



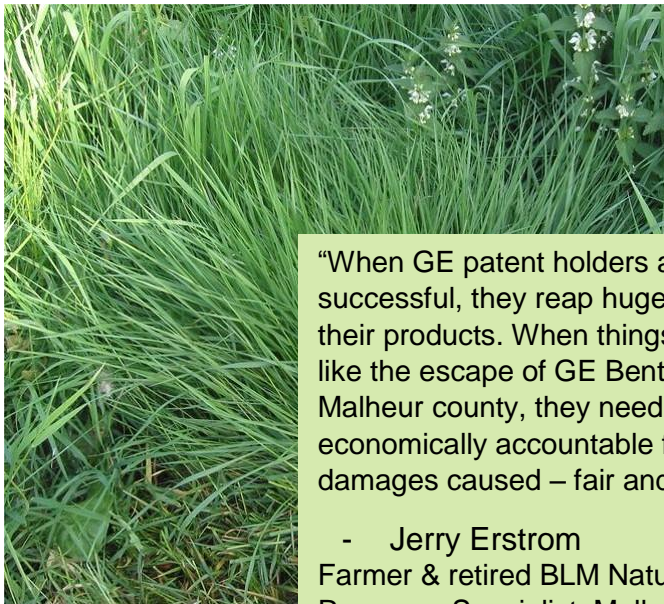
Protect Oregon's Agriculture

Contamination by Genetically Engineered (GE) Crops Harms Oregon Farmers and the Economy

Support HB 2739

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Over the past decade, repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost U.S. farmers **billions of dollars**.



"When GE patent holders are successful, they reap huge profits from their products. When things go astray, like the escape of GE Bentgrass in Malheur county, they need to be held economically accountable for all damages caused – fair and simple."

- Jerry Erstrom
Farmer & retired BLM Natural Resource Specialist, Malheur County

The Legislature needs to act to:

- Hold patent holders responsible for contamination events—not pit farmer against farmer.
- Protect high-value crops in Oregon, such as specialty seed, wheat and alfalfa, which have been put at significant risk by GE contamination.
- Protect communities from the unwanted presence of invasive GE weeds, such as Bentgrass, another experimental GE crop that escaped field trials and continues to spread in Malheur and Jefferson counties.



"As an apple grower the value of my apple crop could be destroyed if my apples are contaminated by the new genetically engineered apple. There has to be a way for small farmers to hold patent holders responsible when they cost farmers growing traditional crops our livelihoods."

- Dan Thall
Orchardist, Hood River

"Holding GMO patent holders financially responsible for the damage their GMOs do to traditional crops is key to protecting small family farmers in Oregon."

- Don Tipping
Farmer, Siskiyou Seeds, Williams

