

Greetings Environment Committee,

I am writing about an issue that I 'm sure will generate much discussion in the coming days. As a dairy farmer will milk have to have a label designating it as GMO because I can't control the grain my cows eat and most soybeans grown in the U.S. are GMO? It would be a nightmare for my grain company to try to separate GMO from non GMO feedgrains. They would basically need to handle only organic grain at a price I could not afford. Think of the jobs lost as the mill in Manchester has to close due to lack of demand for its expensive product.

Dairy farmers went through this with Bovine Growth Hormone. Most of us signed a pledge not to use Monsanto's product and in return we recieved a premium payment that still is paid to us years later. Milk consumers clamored for the no BST labeling and it worked because farmers had an easy choice that was in their hands. I will not have a choice with this law.

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