

AFMA'S VIEW ON GMO'S

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"AFMA supports the development and production of GM grains and oilseeds since the increased production from these products, is a strategic way in which we will be able to feed the ever-increasing world population. With the use of biotechnology, the farmer is in a position to produce a better quality product more economically. Due to the benefits of the new generation grains and oil seeds, South Africa cannot afford not to produce and use it for human and animal consumption. The process should, however, be managed responsibly.

AFMA supports the policy that genetically modified organisms (GMOs) that pose a threat to the environment should not be permitted. The procedure for the evaluation of GM-maize, other grains and oilseeds to ensure that it would not be harmful to the environment, humans or animals is supported by AFMA."