simply good business strategy to steer cropland farm policy towards this surging sector.

http://ota.com/sites/default/files/indexed_files/StateOfOrganicIndustry_0.pdf

Transparency: The tides are turning. Consumers want to know what is in their food and how it is grown. The demand for non-GMO food is escalating and once Whole Foods requires all GMO

ingredients to be labeled by 2018, the rest of the grocery industry will follow. Hersey's, Campbell's and Pepperidge Farms are some of the first national brands to pledge labeling or removing GMOs from their ingredients and manufacturers are quickly looking for sources. It is good agri-economic policy to steer county farmers towards crops that are a benefit to their long-term economic prosperity and at the same time create protection of our county open space and our watershed from bio-accumulating and carcinogenic pesticides.

<http://www.fooddive.com/news/no-longer-optional-how-manufacturers-drive-transparency-and-stand-to-b/414233/>

Please stand up to what we voted for you to do: Ban the growing of GM crops on Boulder Country open space cropland.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#243] 2016-02-26 15:37:17 | Claudia Stahl
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 4:37:19 PM

Name * Claudia Stahl

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * cstahl760@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * General opinion

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

Allowing GMO crops and harmful pesticides to be grown and spread on open space is in direct opposition to what Boulder County is all about. Boulder county is a place where residents want healthy food and a healthy lifestyle and GMO's and pesticides conflict with this. The huge farm to table movement and sustainability can be compromised by GMO plants invading organic farms and dangerous, unhealthy pesticides destroying open space which is there for the Boulder County residents, not biotech farmers. Glyphosate is a possible carcinogen and 71% of voters want to prohibit GMO crops to be grown on open space. These lands should be given to local farmers who want to produce nutritious food that benefits the local population. The success of Isabelle Farm on the Thomas open space shows the desire for organic foods by the residents. I urge you to vote against allowing GMO crops to be grown on Boulder County open space.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#244] 2016-02-26 17:19:27 | Josh Maynard
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 6:19:29 PM

Name * Josh Maynard

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * maynard.josh@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Farming practices or economies of farming
 Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects
 Open Space policies, in general
 General opinion
 Other

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

Greetings Commissioners,

500 words cannot adequately represent the magnitude of error in allowing GMOs coated with neonicotinoids, and their associated pesticides, to be used and sprayed on our public land. If your job is to reflect public sentiment, with the vast majority of residents against these practices, banning their use is an easy decision.

However, rather than championing a GMO ban, as was Deb and Elise's platform to get you elected, you ask us whether we want more GMOs. It is relatively easy math to see more isn't none, and we do not want them.

But we have been in this exact same position 4 years prior at the last policy decision. And even then, the Commissioners did not vote to reflect public sentiment, and allowed GMOs. The fact that you have been in contact with industry leaders well before notifying the public that this public comment will occur to revisit this issue, shows that independent research, data, studies and conclusions presented are superfluous to your decision. You preemptively show bias for industry, so facts and independent research are inconsequential.

Therefore, I will attach a list of evidence against the use of GMOs and their associated insecticides and pesticides. It will be annotated with links to articles and studies. But it is simply for rigor; I don't expect it to be of value to you.

What I do expect to be of value is your jobs. There is a growing concern that you no longer represent your constituents, and Freedom of Information Requests confirm this concern, from recorded email correspondence with industry representatives. For that reason, this is not an issue of GMOs; it is an issue of governance, and community sovereignty.

I see little utility in continuing to waste your time in conveying my opinion on GMOs and pesticides, and even less utility in wasting my time in addressing the issue further.

You no longer represent us. The voting public are not the constituents you have chosen to represent, both today and previously, even though you are the representation we chose to govern and reflect our sentiment. Therefore, my speech will not be addressed to you.

Please represent your voting constituents and reflect the citizenry's public sentiment to ban GMOs and their associated neonicotinoids and pesticides on Boulder County public Open Space.

Thank you,
Josh Maynard
Resident and Local Business Owner

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To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#245] 2016-02-26 20:35:54 | Rhonda Ritter
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 9:35:57 PM

Name * Rhonda Ritter

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * rhondaritter@hotmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) * Dear Board of County Commissioners and Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee,
I am strongly opposed to the use of GMOs in Boulder County. My chiropractor has advised all of his patients to not eat any food containing GMOs because of the dangers to our health. The areas where chemical farming is most intensive are where cancer rates are the highest.
Please vote to change the current approval of the planting of GMOs in Boulder County.
Thank You.
Rhonda Ritter

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#246] 2016-02-26 20:43:38 | Kim Matson
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 9:43:40 PM

Name * Kim Matson

Please choose whichever option best applies *

- I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * kmatson8@yahoo.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *

- GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *
Please. No GMO in Boulder County Open Space. We need to care for and protect the land and the life that has no voice in this issue. Please. No GMO in Boulder County Open Space. Thank you.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#247] 2016-02-27 04:36:48 | Jim D
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 5:36:50 AM

Name *	Jim D
Please choose whichever option best applies *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County
Email Address *	Dising3@aol.com
My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general• Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *	I'm pretty sure that we voted for Deb and Elise because they promised to get these GMOs out of Boulder. County.
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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#248] 2016-02-27 05:47:10 | Scott Smith
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 6:47:12 AM

Name *	Scott Smith
Please choose whichever option best applies *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County
Email Address *	scott@gmknow.org
Website or Article URL (optional)	https://youtu.be/0Hrj2XdzU5M
My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *	Scientist Stephanie Seneff, Senior Research Scientist, MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, gives testimony regarding her peer-reviewed research findings on the toxic effects of Glyphosate, the active ingredient in Round-up, on human health and its wide-spread use associated with GMO corn and GMO Sugar beets in Boulder County. She urges an immediate ban on Glyphosate.
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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#249] 2016-02-27 10:50:49 | Michael Smith
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 11:50:51 AM

Name * Michael Smith

Please choose whichever option best applies *
 I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * silverbirdmoonlight@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *
 GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Alternate solutions to planting GMO/GE crops

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

I am opposed to the use the planting of GMO's on county lands. I would have never voted to tax myself if I knew for one second that the lands would be used to plant GMO's, especially ones that require the use of glyphosate.

I also find it ironic that the county is hosting education seminars on the dangers of the overuse of sugar in our diets while at the same time facilitating the use of land to grow sugarbeets.

An alternative solution is to start selling land that is used for crops even if the alternative is to allow development on it. Then use the money to buy land that is wilder and can't be used for crops. Or use the money to further enhance the lands the county does own, maybe subsidizing small farmers as start ups until they can be self sustaining.

Thank you

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#250] 2016-02-27 10:51:14 | George Stoeckelmann
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 11:51:16 AM

Name * George Stoeckelmann

Please choose whichever option best applies * Prefer not to answer

Email Address * gstockelmann@yahoo.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * General opinion

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

Dear County Commissioners,

I am a resident of Boulder County, and I support the success of our local farmers. I also recognize that we have a wide diversity of farms and farming practices in our County, and I support that coexistence.

The organic and conventional farmers have joined together to ask that you focus on policies that would truly benefit local agriculture. I ask you to listen to them, and to continue to allow our farmers to grow food in safe and sustainable ways (which includes GMO seeds and responsible pesticide use). Please make evidence-based policy decisions, and use the County's resources to support all of our farmers.

Sincerely, George Stoeckelmann

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#251] 2016-02-27 17:07:31 | Barbara Patton
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 6:07:32 PM

Name * Barabara Patton

Please choose whichever option best applies *

- I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * bpattan46@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *

- GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
- Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

As a resident of Longmont, CO and Boulder Co, I strongly urge the Boulder County Commissioners and the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee to deny the use of open space lands for the growing of genetically modified crops. GMO's are unnatural, imprecise and can have dangerous side effects. Our doctors and health care practitioners advise us to avoid any genetically modified food due to the potential and untested dangers to our health. I ask you support the safety, health and well-being of the citizens of Boulder County, protect our food supply, and change the current policy that allows the use of these GM crops on county open space land.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#252] 2016-02-27 19:49:11 | Jeanine Canty
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 8:49:13 PM

Name * Jeanine Canty

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * jcanty@naropa.edu

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) * Boulder/Boulder County has established itself as a hub of sustainability, progressive attitudes, and excellent health. GMOs are the opposite of this reality. Scientific research has demonstrated they are unsafe. They destroy land, other plants, and hurt people and other species. Progressive countries and counties worldwide are choosing to be GMO free. Boulder County needs to be one of these places.

Jeanine M. Canty, PhD
Associate Professor and Chair, Environmental
Studies/Leadership
Naropa University

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#253] 2016-02-28 06:58:28 | Julie Hafner
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2016 7:58:30 AM

Name * Julie Hafner

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * julieannah2212@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

I am a resident of Longmont and have been a citizen of Boulder County for over 20 years and grow an organic garden. In my study of GMO's there are too many implications GMO foods affect the human/animal eating them and that GMO foods contribute to digestive diseases, allergies, inflammatory diseases and infertility. The decision to grow GMO foods on public owned open space can affect generations. I ask you to take precautionary measures to protect our citizens, animals and land from genetic modification. We all are guardians of life and must act responsibly. I urge you to stop the growing of GMO food on Boulder County open space. Thank you.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#254] 2016-02-28 08:03:35 | Jennifer Schlagel
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2016 9:03:37 AM

Name * Jennifer Schlagel

Please choose whichever option best applies *

- I live/work/farm (any of these) outside of Boulder County

Email Address * jennifer@schlagelfarms.com

Website or Article URL (optional) <http://wfi.com/2016/02/26/what-would-happen-if-gmo-foods-were-banned-purdue-finds-out/>

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *

- GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
- Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
- Farming practices or economies of farming

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of growing "glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands."
I would like to begin by saying after countless scientific studies and evidence, glyphosate is a safe chemical. Several organizations, including the E.P.A., W.H.O, U.S.D.A., F.D.A., and A.M.A., have stated that genetically modified foods are safe. As a wife and a mother, I am very comfortable in feeding and growing genetically modified crop because these foods are safe to feed families and children. There are countless benefits to growing glyphosate-resistant crops which include less pesticides, decrease the carbon footprint, soil erosion, and extensive testing supports the safety of GMO's. Please consider farmers using glyphosate resistant crops. Thank you.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#255] 2016-02-28 10:28:36 | Todd Gaines
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2016 11:28:39 AM

Name * Todd Gaines

Please choose whichever option best applies *

- Prefer not to answer

Email Address * todd.gaines@colostate.edu

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *

- GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
- Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

I am an Assistant Professor of weed science at Colorado State University. I am writing to express my support for the Boulder County BOCC to renew approval for farmers to grow crops with traits derived using biotechnology, referred to by the terms transgenic, genetically modified (GM), and genetically engineered (GE). Such traits include resistance to the herbicide glyphosate, resistance to insects using Bt, and drought-tolerance. I would like to comment specifically on weed management and the herbicide glyphosate. Restricting the availability of weed management tools, including transgenic glyphosate-resistant crops, would be very detrimental for farmers and the public in Boulder County. Allowing public space farmland to be fallow without controlling weeds would present substantial environmental hazards through the unrestricted reproduction of common and noxious weeds. Glyphosate controls weeds by inhibiting an enzyme called 5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase, or EPSPS. This enzyme is found only in plants, fungi, and bacteria, and it does not occur in animals. The toxicology profile of glyphosate in animals has been extensively tested. The acute LD50 (dose required to kill 50% of a test population) is 5600 mg/kg of body weight in rats. Comparing this number to the LD50 for aspirin (200 mg/kg) and table salt (3000 mg/kg) demonstrates that glyphosate does not pose a concerning acute toxicity hazard to humans. For comparison to an organic-approved pesticide, the naturally-occurring fungicide copper sulfate approved for use on organic farms has an LD50 of 30 mg/kg in rat, 100 times more toxic than glyphosate. The chronic No Observable Effect Level (considered the "safe level" for a chemical) for glyphosate in a 24 month diet in rat is 400 mg/kg of body weight, indicating that rats fed that amount of glyphosate each day for 24 months showed no observable increase in frequency or severity of adverse effects compared to an appropriate control. The EPA sets glyphosate residue limits at 2 mg/kg, 100 times lower than the lowest reported NOEL. In order to consume enough glyphosate to reach this very conservative limit, a 150 pound person would need to consume 62 pounds of produce every day derived from glyphosate-sprayed fields with residues at the maximum limits. It is clear from this science-based risk analysis that glyphosate residues at the levels allowed by the EPA in food do not pose a health or safety hazard to consumers. I would also like to address the recent IARC classification of glyphosate in group 2A, "probably carcinogenic to humans." The general public is highly unlikely to see ill effects from any agent with this group 2A classification, because the general public does not receive enough exposure to pose a significant risk. Other agents in group 2A include smoke from burning wood and working night shifts. The classification means "take care," and it is intended primarily for those experiencing occupational exposure on a regular basis. Glyphosate is a safe herbicide for applicators following appropriate personal protection guidelines, and the available evidence does not indicate a basis for alarm about the safety of glyphosate as a herbicide.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#256] 2016-02-29 07:01:28 | Anna Perks
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 8:01:30 AM

Name *	Anna Perks
Please choose whichever option best applies *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I reside and/or work/farm both within and outside of Boulder County
Email Address *	aperks23@gmail.com
My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects
Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *	Please do not support GMO usage on our public lands. 71% of the public don't want it. Regardless of the dispute go with the majority of the public opinion. Finally, do it for the bees. We're in a crisis and it takes bold moves to make any progress. Thank you for your leadership.
Please check box below *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification

From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#257] 2016-02-29 08:20:15 | Christel Markevich
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 9:20:17 AM

Name * Christel Markevich

Please choose whichever option best applies *
 I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * christelmarkevich@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *
 GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *
Hi,
We are tired of GMO!
We don't want GMO on our public land.
Now, I understand farmers are struggling. I would love to find an agreement between farmers and citizens: no GMO and we commit to buy their products, or they can get financial support coming from our taxes...
I trust we can find solutions for all of us. The problem is not the citizens or the farmers, but the companies that are imposing GMO crops on all of us.
Thanks,
Christel

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#258] 2016-02-29 08:59:42 | Anyll Markevich
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 9:59:44 AM

Name * Anyll Markevich

Please choose whichever option best applies *

- Prefer not to answer

Email Address * christelmarkevich@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *

- GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
- Farming practices or economies of farming
- Alternate solutions to planting GMO/GE crops
- Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

We have to respect the universal way things have worked for millions of years. Pollinators have always pollinated plants that were NOT turned into environmental monsters. GMO are a violation of what evolution has set up for 3.5 billion years. It is impossible for our experiments in the last few centuries to be more intelligent, resourceful, or wise than the 3.5 billion year experiment evolution has set up.

So STOP GMOs from entering public land and farms!

I completely understand the farmer's need for money, but GMOs are not the long term path to success. Organic holistic farming is in the long term much more successful than GMOs. Are we trying to repeat the dust bowl tragedy or what?

Let's be more successful, environmentally friendly, and respect the planet's longest, most successful, and greatest experiment that ever existed.

Anyll Markevich (12 years old)

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#259] 2016-02-29 09:08:17 | Christel Markevich
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 10:08:19 AM

Name * Christel Markevich

Please choose whichever option best applies *
 I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * christelmarkevich@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *
 GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *
Hi,
We are tired of GMO!
We don't want GMO on our public land.
Now, I understand farmers are struggling. I would love to find an agreement between farmers and citizens: no GMO and we commit to buy their products, or they can get financial support coming from our taxes...
I trust we can find solutions for all of us. The problem is not the citizens or the farmers, but the companies that are imposing GMO crops on all of us.
Thanks,
Christel

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#260] 2016-02-29 09:16:10 | alison rogers
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 10:16:13 AM

Name * alison rogers

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * alirogers613@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects
 Open Space policies, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the use of Boulder County Open Space land on which to grow GMO crops. This opposition is based on four concerns. First, there is concern about the safety of GMO foods for human consumption, although due to restrictions placed by Monsanto on research of GMO crops, this is hard to confirm.

Secondly, there are valid concerns that pollen from GMO crops will contaminate nearby organic crops. This has been documented on numerous cases.

In addition, the use of RoundUp ready seeds is having a devastating effect on bees in Boulder County and throughout our country. It is considered by local bee keepers to be a leading cause of colony collapse.

Finally, I do not believe the majority of the citizens of Boulder County support the use of Boulder count Open Space land, which is paid for with our tax dollars, for the raising of GMO crops. If necessary, I think this decision should be brought to a vote of the citizens.

I was disappointed in the original decision to allow GMOs to be grown on Open Space land. I feel the Commissioners were influenced by large groups of out of area farmers, who were brought in by companies that have a vested interest in the ongoing use of GMO crops.

I hope this time the Commissioners will listen more closely to the local citizens and oppose the expanded use of GMOs on Boulder County Open Space.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#261] 2016-02-29 09:27:03 | Alex Markevich
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 10:27:05 AM

Name * Alex Markevich

Please choose whichever option best applies *

- I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * ajmarkevich@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *

- GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
- Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *
Hi,

If you want my vote in the next Boulder County Commissioner Election cycle, you need to keep your promise from the previous Boulder County Commissioner Election cycles to eliminate GMO framing from public land in Boulder County. You are receiving plenty of information from the Organic Consumer's Association, the Citizen's Cropland Policy team, and others on why GMO should be eliminated from Public Land in Boulder County and how to go about doing it (see, for example, attached).

Please act now on this important issue.

Regards,
Alex Markevich

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#262] 2016-02-29 12:49:26 | Dianne Cardinal
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 1:49:29 PM

Name * Dianne Cardinal

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * diannecardinal@yahoo.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects
 General opinion

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

I live in East Boulder County and keep bees. In the past five years I have lost all of my bee colonies. Every year I buy new bees and they rarely make it through the winter. In 2013 they just disappeared in the middle of summer. It is my belief that bees and other pollinators are greatly affected by Non-GMO plants and non-organic pesticides. Bees can't distinguish between organic and non-organic plants, so we have a duty to protect them.

It is my belief that the open space belongs to all the citizens and as I am one, I am protesting the leasing of this land to non-organic farming of any sort and specifically Non-GMO crops.

It is said that Einstein said that humans would have about 4 years to live if we lost the bees. Let's not let that happen!

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#263] 2016-02-29 13:40:20 | Glenda Rowe
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 2:40:22 PM

Name * Glenda Rowe

Please choose whichever option best applies *

- I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County
- I reside and/or work/farm both within and outside of Boulder County

Email Address * goatrowe@yahoo.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *

- GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

I would hope the County Commissioners would consider REAL Science in their decision on GMOs grown on County land. It has been proven, documented and researched from every different angle. GMOs are NOT and never have been shown to be dangerous or unhealthy for the general public. The only thing that has changed in recent years from the well accepted policy of engineering a better food supply..is the way we engineer the the seeds. Crops have been cross-bred and improved for as long as farming has existed. We have only changed the manner that this is done...to NO DETRIMENT to the human or animal species. I don't know why the Commissioners will not listen to the scientific community (not Monsanto) who have time and time again testified before them about this issue. It is only the scare tactics of the over-blown "organic" misinformed contingency in this County, that is once again raising their voices to try to legitimize fears that are biased and not based on scientific fact. I implore this governing body to review AGAIN all the valid scientific consensus on this matter and once and for all, put an end to this fear-mongering brought by a vocal minority. The last time the BOCC held this type of open forum....the scientists testified and re-iterated that to be afraid of something so clearly not dangerous, was not in the best interest of our local populace or our agricultural community or even our global entity. Boulder County has a real responsibility , as stated in the Comprehensive Planning guide, to support local agriculture. Please stand up for local Agriculture and put an end to mindless fear-mongering from people who have clearly not done their research and therefore, do not have the right to cripple our farmers and the farming community. I truly believe that the people who fear GMOS have either NOT done the research OR have a vested monetary purpose to keep free farming stopped to enhance their own profits, i.e. organic enterprises. I feel we should further research "organic" as to whether or not it is a legitimate catch-phrase at all, I know of too many instances where "organic" is misused, misunderstood and could be considered far more dangerous than GMOS! Thank you.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#264] 2016-02-29 15:23:44 | Patricia Hetherington
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 4:23:46 PM

Name * Patricia Hetherington

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * trainingxtrish@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) * Since there is no way to prevent the spread of these crops to the organic farmers and wiping out their hard earned and expensive designations, I feel that if it's only 1000 acres (doubtful) that the county can come up with an alternative plan and still get their benefits.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#265] 2016-02-29 16:40:05 | Miwa Mack
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 5:40:07 PM

Name * Miwa Mack

Please choose whichever option best applies *
 I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * miwamack@icloud.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *
 GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *
I would like GMOs banned on open space. Please follow through on your campaign promises.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#266] 2016-02-29 17:55:17 | Rosemary Hegarty
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 6:55:20 PM

Name *	Rosemary Hegarty
Please choose whichever option best applies *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I live/work/farm (any of these) outside of Boulder County
Email Address *	rmheg@aol.com
My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general• Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects
Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *	I do not support any GMO's being allowed on Boulder County Open Space land. Please protect our environment !
Please check box below *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification

From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#267] 2016-02-29 18:35:47 | Benjamin Sargent
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 7:35:49 PM

Name * Benjamin Sargent

Please choose whichever option best applies *

- I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * b2sargent@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *

- Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *
It is critical to ban all uses of glyphosate, for yards and farming. Use as a dessicant or in herbicide/pesticide preparations. The more of this stuff we pump into our environment, the greater the damage to human lives and the environment. Please put a permanent ban on all use of glyphosate in Boulder County, starting with applications to public lands.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#268] 2016-02-29 18:53:11 | Mary Lin
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 7:53:13 PM

Name * Mary Lin

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * marycaete@hotmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Farming practices or economies of farming
 Alternate solutions to planting GMO/GE crops
 Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects
 Open Space policies, in general
 Use of Open Space as agriculture, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

Genetically Modified Organisms have never been adequately tested for safety, and neither have the pesticides they are created to be resistant to. Glyphosate, in Roundup and other pesticides, is a carcinogen, disrupts gut flora in humans, killing off the "good" bacteria and yeasts and allowing for growth of dangerous organisms like clostridium dificile, candida albicans, and others. Glyphosate causes untold distress and diseases. Inflammatory bowel and organ diseases are growing at epidemic rate since the introduction of GMO foods in the last 20 years, now considered by many researchers to be the cause of these epidemic intestinal diseases. Disrupted gut flora is now being shown to be a or the primary cause of depression and obesity. And Glyphosate kills bees and other helpful insects, and is an endocrine disruptor when it enters our waterway, decimating our invertebrate populations that are so necessary for healthy ecosystems. GMOs and the chemicals they are grown with are just too dangerous to allow in Boulder County. Period.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#269] 2016-03-01 22:34:39 | David Fairman
Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 11:34:42 PM

Name * David Fairman

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * dbfairman@hotmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Bees, other pollinators, and beneficial insects

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

Dear Boulder City Council,

I am strongly opposed to the use of GMO crops and the accompanying requisite use of glyphosate. I do not want them used in my home of Boulder County. And not anywhere. It is time for Boulder to take a stand against corporate agra-business. It is time for a paradigm change!

GMO crops have not been submitted to rigorous health safety testing; so that makes the people of the USA the lab rats. No thank you!

GMO crops have the ability to cross contaminate with Organic or other conventional crops, thus tainting the pure food supply with the engineered "property" of the Monsanto Corporation. And if this happens local farmers stand to be sued by Monsanto for stealing their intellectual property, as has already happened "successfully" in Canada. Not in Boulder County!

Pesticide use is the one of the leading likely causes of colony collapse in the bee population. Bees are a vital pollinator community; necessary to most food production. We cannot afford to toy with their lives; they are a critical link in the web of life. Nor can we risk the stability of our food supply, by allowing Monsanto to poison our food and our environment for short term convenience in farming and for their own profit!

It is time for a paradigm shift! Killing the natural world with chemical pesticides is not the way to health and a positive future. Monsanto's attempts to profit through pesticide application, and their determination to dominate farming culture through manipulating farmers to use genetically engineered seeds and chemicals is literally contrary to the natural laws of the world. This path is nothing less than the path to our own destruction. And so too it has become for many farmers in the 3rd world who have invested their entire livelihoods into Monsanto's promise that GMO seeds and chemicals deliver greater yields. Countless farmers across India have committed suicide when GMO crops fail to produce as Monsanto claims, and they are left destitute; indebted to the petrochemical seed company...who now specializes in seeds which have been selected especially to NOT produce viable seeds! Thus farmers are required to purchase new seeds EVERY SEASON. This is EVIL = I literally the opposite of "LIVE".

The GMO madness must stop. The European community recognizes the fallacy and dangers of

Monsanto's claims. Haiti burned all the GMO seeds delivered to them...in their greatest time of need after the recent earthquake which devastated their country. Now it's time for Boulder to stand up and say, NO MORE.

It is time to send our message to Monsanto that we want NONE of what they are selling. It is not good for us. It is not good for the environment, nor all her living organisms. The short term financial interests of corporate profits is directly at the expense of the natural world and all her life forms; people included.

Please discontinue all leases to farmers using GMO crops in Boulder County.

Thank you,
David Fairman

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#270] 2016-03-03 10:41:38 | Josh Maynard
Date: Thursday, March 03, 2016 11:41:42 AM

Name * Josh Maynard

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County

Email Address * maynard.josh@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * Farming practices or economies of farming
 Open Space policies, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

Greetings,
I thought these articles important to the discussion at hand.

This one points out how FAIR is not actually fair, is only acting as a benevolent charity, but is actually an industry front-group to make exploitation of our public lands for profit, legal. In this situation, Monsanto is the billionaire looking to profit.

<http://www.alternet.org/economy/how-billionaires-use-non-profits-bypass-governments-push-their-agendas?akid=14024.1943610.yqKuYS&rd=1&src=newsletter1051739&t=6>

This one points out how Monsanto is trying to keep toxicity findings from the public.

<http://www.alternet.org/environment/monsanto-suing-california-trying-inform-people-roundup-causes-cancer?akid=14027.1943610.KXTzpO&rd=1&src=newsletter1051814&t=18>

It points out the likelihood of getting cancer from glyphosate is stronger than having type 2 HIV.

"IARC categorizes cancer risk into groups based on the evidence: glyphosate was categorized as Group 2A ("probably carcinogenic"), so the evidence implicating glyphosate was found to be less strong than that of smoking or asbestos (Group 1, "carcinogenic"), but stronger than that of DDT, parathion or infection with type 2 HIV virus (all Group 2B, "possibly carcinogenic")."

Because glyphosate quantities and use have risen compared to exposure test amounts from this WHO test, allowing GMOs here exposes us to cancer worse than having type 2 HIV. So, from a cancer standpoint, it is as if you have given everyone HIV.

It also points out that the EPA knew glyphosate was cancer causing when the EPA first tested it, and Monsanto is still trying to hide it from us.

"IARC wasn't the first agency to look at glyphosate's cancer-causing potential. In 1985, EPA classified glyphosate as a possible carcinogen based on experiments showing tumors in glyphosate-treated rodents. Input from Monsanto led to a dubious reinterpretation of these studies by EPA, and reclassification of glyphosate as non-carcinogenic in 1991."

Now that you know exposure to glyphosate is worse than the cancer equivalent of having HIV, please stop this practice from occurring on public land.

If you wish to reach a middle-ground on the issue, allow GMOs on private land but ban them on public land. People can do what they want with their land, and the public can do what it wants with its land.

If you wish to champion the cause against GMO and pesticide negative health affects and associated liability, now that you are complicit with exposing the public to cancer from (public and) private land, I advise requiring all private land owners (and the County) using GMOs and glyphosate to have a bond to the amount necessary to reimburse citizens for health costs and non-GMO/organic farmers from genetic contamination of crops and land contamination from pesticides.

Thank you,
Josh

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#271] 2016-03-03 11:23:46 | Michael Stiff
Date: Thursday, March 03, 2016 12:23:58 PM

Name * Michael Stiff

Please choose whichever option best applies *
 I live/work/farm (any of these) outside of Boulder County

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My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *
 GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general
 Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
 Farming practices or economies of farming
 Open Space policies, in general
 Use of Open Space as agriculture, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

Dear Board Members, I support use of GMO crops. As a retired farmer, I can attest the GMO corn and beans is the reason that the world has food to eat. If GMO crops are eliminated, I can guarantee you that there will be more hungry people. The white liberals who support anti-GMO will be able to pay for the higher cost of food but a lot of working and retired people will have to pay more of their income for food. The anti-GMO activists should buy a meal a week for the retired/working poor and single mothers. It may make the anti-GMO activists feel good but the rest of society will suffer.

Mike Stiff
1508 Taylor Lakeside
Olney, IL 62450

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#272] 2016-03-03 19:42:18 | Matthew Schnell
Date: Thursday, March 03, 2016 8:42:21 PM

Name * Matthew Schnell

Please choose whichever option best applies * I live/work/farm (any of these) outside of Boulder County

Email Address * mschnell7@gmail.com

My comment is related to: (check all that apply) * GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general

Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *

There are over 2000 studies concluding the safety of GMOs, new ones are constantly being engineered to improve our agricultural practices meeting the demands of a growing population by using less land and decreasing deforestation. Varieties like the Rainbow papaya have saved whole markets from destruction by blight and once approved, golden rice will save more lives from nutrient deficiencies than HIV takes. I'm a molecular biologist who had a minor in chemistry and can assure you, the main scientific bodies in every country are not wrong by endorsing GMOs, the sad truth is there is a lot of money being made by scaring people away from technology with promises of things science just doesn't support, empirically or in any other way. An affluent community such as yours would be wise to remember the benefits technology brings us, and the advantages of several GMOs such as rainbow papaya (blight resistance), Bt products (reduce pesticides in the soil and runoff into bodies of water, Bt is organic approved even.), the Arctic apple (spoilage reduced, only contains apple DNA), white russet potato (removed a natural carcinogen that occurs in all potato varieties, only contains potato DNA), and the growing list of others including the likelihood that citrus greening and the Panama disease affecting bananas will most likely be stopped by using this technology. I would also add a short list of some of the scientific organizations around the world that endorse GMOs which would include American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Medical Association, American Society for Microbiology, Australian Academy of Sciences, Brazilian Academy of Sciences, British Medical Association, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, European Commission, European Food Safety Authority, Federation of Animal Science Societies, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, French Academy of Science, Indian National Science Academy, Institute of Food Technologists, International Council for Science, International Union of Food Science and Technology, Italian National Academy of Science, Mexican Academy of Sciences, National Academies of Science (United States), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Royal Society (United Kingdom), World Health Organization, and many others.

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From: [Boulder County Cropland Policy Comment](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Cropland Policy Comment [#273] 2016-03-14 14:48:53 | Gabrielle Accatino
Date: Monday, March 14, 2016 3:48:55 PM

Name *	Gabrielle Accatino
Please choose whichever option best applies *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I live/work/farm (any of these) in Boulder County
Email Address *	accatino@colorado.edu
My comment is related to: (check all that apply) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GMOs or genetically-engineered crops, in general• Growing glyphosate-resistant corn and sugarbeets on agricultural lands leased from Boulder County
Comment (please limit to 500 words or roughly one-page) *	I do NOT want GMO's grown on lands leased from Boulder County. Thank you.
Please check box below *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I acknowledge receipt of the Open Records Notification

From: [Jann Scott](#)
To: [Council; Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Bill Nye Science guy says hysteria about GMOs is false science
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:03:17 AM

Bill Nye Science guy says hysteria about GMOs is false science

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From Jann Scott CEO [Channel 1 Networks](#) & [Boulder Channel 1](#).

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From: [Stepanek](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Boulder Citizen Supports for all Boulder Farmers
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 8:12:05 AM

Dear County Commissioners,

I am a resident of Boulder County, and I support the success of our local farmers. I also recognize that we have a wide diversity of farms and farming practices in our County, and I support that coexistence.

The organic and conventional farmers have joined together to ask that you focus on policies that would truly benefit local agriculture. I ask you to listen to them, and to continue to allow our farmers to grow food in safe and sustainable ways (which includes GMO seeds and responsible pesticide use). Please make evidence-based policy decisions, and use the County's resources to support all of our farmers.

Sincerely, Joseph F. Stepanek, 720 11th St. Boulder, CO 80302 303-544-0881

Economist, Director, retired from USAID, where I served the U.S. Dept of State in five developing countries. See www.stepanek.org

From: [FoodWise One](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Economic returns of GE crops versus organic crops
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 2:59:17 PM
Attachments: [BC Sugarbeet numbers updated.xlsx](#)
[organic corn returns.pdf](#)

Dear Commissioners,

I will be using my time at the hearing on February 29 in part to discuss economic returns of GE sugar beets and GE corn.

Please see the two attachments.

The first is my analysis of the USDA data for yields and pricing of sugar beets. It clearly shows that yields have NOT increased due to GE traits. The trendline for Colorado yields have been steadily increasing due to other non-GE traits and better agro management practices (better weed and pest controls) which would have predicted the current yield numbers. There were no bumps in CO yields in 2008-2010 when GE beets were introduced nor in 2013 when GE beets were approved on Open Space land. **You have been told repeatedly that GE has dramatically increased yields. This is simply untrue.** From Monsanto's own website regarding GE yield

"If weeds and insects had been controlled well, then the insect and herbicide tolerance traits will not be the primary factor in increasing yield."

Therefore repeating that statement from Western sugar, other biotech interests and from the farmers does not make it true.

Also, you can see that prices for sugar beets have dropped approx. 37% since 2011 and given the move away from GE sugar, it doesn't look like prices will recover to those higher levels anytime soon. The USDA is concerned about this effect on sugar beet production in the US. <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/us-mulls-options-sugar-refiners-face-supply-crunch>

It seems that continuing to grow GE beets on public Open Space is not good economic bet for the County or the farmers.

The second attachment was just published by USDA showing that economic returns for organic corn is far superior to GE corn, yet the adoption rate is low due to the barriers we have often discussed. The economics of growing organic corn has only become more compelling as current conventional corn prices have dropped to \$3.60 per bushel whereas current organic corn pricing is \$9-10 per bushel which more than offsets the additional labor and lower yields. That is 2.5 times the price of conventional.

I will present a more complete white paper regarding these two crops and the two additional GE crops that have been requested to be grown on Open Space at the Feb 2 hearing, but I wanted you to get some key information should you have time to review prior to the hearing.

Best regards,

Mary

Mary C. Mulry Ph.D.

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From: [Bruce Robinson](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Barb Mueser](#)
Subject: Excellent Source to Consider
Date: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 6:06:57 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

This article is not short but it is powerful and covers so many of the many aspects of biotechnology in our food supply. I appreciate your hosting the forum Monday night and would like it if we could get past the talking points we hear so often from "both" sides and look at deeper and wider considerations.

This article goes a long way to that deeper look.

Thanks for your consideration,

Bruce Robinson
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RE GMO, etc

Dear Sirs,

A decision on GMO's is not one you need to take lightly and/or think it is a good ideas to be one of the first counties to ban such crops. If you look at locally respected companies, such as White Wave, they will tell you that it is very, very difficult to actually have a non-GMO product or an organic product if you actually do your homework and the trace backs properly. I admire those who are realistic, use the best proven practices that is beneficial to all, and they do not use a political advertising campaign to the masses when they know differently (i.e. Horizon Dairy's issue a decade ago). To ban GMOs will mean strawberries cannot be planted at all, even in the home gardens of those who rent back the farms, live on county premises (75th/Airport), etc besides administering the policy at the community gardens at the fairgrounds, etc. It is a well-known fact that genetically modified plants and organisms have saved many millions of pounds of herbicides, fertilizers and insecticides yearly since their introduction many decades ago. I would strongly advise looking at other state-wide bans first. Background education is very important.

I have been an agricultural director that we process over 100 million pounds of vegetables a year; all grown from seed (Western Foods). Now I also am involved in treating organic animals, and "you cannot always believe what you are being told by the small farmer" as we had similar problems with the small farmers we had from Northern Colorado to South Texas in our vegetable growing/harvesting. Regulation would be difficult for this group, although on a large scale sustainable farm it is easier due to better bookkeeping, etc. I do not use neonicotinoid products, and to ban them completely would not be wise. Banning their use as a spray is one thing, but one must realize that seeds which need air planters, small size seeds, etc require a seed coating to protect the seed. These coatings contain fertilizers and insecticides to prevent nematodes from destroying the seed, and neonicotinoids can be part of the coating—which is okay as it is in a very minute amount. To then go back to a primitive seed will then have a lower plant density survival, more acreage is needed to have the same crop (and more fuel, fertilizer, etc). You must consider the environmental picture overall, and to look at sustainability. To ban neonicotinoids for their cause of bee colony collapse, well you need to do your homework on this multi-caused problem (and look at overwinter nutrition).

For sustainable agriculture that attempts to improve the scar that man causes to the environment, please do not consider at this time a total ban on GMOs, neonicotinoids, etc.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Benschmidt
8883 Nelson Road
Longmont, Colorado 80503

From: [Gardner, Deb](#)
To: [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: A humble voice on GM crops
Date: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 3:57:53 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

From: Bob Poley [<mailto:rpoley@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 9:49 AM
To: Gardner, Deb
Subject: A humble voice on GM crops



Hi Deb.

It was GREAT to see you at the Ag Forum! Thank you and your fellow commissioners for the incredible support you give to Bo Co Ag!

GMOs: You know every pro and every con vastly better than I do.

What I DO know: It is PROFOUNDLY difficult to make a living farming in Bo Co. In our eight years at HnH, neither Janet nor I have taken one PENNY out of the farm—Not in pay, not in earnings. You know as well as I do: 18 of the 24 market farms POS has leased to since inception have failed. KCUR, the NPR station at Univ. of MO, KC, did a really cool piece on Bo Co's GMO stuff: <http://kcur.org/post/what-we-talk-about-when-we-talk-about-gmos#stream/0> . As well as quoting Ron Stewart, they also interviewed Famuer Rasmussen and Jules Van Thuyne, both of whom grow GM corn and beets here. "Van Thuyne says a ban on GMOs would upend his operations... These are farm families whose livelihood is very much affected by this decision."

KCUR also interviews Steven Hoffman in the piece, one of the activists opposing GM crops. Hoffman makes his living as a natural food marketer. His point of view and activism is totally self-serving.

I strongly encourage you to allow Boulder County farmers to continue to make planting decisions that will allow them to continue farming in our wonderful county.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Poley

From: [Frye, Renata](#)
To: [Lacey, Cecilia](#); [Jannatpour, Vivienne](#); [Nielsen, Tina](#); [POSAC - Cathy Comstock](#); [POSAC - Eric Hozempa](#); [POSAC - James Mapes](#); [POSAC - Jenn Archuleta](#); [POSAC - John Nibarger](#); [POSAC - Russell Hayes](#); [POSAC - Scott Miller](#); [POSAC - Sue Cass](#); [Robb, Chris](#); [Ryder, Mike](#); [Smith, Jeremie](#); [Stewart, Ron](#)
Cc: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: FW: A slide show of an abundant organic farm
Date: Friday, March 04, 2016 11:08:38 AM

I've been asked to forward a slide show to you. Please see the email and link below.

Renata

Renata Frye
Real Estate Administrative Lead / POSAC Coordinator
Boulder County Parks & Open Space
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www.bouldercounty.org/openspace

From: KAT SHEA [<mailto:katshea@msn.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 11:03 PM
To: Frye, Renata
Subject: A slide show of an abundant organic farm

Dear Renata,

I presented to the Boulder County Commissioners today, against the GMO crops in Boulder's open space. My short little piece was about the importance of genetically diversified seed and healthy soil and the real fears of cross contamination with organic heirloom seeds. I ran out of time to include contamination of the soil and decimation of the pollinators with huge applications of glyphosate, but it all goes together with the GMO issue.

I went up during a break to say I had a series of photos of an organic farm I volunteered at, to show the most gorgeous biodynamic art *and* science of highly skilled master organic gardeners. Boulder has some amazing organic farms, and the people of Boulder support them in our thriving Farmer's Market. It is such a privilege to work with people who use the "technology" of attunement to life to bring forth this kind of abundance. When "science" is divorced from the life of the gene pool, and the life of the soil, and the life of the pollinators and ultimately the life of the people eating the food, it is ultimately doomed to fail and produce huge damage to all future generations. This is what the life of an organic farm looks like from start to finish in one season:

https://picasaweb.google.com/katura777/BestOfMcCauleyFamilyFarm2013?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCLHnncOy0Z_R6AE&feat=directlink

Just hit slide show and set the time for how fast you want it to go, and enlarge the screen.

I was told to send this to you, and that you would send it to the commissioners. Please feel free to contact me, if anyone likes.

Kat Shea
2925 3rd St
Boulder, CO 80304

303 447-0474

From: [Gardner, Deb](#)
To: [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Delivery Status Notification (Delay)
Date: Thursday, March 03, 2016 10:55:36 AM

From: Judy Nogg [<mailto:judynogg31147@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 8:47 AM
To: Gardner, Deb
Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Delay)

Deb,

Thanks for all your work on GMOs. I remember that not allowing GMOs on Open Space was one of your main platform points.

I also remember your support of veterans at that time, since I was the E.D. of VHV now until I retired in 2013.

After the public hearing and all your research, your head must be swimming.

I was confused by Paul Danish's column in the Daily Camera about GMOs because I thought that I had read that glyphosates were bad. Since I respect Mr. Danish for being one of the main folks who provided us with our fabulous Open Space, I thought I'd do a little of my own research.

I am not a scientist and I have no financial skin in the GMO/Open Space issue.

The research I did provided me with conflicting information, as I'm sure your research provided you. Some studies say that glyphosate, Round Up, GMO's, etc. are just fine and others that say that glyphosates, Round Up, and the GMO's that are dependent upon them are just terrible.

After reading both sides of the issue, I have concluded that, at the very least, the jury is still out on the subject.

Since it is not conclusive that glyphosate, Round Up or any GMOs dependent upon them are completely safe, I come down on the side of caution. Of course.

Additionally, since Boulder County has such a healthy brand, it seems to be logical that Open Space be available only for organic growing, if there is to be any agriculture.

Since it was one of your campaign points, I believe that you would still agree.

However, it might get confusing when there is so much information being thrown at you from all sides.

I would like to mention a personal experience that relates to this issue,

tangentially. When I was a young woman, I was having an ethical dilemma (that, truly, I can no longer recall). I asked my wise mother for advice and her words still ring in my ears, having helped me throughout adulthood. She said, "We humans like to make issues seem complicated because it is very hard to do the right thing. We pretend that every decision has shades of grey when, really, it is mostly black and white.

Because you supported the ban on GMOs in Open Space, because the residents want the ban, because a GMO-free ban on Open Space is good for Boulder's brand (and thus economy), and because the chemicals have not yet been proven to be safe in a conclusive manner, I hope your decision will be clear.

Thank you so much for your help.

Best,

Judy Nogg
1182 Juniper
Boulder

From: [Jones, Elise](#)
To: [Domenico, Cindy](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Krezek, Michelle](#); [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Gmo hearing
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:10:28 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 4:16 PM
To: Jones, Elise
Subject: Gmo hearing

Elise the one comment that I wasn't able to add since we ran out of time is the point is is we have this cropland use and I think the person who is overseeing this has failed to look at the failures and trying to adjust what is happened they've set on your thumbs for five years and now it's back to a crisis when it could've easily been looked at and analogist and figured out I think would be a lot further ahead of the game in this because I know it's going to turn into a big huge Wang as you know the hooch wings that I have been involved with two with you so you know just trying to be inter-active in the community I love thanks for your consideration.

Rod Brueske

Ps please excuse any of the typo errors I dictated this into Siri

Sent from my iPhone

From: [David Macy](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Fw: GMO Seeds
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 3:37:39 PM

David Macy, Inc.
(303) 776-2334
655 S. Sunset Street, Unit F, Longmont, CO 80501
<http://www.davidmacyinc.com>

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: David Macy <davidmacyinc@yahoo.com>
To: "croplandpolicy@bouldercunty.org" <croplandpolicy@bouldercunty.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2016 3:33 PM
Subject: GMO Seeds

Dear Boulder County Commissioners: Please allow the farmers that farm Boulder County open space properties to continue to use GMO seeds. As in all farm communities the farmers in Boulder County all support each other whether they are conventional farmers or organic farmers. The conventional farmers rely on GMO seeds to meet their contract obligations with different companies such as Western Sugar. The conventional farmers have their life savings invested in the machinery to produce existing crops grown in Boulder County. The conversion from conventional farming to organic farming the Boulder County will continue based on the laws of supply and demand, highest and best use, and economics. If GMO seeds are banned in Boulder County we will have a lot of farmers that will quit farming which will leave a lot of open space land that could go to weeds which will be a tremendous liability for the County.

Your consideration of the above to continue to allow GMO seeds to be used is a prudent decision for all of the citizens of Boulder County.

Thank You,

David Macy

From: [Jones, Elise](#)
To: [Domenico, Cindy](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Krezek, Michelle](#); [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Shared from Twitter: 10 Reasons to Oppose the Senate Version of the DARK Act
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:09:51 PM

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:22 PM
To: Jones, Elise
Subject: Shared from Twitter: 10 Reasons to Oppose the Senate Version of the DARK Act

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From: [Jones, Elise](#)
To: [Domenico, Cindy](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Krezek, Michelle](#); [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Shared from Twitter: Atrazine: The Latest Pesticide on Trial | Civil Eats Food Blog
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:10:04 PM

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2016 4:40 PM
To: Jones, Elise
Subject: Shared from Twitter: Atrazine: The Latest Pesticide on Trial | Civil Eats Food Blog

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To: [Domenico, Cindy](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Krezek, Michelle](#); [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Shared from Twitter: FDA to Start Testing for Glyphosate in Food | Civil Eats
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:10:32 PM

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 3:54 PM
To: Jones, Elise
Subject: Shared from Twitter: FDA to Start Testing for Glyphosate in Food | Civil Eats

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From: [Jones, Elise](#)
To: [Domenico, Cindy](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Krezek, Michelle](#); [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Shared from Twitter: Monsanto Falsley Professed GMO Soybeans Are "Safe" Says Norway in New Government Study
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:09:26 PM

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2016 5:21 PM
To: Jones, Elise
Subject: Shared from Twitter: Monsanto Falsley Professed GMO Soybeans Are 'Safe' Says Norway in New Government Study

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Subject: FW: Shared from Twitter: Pesticide Combinations Greater Than Sum of Parts | Civil Eats
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:09:34 PM

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2016 1:48 PM
To: Jones, Elise; mark@ollinfarms.com
Subject: Shared from Twitter: Pesticide Combinations Greater Than Sum of Parts | Civil Eats

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To: [Domenico, Cindy](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Krezek, Michelle](#); [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Shared from Twitter: Quitting Season: Why Farmers Walk Away From Their Farms | Civil Eats
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:09:58 PM

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:06 PM
To: director@bcfm.org; mark@ollinfarms.com; Jones, Elise
Subject: Shared from Twitter: Quitting Season: Why Farmers Walk Away From Their Farms | Civil Eats

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From: [Jones, Elise](#)
To: [Domenico, Cindy](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Krezek, Michelle](#); [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Shared from Twitter: The Battle Over the Most Used Herbicide Heats Up as Nearly 100 Scientists Weigh In | Civil Eats
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:09:04 PM

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 7:17 PM
To: mark@ollinfarms.com; Jones, Elise
Subject: Shared from Twitter: The Battle Over the Most Used Herbicide Heats Up as Nearly 100 Scientists Weigh In | Civil Eats

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From: [Jones, Elise](#)
To: [Domenico, Cindy](#); [Gardner, Deb](#); [Krezek, Michelle](#); [Halpin, Barbara](#)
Subject: FW: Shared from Twitter: Watch: Neil Young's New 10 Min Monsanto Documentary "Seeding Fear" on EnviroNews
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 2:09:16 PM

From: Rod Brueske [<mailto:rkbrueske@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2016 5:22 PM
To: mark@ollinfarms.com; Jones, Elise
Subject: Shared from Twitter: Watch: Neil Young's New 10 Min Monsanto Documentary 'Seeding Fear' on EnviroNews

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From: [Krezek, Michelle](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: FW: Testimony Submitted to the Boulder County Commission
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 11:22:19 AM
Attachments: [Testimony of L V Giddings .docx](#)

From: Val Giddings [lv@outlook.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2016 7:53 AM
To: Jones, Elise; Gardner, Deb; Domenico, Cindy; Krezek, Michelle
Cc: Gene Harrington; Sundari Kraft
Subject: Testimony Submitted to the Boulder County Commission

Commissioner Elise Jones,

Commissioner Deb Gardner ,

Commissioner Cindy Domenico,

The Biotechnology Industry Organization asked me to submit testimony in support of your 29 February hearing on the Boulder Open Space Policy. The views attached are my own, grounded in my three decades of experience with crops and foods improved through biotechnology as an analyst, a regulator, an industry spokesperson, and an independent consultant.

I endorse the FAIR proposal to build on and expand the purely positive experiences Boulder County has had with "GM" crops by allowing the planting of improved varieties of alfalfa, and drought tolerant corn. These innovative crops have an unblemished track record of safety and improving agricultural sustainability and could only contribute to further progress towards fulfilling the objectives of the Open Space Policy.

Opponents of modern innovations in agriculture make a host of claims about alleged dangers or problems associated with "GM" crops. Data and experience show these allegations are not supported by the data, and that the impacts of crops and foods improved through biotechnology have been entirely positive.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have, and thank you for the opportunity to provide the attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

L. Val Giddings, Ph.D.

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Discuss innovation at our blog <http://www.innovationpolicy.org> and at our [**ITIF LinkedIn Group**](#)

From: swansonjnc@comcast.net
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Fwd: I am a beekeeper.
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 4:02:21 PM

This is one additional comment I'd like to add to my morning message urging you to vote No on GMOs on our Open Space!

Cathy Swanson
2288 Kincaid Place
Boulder 80304

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Jeff Anderson <info@earthjustice.org>
To: Cathy Swanson <swansonjnc@comcast.net>
Sent: Mon, 29 Feb 2016 20:27:56 -0000 (UTC)
Subject: I am a beekeeper.

The law can save bees and reform our broken food system!

[Earthjustice](#)



As a beekeeper, I know how powerful the law can be to save bees and help reform our broken food system!



[Join me in supporting Earthjustice's work by midnight February 29 and your monthly gift will be matched \\$1-for-\\$1 for the next 12 months.](#)

[GIVE MONTHLY](#)

Dear Cathy,

I have been a beekeeper since 1976, and never before have I experienced the level of loss that I have in recent years because of the prophylactic use of pesticides on blooming crops.

Two winters ago I lost 67 percent of my bee colonies. Prior to 2005, my typical winter colony loss was only about 6 percent.

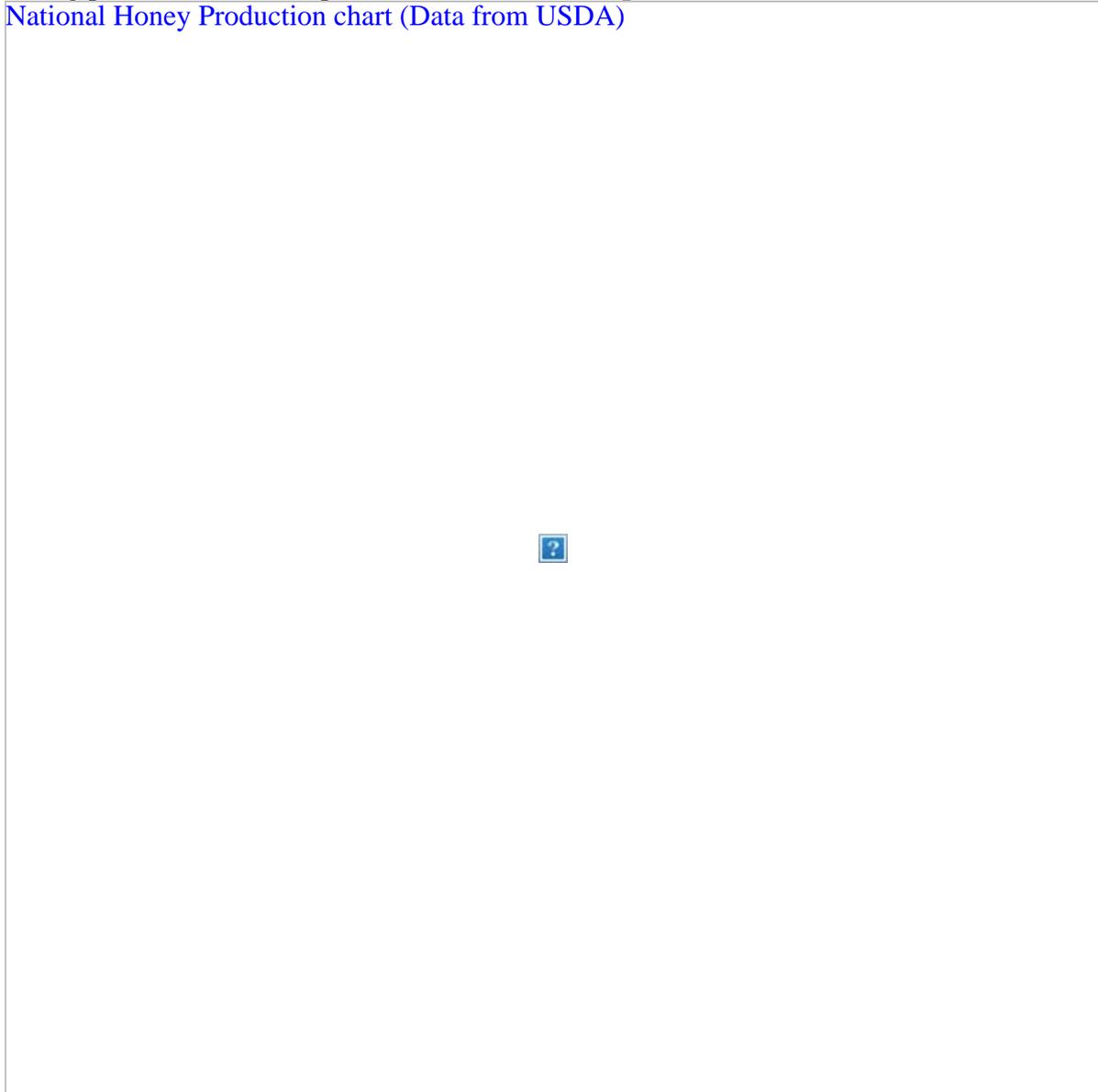
Throughout the industry beekeepers are experiencing similar declines, yet our government continues to delay action to save bees.

Earthjustice is fighting for beekeepers like me, and for the millions of Americans who want action now to save bees and fix our broken food system.

[To help them win difficult battles like this, a generous Earthjustice supporter is offering to match your monthly gift \\$1-for-\\$1 for the next 12 months if you give in the next two days!](#)

Pesticides are causing bee mortality, yet our government continues to approve toxic bee-killing pesticides for widespread use. **This is unacceptable.**

[National Honey Production chart \(Data from USDA\)](#)



Earthjustice is fighting to stop this, and they're winning. Already their efforts have succeeded in getting sulfoxaflor—a pesticide shown to be highly toxic to bees—pulled from shelves.

Every day Earthjustice is fighting to reform this broken food system and make it better for me and for you. [Will you stand with me to support this critical work?](#)

Years ago I purchased the beekeeping business from my father-in-law, and I had hoped one of my children would take over the family business. But the way things are going, I'm not

sure this will be possible.

Our food system is broken. [Please stand with me to support Earthjustice in its fight to fix the system and save bees.](#)

Thank you,

[GIVE MONTHLY](#)

Jeff Anderson

Owner of California-Minnesota Honey Farms

Cathy, thank you for being an [Earthjustice Activist](#).

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From: [Cindy](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: GMO's on our taxpayer open space
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 8:19:02 PM

It makes me very sad and frightened that our elected Oh Fishel's would allow GMO's on our tax payer open space.
Very sad for our county.

Cindy cart right, Tax payer

Sent from my iPhone

From: [JohninBoulder1](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: GMOs and inputs on Boulder County Public Open Space
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 2:02:43 PM

February 25, 2016

Dear Boulder County Commissioners:

As a long-time resident of Boulder County, I would like to see the Boulder County Commissioners BAN production of genetically modified food, and the use of associated inputs (i.e. glyphosate and neonicotinoids) in Boulder County. As others have already done, I must note that both Commissioner Elise Jones and Commissioner Deb Gardner have promised to ban GMO crops on public lands. Thus, not only is the public health of Boulder County potentially at stake, but personal and professional integrity is at stake, and I hope that the great courage it took to ban fracking on Boulder County land will again be manifest in a ban on GMOs on Boulder County Open Space.

Please see: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/commissioners-want-your-vote-again-before-making-good-mary-vonbreck>

The reasons for banning GMOs are not far to seek:

- 1) GMOs are so highly controversial and divisive throughout the world that some 38 countries have either partially or completely banned them over significant safety concerns.

- 2) As you know, it is widely recognized that corporate power and profits as well as political pressure have forced other nations (and Boulder County) to adopt an often unwanted and certainly unneeded technology. Many residents of Boulder County are fully aware of the tremendous pressure from many interests our Boulder County Commissioners have confronted.

- 3) It is by now also widely recognized that monoculture (inextricably linked with GMO technology) is incompatible with regenerative agriculture.

4) Independent nutrition studies have shown that organically grown food is higher in nutritional value than food grown from GMO seeds and chemical inputs and this includes all current crops as well as those Boulder County farmers want to add. Our open space needs to be put to much better use to serve the citizens of Boulder Country and not the short-term financial interests of a few. A significant percentage of Boulder County residents remain “food insecure.” GMO sugar beets will never do them or anyone else any good -- and this includes the GMO farmers who are exposed to highly toxic inputs. We need to create an agricultural model in Boulder County which benefits its citizens; the current model benefits the needs of a few as well as agricultural/chemical corporations which of course largely determine agricultural policy in the United States in general and Boulder County in particular.

5) The so-called “inputs” accompanying GE crops are as problematic, dangerous and unneeded as is genetic engineering itself.

For the remainder of this communication, I might briefly note a few items regarding the widely used herbicide, Glyphosate, much used in Boulder County, and share with you a few recent publications.

1) Glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide in the world.

<https://www.agriland.ie/farming-news/glyphosate-become-heavily-used-weed-killer-history/>

2) Those of us who attended the numerous Boulder County hearings on GMO implementation will well recall how many times we were told by local academic scientists that glyphosate is all but harmless. It was obvious to many that we were being misled and it is more than obvious that the American people continue to be misled regarding the safety of Glyphosate (and much else).

3) In one of my public comments (at the notorious Longmont hearing in December 2011), I used the expression “deadly” to describe Glyphosate. It would appear that Harvard University, the World Health Organization, and the Institute of Science and Society would agree with me and not our local scientists.

4) Indeed, recent publications on Glyphosate and Cancer should concern anyone in a position of creating public policy and should concern anyone who resides near areas where glyphosate is employed.

Institute of Science in Society, March 26, 2014:

http://www.i-sis.org.uk/Glyphosate_and_Cancer.php

The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, October 16, 2015:

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/2015/10/16/october-research-roundup/>

Nature, March 24, 2015:

<http://www.nature.com/news/widely-used-herbicide-linked-to-cancer-1.17181>

Scientific American, March 25, 2015, (reprint of Nature article, above):

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/widely-used-herbicide-linked-to-cancer/>

An MIT professor addresses the Boulder County Commissioners on Glyphosate:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Hrj2XdzU5M&feature=share>

In addition, please see the following link. The State California has filed its “notice of intent to list” glyphosate to be a known cancer agent.

http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/CRNR_notices/admin_listing/intent_to_list/090415LCset27.html

For a final vignette, I provide the following:

<http://www.addictinginfo.org/2015/03/26/monsanto-lobbyist-swears-pesticide-safe-enough-to-drink-until-journalist-offers-him-a-glass-video/>

If Glyphosate alone is as dangerous as its critics and scientific research assert, would our Boulder County Commissioners really want to continue to inflict this dubious technology upon themselves and their families, the land and the farmers who work it, and Boulder County residents?

Respectfully submitted,

J. Gray

Boulder County resident

From: [Mark Haeg](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Info for you before you decide on GMO's
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 11:41:51 AM

Dear Boulder County Commissioners,

Please see this article with plenty of links to studies pointing out the nutritional and ecological advantages of organic farming vs GMO/Chemical farming

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2016/02/29/organic-food-grass-fed-meat-milk.aspx>

Organic foods have more nutritional content
More food is not better - Better food is better!

Both my Uncle and my mom have tremors that the Mayo Clinic Doctors say is most likely from farm chemicals when they were growing up on the farm

Chemicals harm children and kill the soil - not just the pests.

When running for office, two of you said you would eliminate GMOs from Boulder.
If you want more information fed to you, please let me know.
I am happy to help.
Mark

MARK HAEG
markhaeg@gmail.com
303 443 2327

From: [Michele Parker](#)
Subject: Letter to Boulder Commission
Date: Thursday, March 03, 2016 3:16:23 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

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Boulder County Commission

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Dear Commissioners,

You as a governing board are discussing policy regarding planting of GMO crops on county-owned cropland. Foremost, we welcome a county that is being proactive in wanting to maintain farmland in the face of expanding housing developments. And, we welcome Boulder County's desire to assure this discussion on cropland policy is open to all.

You no doubt are being besieged by people who would ban all GMO crops without question, and others who have made their living in agriculture because of the benefits of such crops.

There is little question that America's agricultural industry and economy have greatly benefitted from technological advances in agriculture. There is no question that organic farmers want and need to protect their investment in their operations and as well as assuring their customers of the integrity of their products. As the landowners, Boulder County needs to decide what is the right course of action to meet its priorities. We respect that.

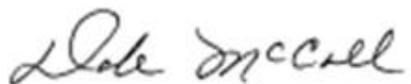
Developing public policy is a never-ending balancing act, especially when both sides have reasonable points of view based on facts rather than feelings. In this spirit, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union is asking you to give fair consideration to the stakeholders who will be impacted by the policies you set. We know how this works, because we work with farmers and ranchers who

represent all walks of life. Farmers Union is a general farm organization, meaning our members are the family farmers that come to mind for most of you. These families make their living raising livestock, growing crops, and providing the economic and social foundation of rural communities. As a general farm organization, we work for all of agriculture, not just one breed or one crop. Because of this we see the big picture. What helps one set of farmers or ranchers may hurt another group.

We believe that Boulder County is in a position to see that a mutually agreeable solution is at hand, providing farmers use the appropriate setbacks, respect each other's operations, adhere to best management practices, maintain (even anticipate) open communications, and embrace the spirit of cooperation in agriculture.

It may help you to know Farmers Union members decide what issues are important to them, and they give the organization direction in how to achieve results on their behalf. This grassroots policy development is done through an organized and civilized democratic process. Yes, we do have policy on GMO crops. This policy was introduced, debated, and adopted by our members. It reads, "The rights of both GMO and non-GMO producers should be respected." The GMO issue is a moving target. It would be unfair to some farmers if they were simply excluded from farming based only on feelings, rather than facts. This might be similar to telling all registered car buyers in Boulder County that they could only buy hybrids from new car dealers. It might sound good yet lead to unintended consequences that harm others.

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union is well known as the organization that represents family farmers and ranchers, and has for more than 100 years. Yet we also are home to beginning farmers who are just getting started and they know we'll be working for them in the years to come. We ask you as the elected leaders of your community to consider how your policies may result in a win-win for the real stakeholders, rather than a win-lose based solely on philosophical grounds. Nationwide, GMO and non-GMO farmers are engaged in farming and its most unlikely one or the other will emerge as the only way to grow crops. Let's look for opportunities to create winners rather than losers.



Dale McCall, President

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

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Denver, CO 80237

From: [Kirsten Burris](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Opposed to GMOs
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:16:15 AM

Dear County Commisioners,

I am in favor of helping our farmers prosper and I am not in favor of doing so by altering our food supply.

I am a Boulder native and I know that the Boulder I grew up in would never even consider such a thing as gmo crops on county lands.

I encourage you to really look at the facts around gmo foods and their unknown effects to our health.

Let us not do evil that good shall come. Lets use our wisdom and doscernment and look out for our precious land, our farmers and their true needs and our health. Lets not compromise because big business wants us to use their products as a short cut.

Thank you for your careful consideration and guardianship.

Sincerely,

Kirsten

From: [Staci Rieder](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Opposition to GMOs
Date: Monday, March 14, 2016 11:31:11 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an organic chef, a mom and an avid gardener. I only eat, cook, and serve organic food. I have a daughter, and I cook for many children and families, and I have been so grateful to be able to provide food for which I know all of the ingredients and where it comes from. I am completely against GMOs and growing them on public lands! I have a huge garden, and already, I have to cover it once a week in the summer to make sure none of the toxic pesticides contaminates it. My daughter and I both have allergies and asthma, but I have been able to keep it all at bay with our healthy diet and lifestyle. Please please do not allow GMOs to be grown on public land! It is public, lets please let nature take its course. Nature is organic NOT genetically modified! GMOs create disease. We are seeing that in the wheat, corn and fish that has been modified, and how people are getting sick. I am so grateful for the opportunity to grow and purchase organic food. Please do not take away that freedom!

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Staci Rieder
Longmont, CO

From: [Molly Greacen](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Please consider the implications of this news
Date: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:37:00 AM

Dear County Commissioners,

As you are making your decision about GMOs, please take a look at what Europe is doing recently. They are banning the use of glysohate.
Best to you!

Molly Greacen
3625 Conifer Court
Boulder, CO 80304

This has earth-shaking implications - it could presage a complete reform of all Pesticide Regulationa and Risk Assessment in the 27 countries of Europe, which could in turn throw the spotlight onto the EPA's appalling failure as a 'regulator' of pesticides. This is a 'legislative rebellion' - not just against glyphosate and Monsanto, but against the entire system of 'pesticide regulation' and risk assessment being carried out behind closed doors, using only industry data from which anything damaging has been redacted.

<http://sustainablepulse.com/2016/03/08/eu-glyphosate-rebellion-gathers-strength-as-health-commissioner-shocks-pesticide-industry/#.Vt64rIuczZl>

EU Glyphosate Rebellion Gathers Strength as Health Commissioner Shocks Pesticide Industry

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Countries across the European Union have now joined the Great Glyphosate Rebellion that was started late last week by France, Sweden and the Netherlands.



According to anonymous Sustainable Pulse sources in Brussels, Bulgaria, Denmark, Austria, Belgium and Italy, among others, are set to also vote against the re-approval of the World's most used herbicide in the EU and Germany are set to abstain.

Reuters reported late Monday that the vote planned for Tuesday on the re-approval of glyphosate until 2031 will now most likely be postponed, leaving the possibility of a glyphosate herbicides legal limbo, as the current approval of the chemical is set to end in June 2016.

In an amazing week in Europe GM Watch also reported that Europe's health and food safety commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis has indicated that his directorate, DG SANTE, is exploring the possibility of full transparency for industry studies on pesticides.

This move has shaken the pesticide industry to the core as currently the industry studies submitted to support regulatory authorisations of pesticides are kept secret under commercial confidentiality agreements with regulators. Andriukaitis has said that this needs to change.

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<http://sustainablepulse.com/2016/03/05/eu-countries-launch-shock-rebellion-against-glyphosate-herbicides/#.Vt64AouczzI>

EU Countries Launch Shock Rebellion against Glyphosate Herbicides

The Netherlands and Sweden have joined France on Saturday in coming out strongly against the re-licensing of glyphosate-based herbicides in Europe. The remarkable rebellion against the World's most used herbicide is likely to delay the expected March 8 EU vote by member countries on the re-licensing of the chemical.



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<http://sustainablepulse.com/2016/03/04/france-pushes-for-eu-ban-on-glyphosate-herbicides/#.Vt64QouczzI>

France Pushes for EU Ban on Glyphosate Herbicides

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Following a meeting with EU Health Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis on Friday, French Minister of Ecology Ségolène Royal has announced that France will vote against the EU re-licensing of glyphosate, the world’s most used herbicide.



Source: 6 min:10 sec of video in French: tvnewsroom

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Despite the push by France, the EU member states may still approve the re-licensing of glyphosate on March 8. There is growing opposition to the re-licensing from top scientists, NGOs and MEPs:

- On Friday a group of 94 top scientists published an article explaining the differences in the evaluation of the weedkiller glyphosate’s cancer-causing potential by EFSA and WHO. They found that EFSA, which supported the re-licensing of glyphosate had a number of deficiencies in their report.
 - Greenpeace published a report Friday criticizing the EU member states’ possible re-licensing of glyphosate: Greenpeace EU food policy director Franziska Achterberg said: “EU governments seem more concerned about maintaining today’s destructive agricultural practices than protecting the health of people and the environment. For a long time, glyphosate was thought to be safe. Now more and more scientific evidence tells us that it’s a serious threat to our health and the environment. Ignoring this evidence for another 15 years will cost us dearly. Europe needs an exit strategy from chemical pesticides and a move towards ecological farming”.
 - A cross-party group of MEPs, led by Czech Socialist Pavel Poc, wrote Friday to EU Health and Food Safety Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis urging him to postpone the crucial 8 March vote to renew the approval for glyphosate for the next 15 years.
- All this comes just days after six environmental NGOs (Global 2000, PAN Europe, PAN UK, Generations Futures, Nature et Progrès Belgique and [Wemove.EU](#)) from five European countries filed a formal legal complaint against those responsible for the assessment of glyphosate in Europe, for denying the probable carcinogenic effects of the chemical.

From: [Mary VonBreck](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Press Release: GMO Crop Survey Shows Land Use Policy Out of Sync with Public Opinion
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 1:49:43 PM
Attachments: [NEWSRELEASE_GMOCropPolicyOutOfSync.pdf](#)
[GMO Free Boulder - 2016 Survey TOPLINE RESULTS.pdf](#)

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GMO Crop Survey Shows Land Use Policy Out of Sync with Public Opinion

County-wide survey continues to see opposition to GMOs on Open Space and calls for Commissioners to keep their promise

BOULDER, Colo. (Feb 29, 2016) — The preference of voters in Boulder County, Colorado on the question of what to do on our Open Space is pretty clear. The overarching conclusion of a poll conducted by Kupersmit Research from February 23-28, 2016, consisting of 400 telephone interviews, is that people are not comfortable with the current Cropland Policy and favor protecting public health and public lands.

5 years apart and voters still favor a ban of GMO crops on Open Space

Today's survey focused on tracking Cropland Policy temperatures with Boulder County voters as a follow up to our 2011 survey on this topic. When asked today whether they approve or disapprove of allowing GMOs on Open Space, 56% disapprove while only 30% approve. In 2011, when asked if there was a ballot election to ban the use of GMO crops on Open Space, 56% said they would vote in favor of a ban and 33% said they would vote against banning GMO crops for use on public lands.

That number of voters who would prohibit GMOs on Open Space jumps to 68% after considering messages we presented concerning the use of GMOs on public land.

Current Attitudes

Similar trends emerge with regards to the current Cropland Policy that allows a 5 year use of GMO corn and sugar beets that are resistant to the pesticide RoundUp. Nearly one-half of voters (47%) want to see an end to the use of GMOs on Open Space, 30% believe the current policy should continue and just 14% believe the policy should be expanded.

After listening to messages that included questions about bees, alfalfa and dairy cows, glyphosate, and local values, the number of voters calling for an end of the use of GMOs jumped to 63%.

Bee Decline

It is noteworthy that Boulder County voters feel very strongly about the fact that GMO seeds are coated with a chemical that is thought to be the leading driver of bee colony collapse, called neonicotinoids, which Home Depot and Lowe's have already called to ban in their stores nation-wide. Boulder's own McGuckin's has also banned sales of those chemicals as well. An overwhelming 86% found this message concerning neonicotinoids to be a convincing reason that GMOs should be banned from Open Space and 64% of those responded Very Convincing to the question.

Other messages gave the following results:

- v Protect area dairy farms from GMO alfalfa (80 percent)
- v GMOs create superweeds requiring glyphosate + 2-4-D (75 percent)
- v Taxpayer Open Space should reflect values of the community (75 percent)

Responding to the recent announcement from the FDA that they would begin testing glyphosate residue on food for the first time in their history, voters supported a moratorium on glyphosate on Open Space at a resounding 67% with only 25% opposing such a moratorium.

Responsibility of Elected Officials

In an election year when voters are holding politicians accountable, it was no less illuminating that a whopping 76% of those surveyed agreed that the two Commissioners, Elise Jones and Deb Gardner, who ran on very public platforms to ban GMOs on Open Space if elected, should keep their campaign promise to

vote for that ban. That number shows that some who don't agree with us on GMOs on Open Space, do agree that the Commissioners should keep their promise.

The Cropland Policy has a clear mandate from the voters of Boulder County to ban GMOs, ban neonicotinoids, and to call a moratorium on the probable carcinogen, glyphosate, until such time as the FDA concludes their study.

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In partnership with the retail supply chain, the "Transition to Organic Project" (TOP) is expanding the size & profitability of the marketplace by organizing a scalable non-GMO & organic food supply system in the U.S. that parallels conventional agriculture.

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From: [Rich Andrews](#)
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Review and Analysis of the BCPOS paper on GE Crops and Cropping Systems in Boulder County
Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016 11:10:02 PM
Attachments: [Analysis of the BCPOS White Paper.pdf](#)

Dear Commissioners Domenico, Jones and Gardner,

Attached is my critical analysis and commentary on the Boulder County Parks and Open Space document entitled "*Economic, Environmental and Social Implications of Cropping Systems in Boulder County*" dated June 16, 2015.

Please take the time to read this analysis prior to your Commissioners' meeting on Thursday when you are scheduled to deliberate on county policy matters related to genetic engineered crops and companion pesticides and farming systems on open space lands.

I have attempted to thoroughly document with scientific references and other authoritative sources the information contained in my critical review.

Finally, I have included a vision statement at the end of the attached document regarding truly sustainable and life supporting directions for Boulder County lands...and our planet.

Please feel free to call on me should you have any questions or wish to discuss any element of the attached document, or any other materials I have provided to support your decisions.

Respectfully,

Richard Andrews

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From: [Dennis Gould](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Support for Modern Agriculture in Boulder County
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 1:55:50 PM

From: Dennis Gould <denniscould5@gmail.com>
Subject: Support for Modern Agriculture in Boulder County

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

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I believe that we should allow a diversity of farming practices in Boulder County. It is vital that we continue to permit our family farmers (many of whom have been farming on the same land for generations) to utilize modern agricultural practices, including the planting of genetically engineered seed and the responsible use of pesticides. These practices help farmers retain topsoil and reduce erosion, conserve water in multiple ways, reduce emissions, protect pollinators, and protect natural resources by using farmland more efficiently.

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Sincerely,
Dennis Gould

From: [Joseph Gould](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Support for Modern Agriculture in Boulder County
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 1:56:13 PM

From: Joseph Gould <jmgould5@juno.com>
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Joseph Gould

From: [Keith Schlagel](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Support for Modern Agriculture in Boulder County
Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016 4:38:23 AM

From: Keith Schlagel <keith@schlagelproperties.com>
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Keith Schlagel

From: [Albert Luft](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Support for Modern Agriculture in Boulder County
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 9:20:44 AM

From: Albert Luft <alluft@sterlingcomputer.net>
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Albert Luft

From: [Elizabeth Markham](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Support for Modern Agriculture in Boulder County
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 12:08:07 PM

From: Elizabeth Markham <wgmarkham@aol.com>
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Elizabeth Markham

From: [Greg Lackman](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Support for Modern Agriculture in Boulder County
Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 9:56:30 AM

From: Greg Lackman <greglack@gmail.com>
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Greg Lackman

From: [Jacquelynn Gould, MD](#)
To: [Boulder County Cropland Policy](#)
Subject: Support for Modern Agriculture in Boulder County
Date: Friday, February 26, 2016 1:55:32 PM

From: Jacquelynn Gould, MD <jackiegould.md@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Jacquelynn Gould, MD

From: swansonjnc@comcast.net
To: [Boulder County Board of Commissioners](#)
Subject: Vote No on GMOs
Date: Monday, February 29, 2016 9:53:34 AM

To the commissioners:

We cannot attend the public hearing on GMOs today, but want to register our strong opinion. From everything we have read about glyphosates, we urge you to vote NO on allowing other farmers to use GMOs on our tax-supported open space.

The World Health organization in 2015 considered glyphosates as possible carcinogens. Dr. Stephanie Seneff, research scientist at MIT, has been studying autism for 30 years. Glyphosates are a disruptor of gut bacteria which leaves the body vulnerable to brain diseases and other illnesses.

As a concerned reader of bees' decline, the glyphosates are targeted as a contributor to their sad fate and ultimately ours.

To promise a ban on GMOs on your campaigns (Deb and Elise) and then open up the issue for reconsideration makes us wonder what forces have changed your minds?

Vote NO!!

Cathy and Jon Swanson
2288 Kincaid Place
Boulder CO 80304