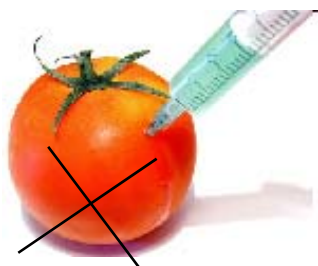




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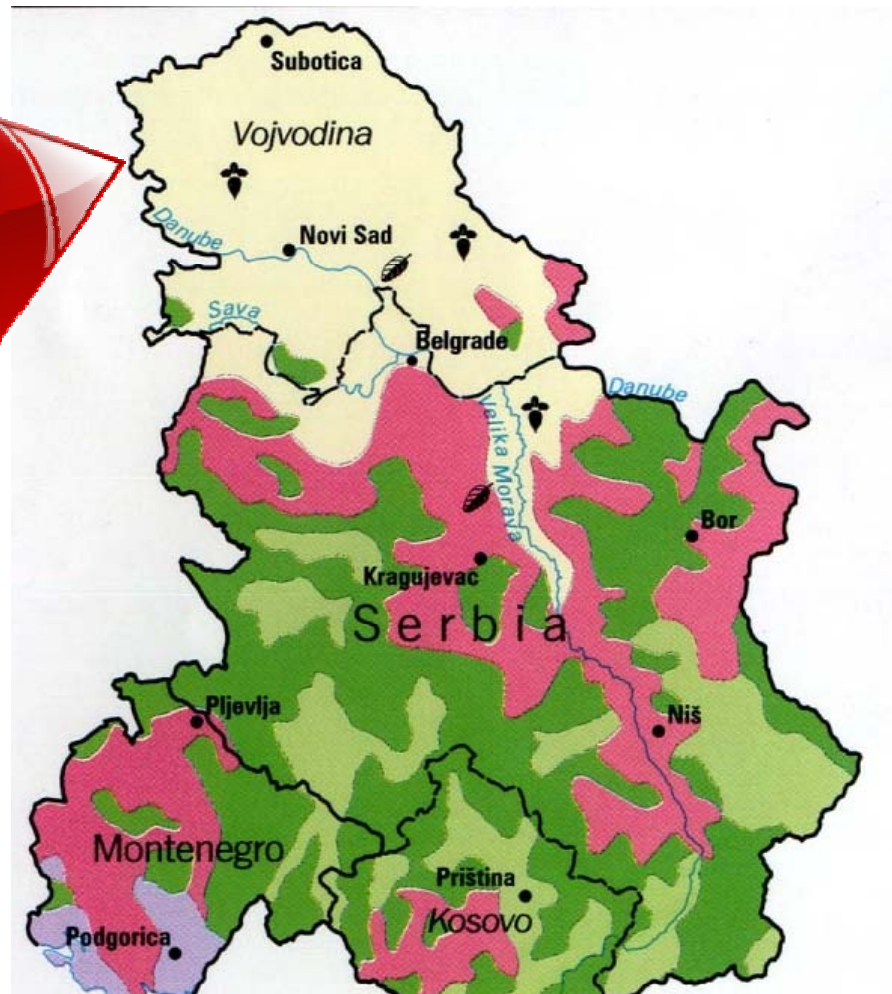
Serbian policy is to keep agriculture free from GMOs

- Law on GMOs since 2001- in line with EU
- Law on organic production prohibits GMOs
- No imports of GMOs, only RR soybean meal
- No planting of GM crops!
- 2 Experimental field trials- 2008
RR corn (Monsanto) and tobacco (Aresa)



Serbia- practically GMO-free

Trade interest- preserve organic production potential- more than 200,000 ha is ready for organic certification



Proposal of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce since 2005 to declare 4,6 million ha of arable land in Serbia as GMO free (by Resolution)

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Negative public attitude towards GMOs



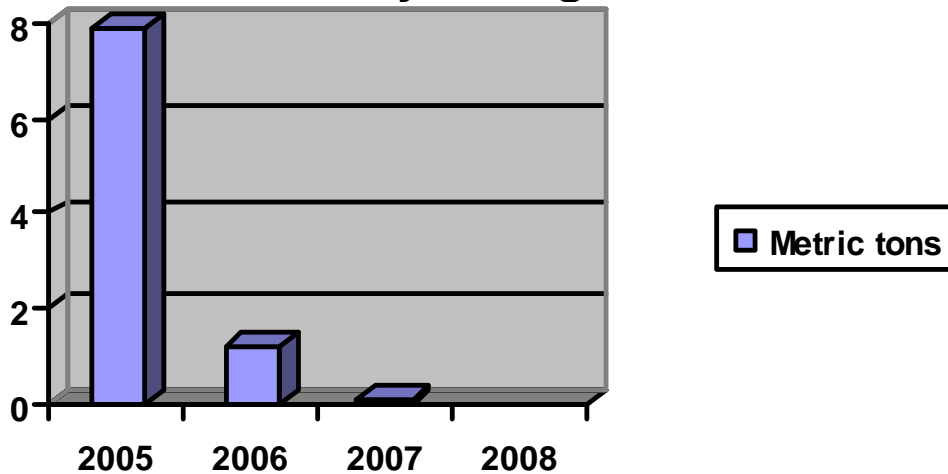
- strong negative public attitude towards the biotech crops
- In the Province of Vojvodina, GMO-free campaign since 2001
- The new government is encouraging the GMO-free Serbian agriculture trend- Serbian brand
- Illegal planting of GMO- to be criminal act



Fighting GMO contamination

GM seed smuggling from Romania, Bosnia, Croatia, Turkey, Moldova

**Illegal production GMO soyabeans-
amounts confiscated by the Agriculture Ministry**



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Towards GMO-free Serbia

What we have experienced so far?

- Farmer's protest against Inspection activities on illegal RR soya in Macva region in 2005
- Lack of political will to punish farmers-illegal growers
- long-term export contracts with EU buyers helped to sustain GMO avoidance
- Public do not want GM food
- World leader in raspberry production,

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