



# Romania

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# “Food & Democracy”

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### Romania - GE status





## **Cultivation**

### **RR soya**

- 144 000 ha in 2006
- banned since 2007

### **Plum trees**

- 160 trees destroyed in 2005 - 2006

### **Newleaf potato**

- experiments – destroyed in 2005

### **MON810**

- 331 ha in 2007
- 7146 ha in 2008
- forecast – EU GMO top producer according to US officials



## Food & market

- no GE labeled food on the market
- most of the retailers have GE free policy



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Kaufland  
Plus  
Profi  
Cora  
Penny  
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Carrefour  
Metro  
Selgros  
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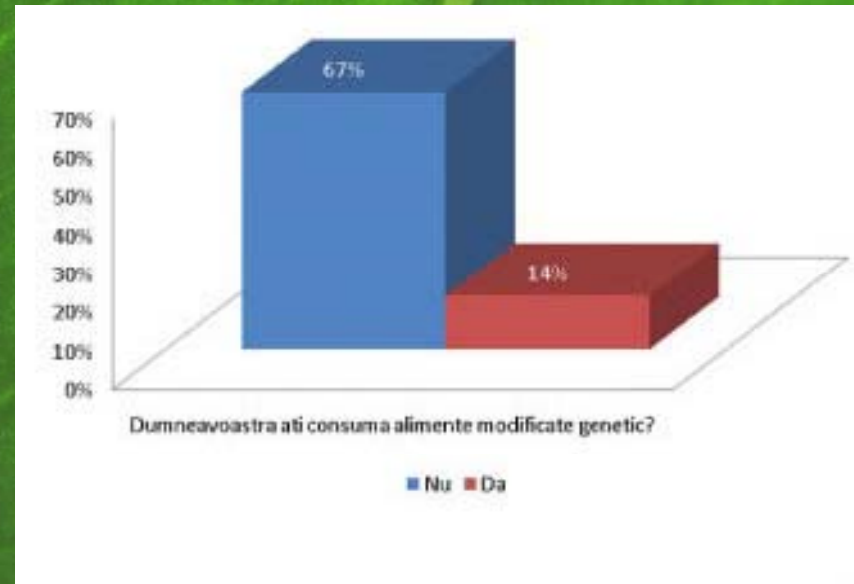
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## Consumer rejection (national polls)

*Question: Would you eat GE food?*

- 67 % in 2007
- 60 % in 2008





## Contamination

- 17 cultivation incidents / 2005-2008  
(MON810, RR soya, plum trees, Bt potato)
- 3 food incidents / 2006 - 2007  
(RR soya)





# Legislation

EU Directives and Regulations are transposed in Romanian legislation





## Power analysis

Compromised

- Government, Parliament,  
Biosafety Commission, Academy,  
Farmer Associations

Supporting

- press, public, retailers





## Political parties (policy regarding ban GMOs)

▼	PDL	35,9% (democrat-liberals)
▶	PSD+PC	36,2% (social-democrat + conservator)
▲	PNL	21,4% (liberals)
▲	UDMR	6,7% (hungarians)



## Organic farming

- 2000 - 17 438 ha
- 2008 - 200 000 ha / 100 mil € export, 1% of internal market
- 2009 ~ 200 000 ha
- 2013 ~ 750 000 ha / 5% of internal market



## GMO free zones (InfOMG-Romania)

- 37 communes
- 3 cities





**Agent Green says:**

**Thank you!**

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