## **PROTEST GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD!** June 16 & 17. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Outside Kennedy Hall.



<u>WHAT</u>: Untested, unlabeled, genetically engineered food on supermarket shelves right now. Genetically engineered (GE) food may create toxins harmful to human health, lead to antibiotic resistance in humans, cause allergic reactions and much worse. Genetic engineers have created strawberries with fish genes, potatoes with chicken genes, and even pigs with human genes. While countries in Europe reject US exports containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs), the FDAdoesn't even require GE Food to be labeled. Base foods such as rice, wheat, milk and soy (going into hundreds of foods and food products) are being genetically engineered and in many states you aren't even allowed to be told if a product *doesn't* contain GMOs!

<u>WHO</u>: Researchers from Cornell University who field test genetically engineered crops in our backyard. Cornell researchers use land in Geneva New York (the 850 acre GENEVA Station) to field test genetically modified plants and trees. Genetically modified organisms can spread via wind, pollen, and soil, to other, unintended target plant and vegetable matter. This can have irreversible effects on the environment –forever changing the nature of nature.

<u>WHY</u>: Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) can harm beneficial insects, damage soils, and transfer their genes in our environment –contaminating neighboring crops and potentially creating uncontrollable weeds that build up a resistance. Genetic material can spread into plants not intended to receive it; to surrounding wild relatives [weeds] and even organically grown crops far away from Cornell's field studies. Not only can this technology destroy organic agriculture as we know it, but the whole planet is in danger of losing the biodiversity we still have left. And rather than save the world from starvation, genetic engineering technologies like "terminator" may actually lead to an increase in hunger.

<u>WHEN</u>: Friday, June 16th, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Saturday, June 17th, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For Just as Long as You Can Be There. Help stop the GE field trials in Geneva. Support the New York State Moratorium on Genetically Modified Crops. Support the National Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act. Learn more about GE Food. Inform others.

<u>WHERE</u>: Kennedy Hall, near the Biotechnology Building, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. At the "Rice Research and Production in the 21st Century" symposium. *And educational visits to area Wegmans and Tops grocery stores.* 

HOW: Carry signs. Dress in costume. Sign petitions. Pass out GE information. Bring other supporters.

## **PROTEST GENETIC ENGINEERING OF OUR FOOD!** Fri, June 16, 8AM - 6PM & Sat, June 17, 8AM - 1PM Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Kennedy Hall, near the Biotech Building.

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