



BUDWEISER USING GM RICE TO BREW ITS BEER

An untested experimental GM rice has been found at a mill in Arkansas, US, which is operated by Anheuser-Busch to brew its beer brand, Budweiser.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8355>

U.S. BEHIND SOUTH ASIA'S FIRST GM FOOD - Brinjal

But no such anxieties seem to apply where the US is pushing GM crops onto the developing world. Bt brinjal (eggplant/aubergine) is being promoted by the US agency for international development (USAID), which has been given a mandate to push GM crops into developing countries' food systems, via the Agricultural Biotechnology Support Program (ABSP II) managed by Cornell. ABSP partners have included Monsanto and other US corporations who stand to benefit from the programme.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8310>

USDA PUSHING GM RICE IN THAILAND

Having lost market share as a result of its GM rice fiasco, the US Department of Agriculture is working hard to get that market share back by encouraging others down the GM route. According to Dr Brian John of GM Free Cymru, "If GM rice can be made acceptable in the countries of the Far East, a few million tonnes of contaminated US rice can easily be shifted on the international market."

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8278>

U.S.: STARBUCKS GOES GM HORMONE-FREE

Starbucks has committed to making 100 percent of the milk supply for its more than 5,600 American locations free of the GM bovine growth hormone rbST/rBGH by the end of the year. Grocery retailer Krogers has also said it would only sell rbST-free milk by early 2008.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8246>

JAPAN URGES AUSTRALIA TO CONTINUE GM CROP BANS

A delegation representing Japanese food buyers arrived in Australia to lobby state governments to maintain bans on GM food crops. Moratoria on commercial GM food crops in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia are due to expire next year and are being reviewed.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8371>

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8387>

More on Japanese resistance to GM:

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8385>

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8395>

GM BATTLE IN THAILAND

The Thai Cabinet has deferred a decision on whether to permit field testing of GM papaya and tomatoes after facing strong opposition to the releases. An exporter says Thailand has already lost 30 million in annual income from the GM contamination of its papaya crop.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8266>

SKIN ALLERGY AND PULMONARY PROBLEMS REPORTED FROM BT COTTON

In the Punjab, India, farmers and labourers are suffering with skin allergy and pulmonary diseases after picking Bt cotton. Dr Gurpiar Singh, who runs a private clinic, says that many cases have come to his

notice.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8398>

FAILURE OF BT COTTON IN ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA - NEW REPORT

Some Bt cotton farmers in Andhra Pradesh are in serious distress at the end of the 2007 growing season, says a new report from a fact-finding team. The report confirms that Bt cotton is affected by sudden drying/wilting, has more sucking pests and diseases like black arm/leaf spot. And pesticide use on Bt cotton is high.

<http://www.gmwatch.org/archive2.asp?arcid=8413>

MORE ON BT COTTON FARMER SUICIDES

In the middle of India, the world's second most populous country, over 4,000 farmers in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra state have committed suicide in the past four years - more than 1,000 in 2006 alone. Even now, the deaths continue.

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