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RESEARCH EDUCATE MOBILIZE

Our research, outreach, and campaigning work in 2021 was dominated by our response to major government proposals to remove regulation from many new genetically engineered foods and crops.



NO REGULATION? NO TRUST!

DEMAND mandatory,
independent safety
assessments **FOR ALL GMOs**

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EDUCATION & OUTREACH

In 2021, CBAN built and ran a national campaign to counter corporate efforts to remove government safety assessments from new genetically engineered foods and seeds (genetically modified organisms or GMOs).

The goal of the campaign is to stop proposals that would remove government oversight over some GMOs and allow **corporate self-regulation** instead. In 2021, Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) both proposed to remove regulation from new gene-edited GMOs if they have no foreign DNA.

If the proposals are approved, corporations will be allowed to put many new GMOs on the market without any independent government safety checks and without even reporting these GMOs to the government. This would mean **unregulated, unknown GMOs** being grown and sold – increasing environmental and food safety risks, and resulting in a profound loss of transparency for consumers and farmers.

CBAN provided unique information and analysis to farmers and the general public about these proposals. We published guides to help the public participate in both the Health Canada and CFIA **consultations**. We sent three detailed submissions to the departments, including a critique of Health Canada's scientific "primer" on gene editing.



FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC:

The critique of the primer is excellent. You touch on many key issues that they totally chose to overlook. It's way more informative than the primer!

Well written, easy to follow. Even I could follow the logic and explanations. It must have taken a lot of time to do this analysis. Wish Health Canada would pay you for telling them their mistakes and lacunae. You are doing the work for them!!!

I truly appreciate your vigilance about this.

Thanks especially for the amazing work you continue to do. I wouldn't have a clue about all this without CBAN and the National Farmers Union.

Thank you for helping to navigate this process, please do keep up the important work.



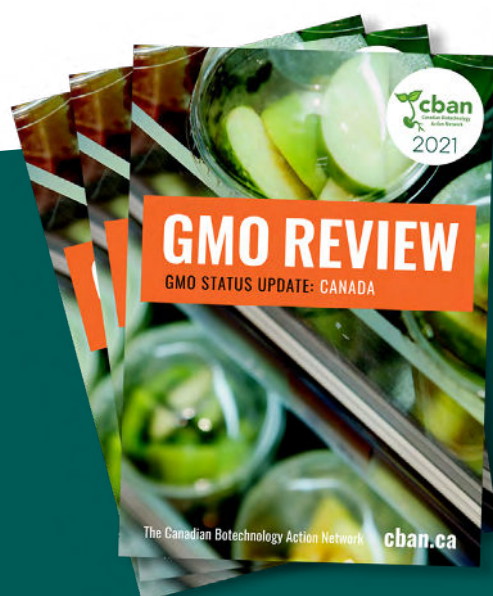
We provided many summaries for the public and Members of Parliament.

All our campaign materials are posted at www.cban.ca/NoExemptions/Publications

We also met with officials in Health Canada and the CFIA, staff in the Minister of Health's office, and some Members of Parliament.

Media were slow to report on this issue but a National Farmers Union [opinion article](#) in the major farm paper *The Western Producer* referred farmers to CBAN's consultation guide for more information. This followed our own [opinion piece](#).

Our work supported public engagement and increased the profile of concerns over genetic engineering and corporate lobbying, highlighted the failures of GM crops, and provided public education on the new genetic engineering techniques of gene editing.



At the end of 2021, we also provided a review of GMOs and various GM issues in Canada.



FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC:

Thanks for keeping us in the loop, much appreciated.

Keep up the good fight!

I can't even imagine what the GMOs situation in Canada would look like without you.

*Because of you I am able to show others what is **really** happening in the world, and start the conversations, start the ripples.*

Your hard work is respected and appreciated!

Hope you can keep up the stellar work. If you don't, who will?

Wow the CBAN comments are so thorough! I am continually so impressed by the work you do, and often find myself thinking how grateful I am for your work. If CBAN didn't exist Canadians would have next to no reliable resources on these issues in Canada since it seems no one else is really doing this type of thorough accountability work with our government and providing access to education and such important documents on GMO issues. So THANK YOU SO MUCH for everything you do!!!

Thank you for all CBAN does. We are on board. We are all in this together.

Thanks for the splendid work you did in exposing this.

I rely on CBAN for most of my information on GMOs.

Thank You!

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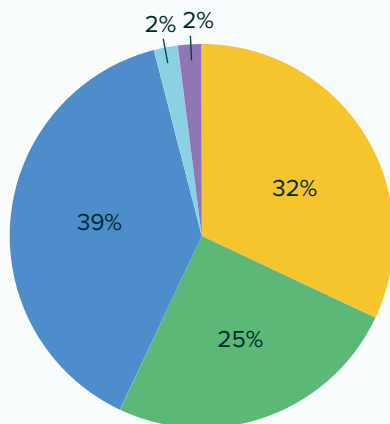
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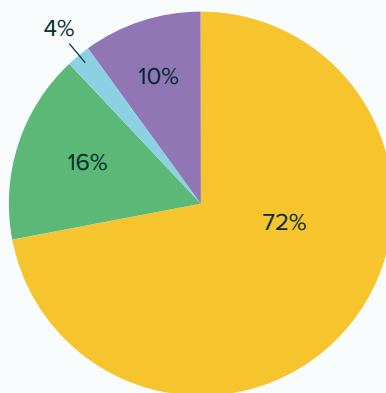
FINANCES

2021 CBAN Revenue \$112,815



- Individuals
- Supporters (Businesses & Associations)
- Grants
- Government*
- Member Fees

2021 CBAN Expenses \$120,383



- Staffing
- Program & Campaign Costs
- Office expenses
- MakeWay Core Supports Contribution**

*Funds provided by the Government of Canada to MakeWay through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.

**MakeWay Core Supports Contribution: CBAN is a project on MakeWay's shared platform, which provides governance, human resources, financial, and grant management. A portion of our revenue - 10% of revenue from individual donations, and 12% from grants - is allocated to overhead to support these costs. MakeWay has full fiduciary and governance responsibility for CBAN.

The Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN) brings together 16 groups to research, monitor, and raise awareness about issues relating to genetic engineering in food and farming. CBAN members include farmer associations, environmental and social justice organizations, and regional coalitions of grassroots groups.

CBAN is a project of MakeWay's shared platform. MakeWay Charitable Society (previously named Tides Canada) is a registered Canadian charity.

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