

Letter to the Editor - 21st June 2005

People are allergic to “natural” foods like peanuts, wheat flour, lychees, etc..., and thousands of people die from them every year. Also, almost every food we eat has some “cancer causing” chemical in them, including apples and broccoli. Does that stop us eating them? Of course not. A cancer causing chemical at a high dose does not mean it will cause cancer at a low dose. Check out Hormesis if you are interested.

There is not one reported case of a GM food causing a health problem because of it being a GM, yet there are hundreds of cases of problems with organic foods. I avoid organic food like the plague. I do not like eating mould and other toxic fungi just because it is “organic”, let alone the risk of poisonous manures being used to grow the food. Organic food can be dangerous. GM food has no reported cases of a health problem.

I could do a Julie Newman and say apples have cancer causing chemicals in them and cause paranoia, but even though that would be totally irresponsible of me, the sad thing is I would be more correct than the paranoiac claims she makes about GM foods.

We have been eating GM foods for decades in things like cheese, and most or all of the insulin for diabetics is made from GM bacteria. No problems there.

GM food is safer than organic food, yet the weak kneed politicians pander to her ignorant claims and cause Australian farmers to miss out on a fantastic technology we do want and need.

Canadian farmers are now getting paid “more” for GM specialty oil canola than normal canola, and we are missing out on this. Julie Newman, you have caused Australian farmers to lose millions of dollars in profit, and to fall behind the world in production efficiency. I do not know how you can sleep at night with what you have done, and the legacy you will leave. The same goes for all weak kneed politicians who have ignored reality and have listened to ignorant paranoia.

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