

Wheat

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Sharratt<info@cban.ca><aname="eztoc3195_1" id="eztoc3195_1"><h2>Support Bill C-474 to Stop GM Wheat!

474 would support Canadian farmers by requiring that an analysis of potential harm to export markets be conducted before the sale of any new genetically engineered seed is permitted. If this Bill is passed it would stop GM wheat and GM alfalfa.<a href="/Take-Action/Act-

Now" target="_self">Your action is needed! Click here for info and action.</p><div class="object-right"><div class="content-view-embedded-media"><div class="class-image"><div class="attribute-image"><p><a href="/Take-Action/Act-

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July 2010: Monsanto and BASF plant science are expanding joint research to develop GM wheat. They say they aim to commercialize a GM wheat by at least 10 years. The companies say they plan to initially focus on developing biotech products for the North American and Australian markets. "The joint announcement comes on the heels of a separate plan announced by Syngenta and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) in April to work toward biotech wheat.</p><div class="object-right"><div class="content-view-embedded-media"><div class="class-image"><div class="attribute-image"><p><a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Wheat/Join-the-Global-Rejection-of-GE-

Wheat" target="_self"></p></div></div></div><p>February 9, 2010:</p><p>GM Wheat Rejected by 233 Farmer and Consumer Groups from 26 Countries.</p>Press ReleaseList of Signatories<p>1. Groups in Canada and around the world:<a href="/Resources/Topics/GE-Crops-and-Foods-Not-on-the-Market/Wheat/Join-the-Global-Rejection-of-GE-

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