

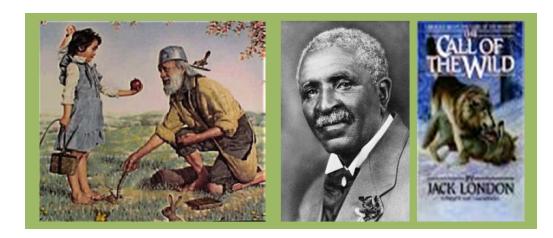
## A Conversation about GMO Labeling

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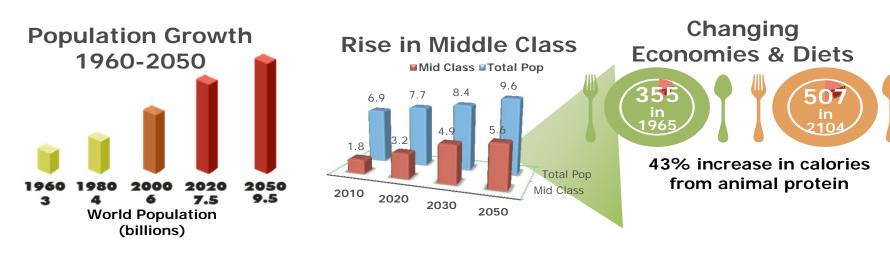
### My journey through life







### Agriculture is at the center of global trends



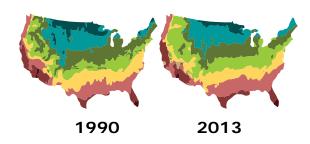
## = 2X Food Demand By 2050 in a more challenging production environment



Demand For Healthier Options



Decreasing Water Availability



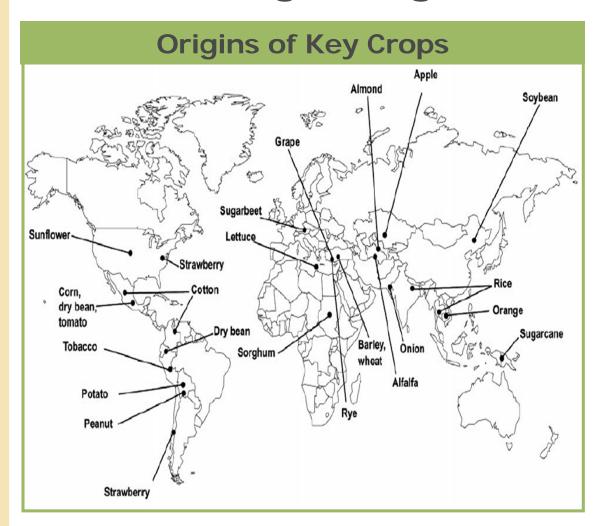
Changing Climate & Declining Arable Land

3 MONSANTO

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Data Base, June 2010 Update. And UN FOA

Source: Ray DK, Mueller ND, West PC, Foley JA (2013) Yield Trends Are Insufficient to Double Global Crop Production by 2050. PLoS ONE 8(6): e66428.

# Humans have been genetically modifying crops since the beginning of time



Corn Tomatoes Bananas Carrots Eggplant

Crops have been modified through a variety of techniques

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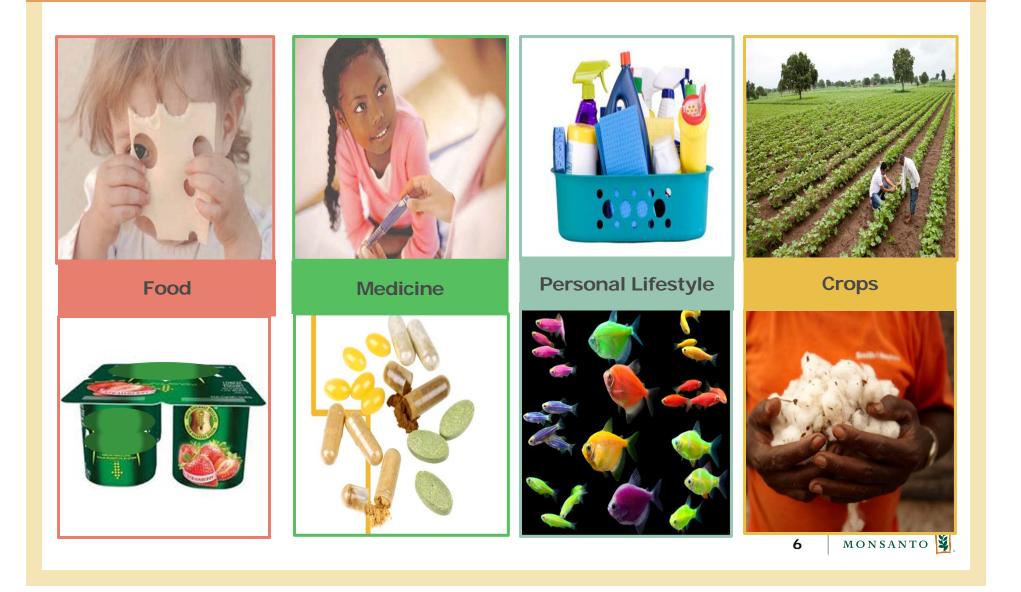
Technique	Modern Day Examples
Cross Breeding	Honey Crisp Apple
Double Haploids (Dihaploid)	Multiple Corn Inbred Lines
Self Incompatibility	Vegetable Seeds
Embryo Rescue	Mildew Resistant, Seedless Grapes
Grafting	Apples and Grapes
Protoplast Fusion	Red Cabbage
Radiation/Mutagenesis	Red grapefruit
Polyploidy	Seedless watermelon
Genome Editing	Canola with weed protection
Transformation (GMOs)	Virus resistant papaya

GMOs can help plants defend against pests





### **GMOs** are everywhere!



## GMOs: Benefiting people and the planet for more than 20 years

Pesticide Use

Land Preserved

Tillage

CO2 Emissions

Efficient Water Use

Farmer Profitability

Time in the Field

Production Costs

Farmer's Harvest

Enhanced Nutrition

#### Nutritional benefits - Golden Rice

 GMO rice with added beta-carotene biosynthesis genes (daffodil, bacteria, corn)



 Could help prevent 1-2 million deaths and 500,000 cases irreversible blindness annually

### PREVALENCE OF VITAMIN A DEFICIENCY Map showing level of serum retinol (an indicator of vitamin A deficiency) in pre-school age children. Data were collected by the World Health Organization between 1995 and 2005 from populations at risk.

Level of deficiency

■ Severe (≥20%)

Moderate (≥10% - <20%)</li>Mild (≥2% - <10%)</li>

■ None (<2%)
■ No data

Estimates of vitamin A deficiency are based on low serum retinol concentration <0.70 µmol l-1

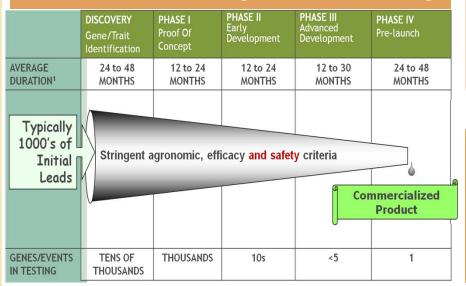
http://www.goldenrice.org/



GMOs: The most thoroughly reviewed food

product in the world

#### **Monsanto: Safety = #1 Priority**



#### **United States: Gold Standard**



### Scientific authorities around the world confirm GMO safety











Globally: > 90 government bodies' globally review and approve GMOs. GMOs have been grown or imported by >70 countries since 1996







## Nature is a pretty good genetic engineer













### Should GMO ingredients be labeled?



#### Food Labels Should Be:

- Science-based
- Truthful, Not Misleading to consumers
- National--not city by city or state by state



#### Providing Consumers with Choice:

- Current voluntary approaches (USDA Organic, NON-GMO Project) work and we support them!
- Hundreds of companies with thousands of products available



### SmartLabel<sup>™</sup> or Similar Approach = Great Solution:

- Electronic solution supports consumers' increasing interest about food and how it is produced
- Can include data on production, processing and packaging

### **Engaging with Society**

Listening to what matters to consumers

Discover. Monsanto.com



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### Working with third parties to address key topics

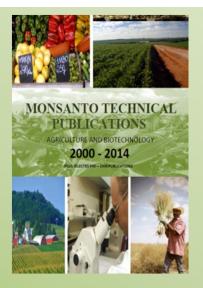


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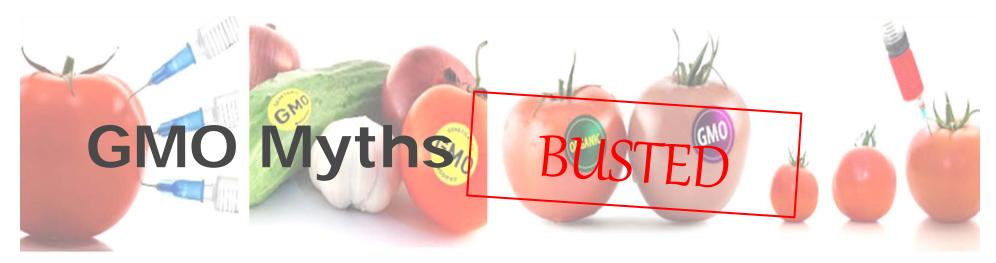


### **Additional slides**



### Glyphosate = Safe Agricultural Tool





	MYTH	TRUTH
	GMOs aren't tested/aren't safe.	Thoroughly testedZERO safety issues.
*	GMO seeds are forced on farmers.	Farmers are smartthey plant what works.
	Monsanto aggressively sues farmers.	Less than a dozen trials in 20 years
	Monsanto is too powerful.	<1/10 the size of Google or Apple; we are 5% of global seed market
	Monsanto is against GMO labeling.	We support accurate, honest labels
	MES (GMS)	