



# Workshop C2: The future availability of non-GM resources

## Food & Democracy

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# Proposed Workshop Structure

1. Short introduction of issues - J. Koester (TraceConsult)
2. Input from workshop plenary
3. Input presentation (1) - B. Hofer (Coop)
  - Observations from a major retailer's perspective
4. Q & A
5. Input presentation (2) - W. Heck (Taifun / Life Food)
  - An organic food manufacturer's problems – and solutions found
6. Q & A
7. Exchange



*Initial thoughts:*

## **Reasons for pessimism?**

- **Diminishing availability of GM-free ingredients**
- **GMO contamination “everywhere”**
- **Soy “domination” of all other ingredients**
- **End of “free choice” for food producers and consumers?**
- **Worst-case scenario imminent?**



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## Introduction of issues & facts

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# What ...

1. ... would be the consequences of a worst-case scenario?
2. ... must happen to avoid such a worst-case scenario?
3. ... is already done to ensure the future availability of a wide range of GMO-free ingredients?
4. Is there any interdependence between different crops and raw materials?

# Factors threatening GMO-free raw materials in the future



1. Increasing planting of GM crop varieties

# Factors preventing an increase of GMO contamination



1. Increasing volumes of crop under IP systems

# Influence of industry players on continued GMO-free availability



1. Retailers & brand owners should order bigger volumes of specified conventional raw materials



# The range of industry positions on the issue



1. Retailers & some brand owners prefer GM-free while most of feed industry prefer GM products

# Influence of legislation and regulations on availability



1. Certain regulations can encourage industry to benefit from making positive claims (“GMO-free“)



# Good insider sourcing info ...

## THE 2009 NON-GMO SOURCEBOOK

A buyer's guide to global suppliers of non-GMO and organic seeds, grains, ingredients, and foods



## *The 2009 Non-GMO Sourcebook*

and

## *The Organic and Non-GMO Report*



[www.non-gmoreport.org](http://www.non-gmoreport.org)



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