



## National Organic Coalition

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**USDA is once again pushing for GE Sugar Beet Commercialization. Please act on this Alert from the [Center For Food Safety](#) - Send Your Comment Today!**

### **ACT NOW**

**Send your comment to USDA today -**

**Urge them not to approve the deregulation of Monsanto's genetically engineered, "Roundup Ready" sugar beets!**



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**USDA recently released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) proposing a full-scale deregulation of Monsanto's genetically**

**engineered (GE) Roundup Ready sugar beets and is accepting public comments until 11:59pm EST on December 13, 2011.**

Unfortunately, it is clear that the USDA continues to dismiss the serious concerns of non-GE farmers and consumers regarding the environmental and socioeconomic effects of such an action. Genetically engineered sugar beets threaten the environment through transgenic contamination and weed resistance; threaten consumers by inhibiting the fundamental right to choose, and; threaten organic and non-GE farmers by placing the burden for contamination prevention on them instead of on the producers of the GE crop.

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As you may remember, in 2008, the Center for Food Safety (CFS), Organic Seed Alliance, High Mowing Seeds, and the Sierra Club successfully sued the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for its illegal approval of Monsanto's genetically engineered (GE) Roundup Ready sugar beets. In 2010, the court banned GE sugar beets until USDA prepares a valid environmental impact statement. Since then, CFS has twice gone back to court, because USDA insists on allowing continued commercialization without proper environmental review. The third case is currently pending in federal district court.

Despite the legal victory by CFS and our allies, USDA has once again failed to adequately analyze the threat that transgenic contamination, glyphosate-resistant weeds, and increased herbicide use poses to farmers, consumers, and the environment.



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