

## U.S. Poultry & Egg Association Position Statement

The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association board of directors adopted the following policy statement Jan. 16, prior to the opening of the 2001 International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta, Ga.

The genetic manipulation of plants or animals, whether by selection, hybridization or gene insertion has resulted in significant improvements in the yield, shelf-life, and nutritional/taste quality of many foods. There is no scientific evidence to indicate that genetically modified organisms (GMO) pose any safety threat to consuming animals or humans. The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association believes that improved agricultural practices, including the use of GMO, will be the only way that producers of food will be able to meet the needs of an ever-increasing world population. Therefore, we propose that the decisions regarding the use of GMO methods be based on good science and not on unfounded fears and speculation. There is too much at stake to deny future generations the benefits of these major technological advances.

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