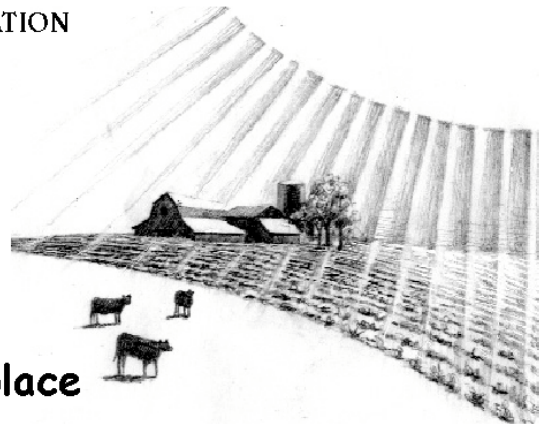




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OFRF's  
Fourth National  
Organic Farmers' Survey:

## Sustaining Organic Farms in a Changing Organic Marketplace



### WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SURVEY?

This survey should be completed by the person most responsible for your farm's organic marketing decisions.

### WHAT DOES THIS SURVEY ASK ABOUT?

In general, this survey asks about your organic farm's activity and your experience in the organic marketplace in 2001. The survey is divided into the following sections:

- Section 1: Farm profile
- Section 2: Production and product details
- Section 3: Marketing your organic products
- Section 4: Organic market conditions, 2001
- Section 5: Information and services
- Section 6: Marketing orders and organic
- Section 7: GMOs and organic
- Section 8: More about you (and your farm)

For most respondents, the survey may be completed within 45 to 90 minutes.

All information collected in this survey will remain completely confidential. Your participation in this study is voluntary.

Please complete and return by May 31, 2002 to: OFRF, P.O. Box 440, Santa Cruz, California 95061.

A postage-paid envelope is provided for your convenience.

If you have questions about this survey, call 831-426-6606,  
or email [survey@ofrf.org](mailto:survey@ofrf.org).

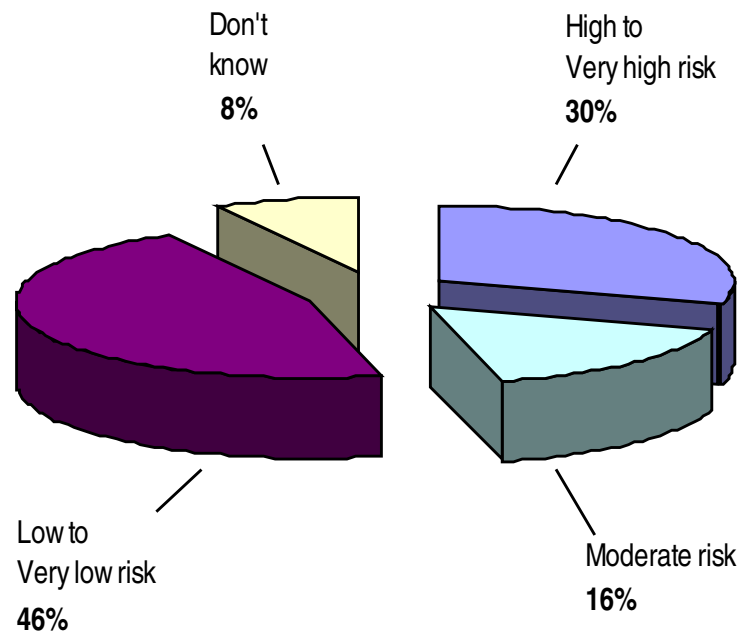
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**4th National Organic Farmers' Survey:**  
*Sustaining Organic Farms in a Changing Organic Marketplace*

GMOs and Organic

*Q. Based on what you know today about the use of GMOs in agriculture, what do you believe is the risk of exposure and contamination of your organic farm product(s) by GMOs?*

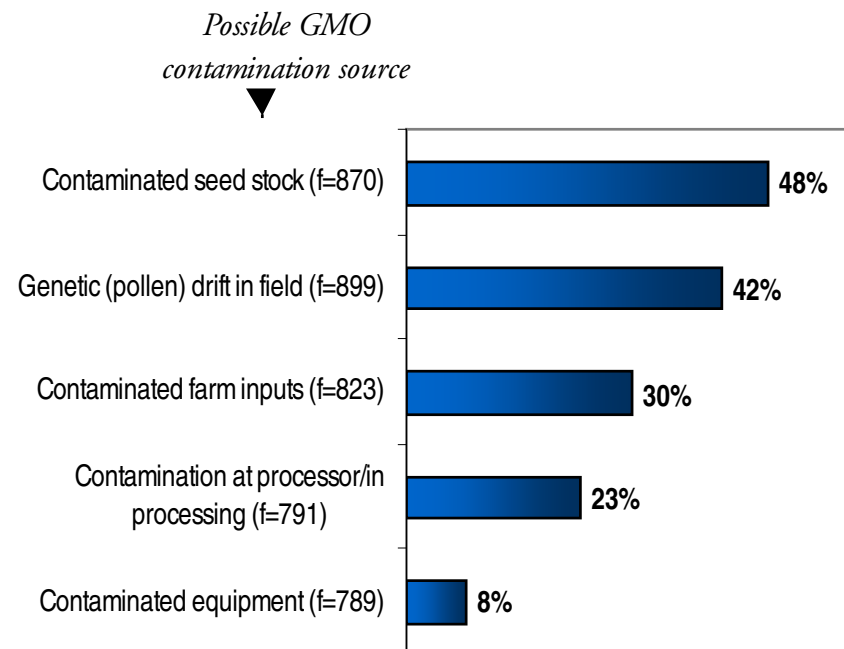
Figure 7.1--Perceived level of GMO contamination risk. 1,008 respondents.



- 46% rated their risk of contamination as *moderate* or greater
- 30% characterized their contamination risk as *high to very high*

*Q. What sources, if any, do you feel present risks of GMO contamination to your organically grown products, and to what degree?*

Figure 7.2 --Perceived sources of GMO contamination risk



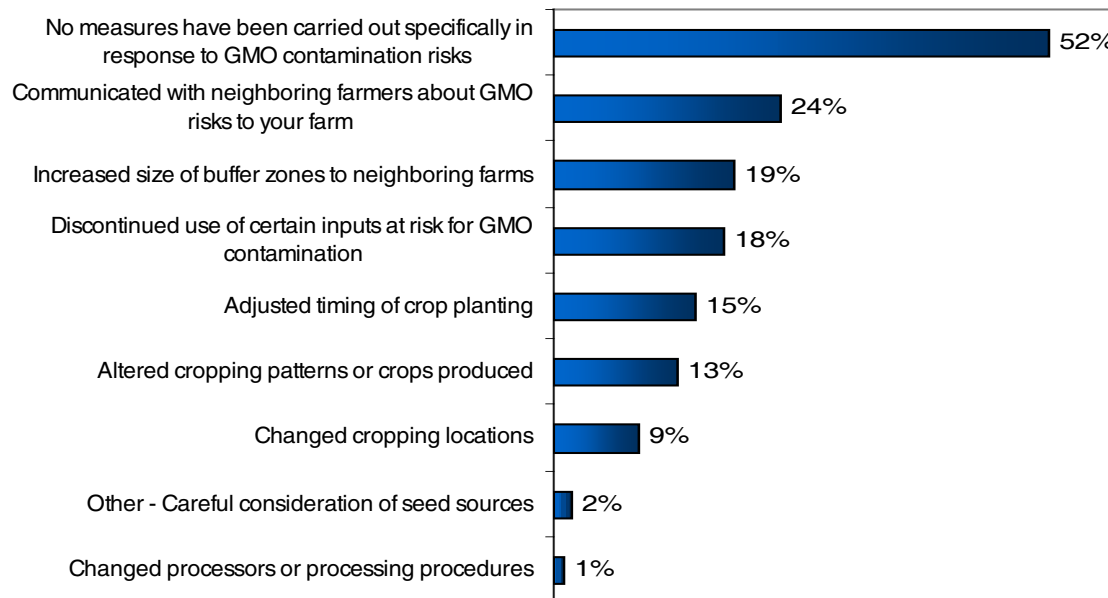
*Percentage of organic farmers selecting moderate or high level of contamination risk from this source.*

- Respondents identified *contaminated seed stock* and *pollen drift* as presenting the highest level of GMO contamination risk

*Q. Which, if any, of the following measures have been carried out on (or on behalf of) your farm in response to your organic farm product(s) risk of exposure to GMO contamination?*

**Figure 7.3--Measures carried out in response to GMO risks. 922 respondents.**

*Measures carried out by organic farmers in response to GMO contamination risk*



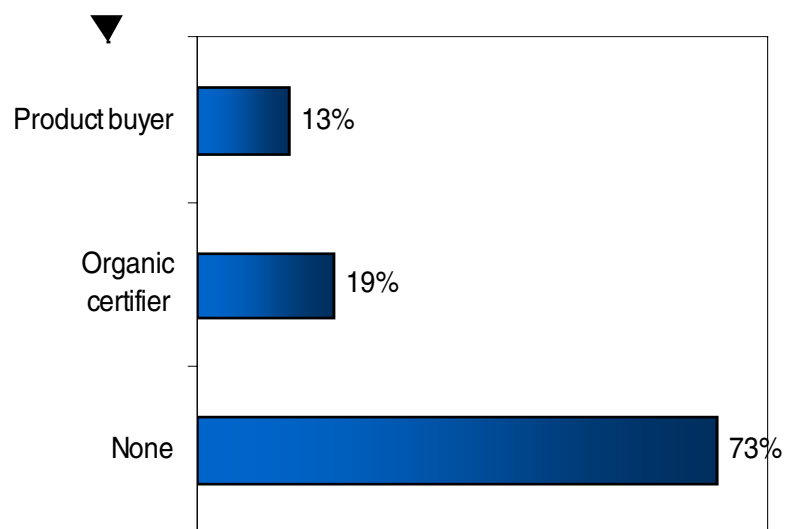
*Percentage of respondents indicating measures were carried out.  
(more than one response is possible per respondent)*

- 48% of respondents have carried out some measure in response to contamination risk.
- The greatest percentage 24%, communicated with neighboring farmers.
- Other measures represent potential financial financial impacts.

*Q. What entities, if any, have requested or required that any of your farm's seed, inputs or products be tested for GMOs?*

**Figure 7.4—Incidence of buyer or certifier requests for GMO testing. 969 respondents.**

*Entities requesting or requiring GMO testing*

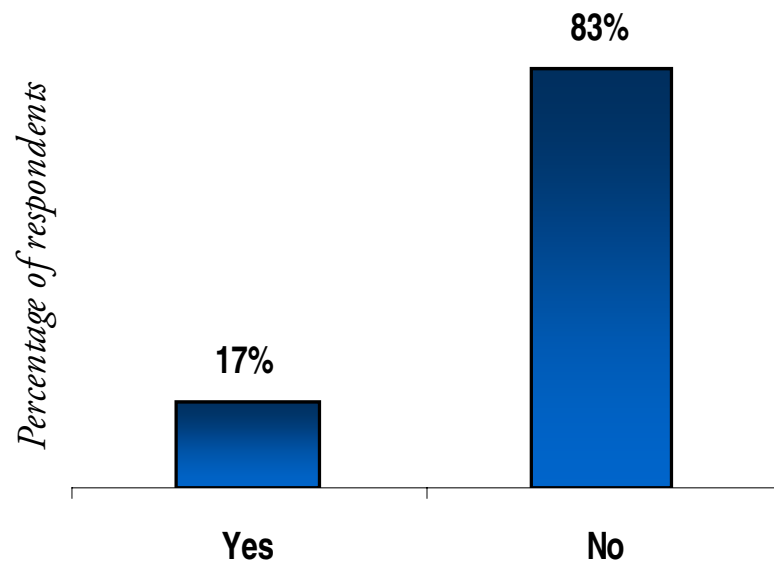


*Percentage of respondents*  
(multiple responses possible per respondent)

- 27% of respondents have had a GMO test either requested or required by an organic certifier or a buyer.

*Q. Has any of your farm's seed, other inputs or organic farm product been tested for GMOs?*

**Figure. 7.5--Incidence of GMO testing. 979 respondents.**

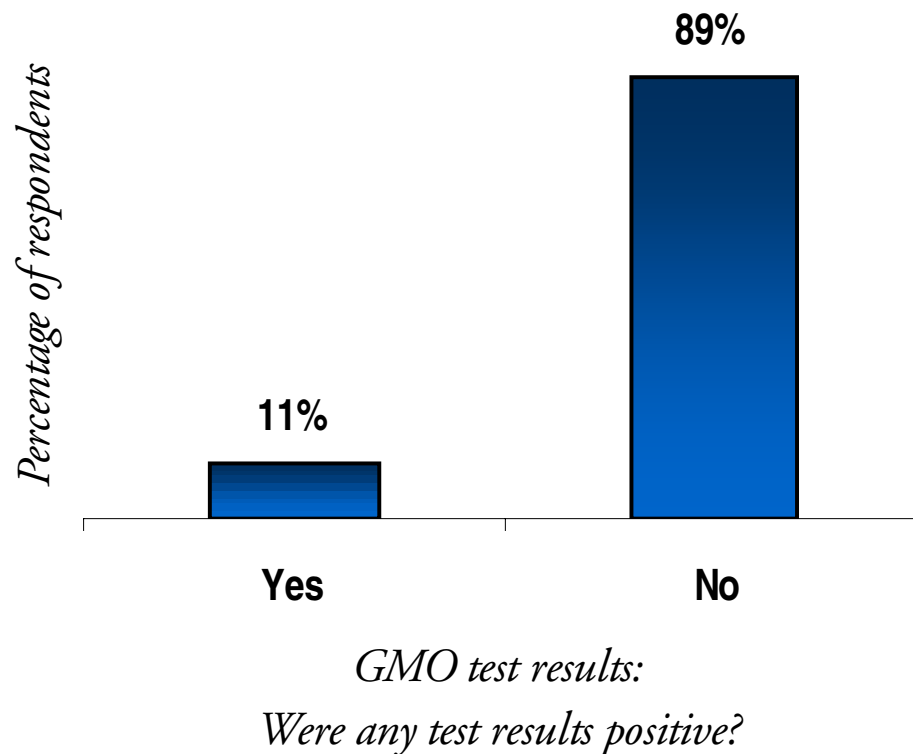


*Have any organic farm inputs or products  
been tested for GMOs?*

- 17% of respondents have had GMO testing conducted.

*Q. Did any of these seed, input, or organic products test positive for GMO contamination?*

**Figure 7.6--Results of GMO testing. 233 respondents.**

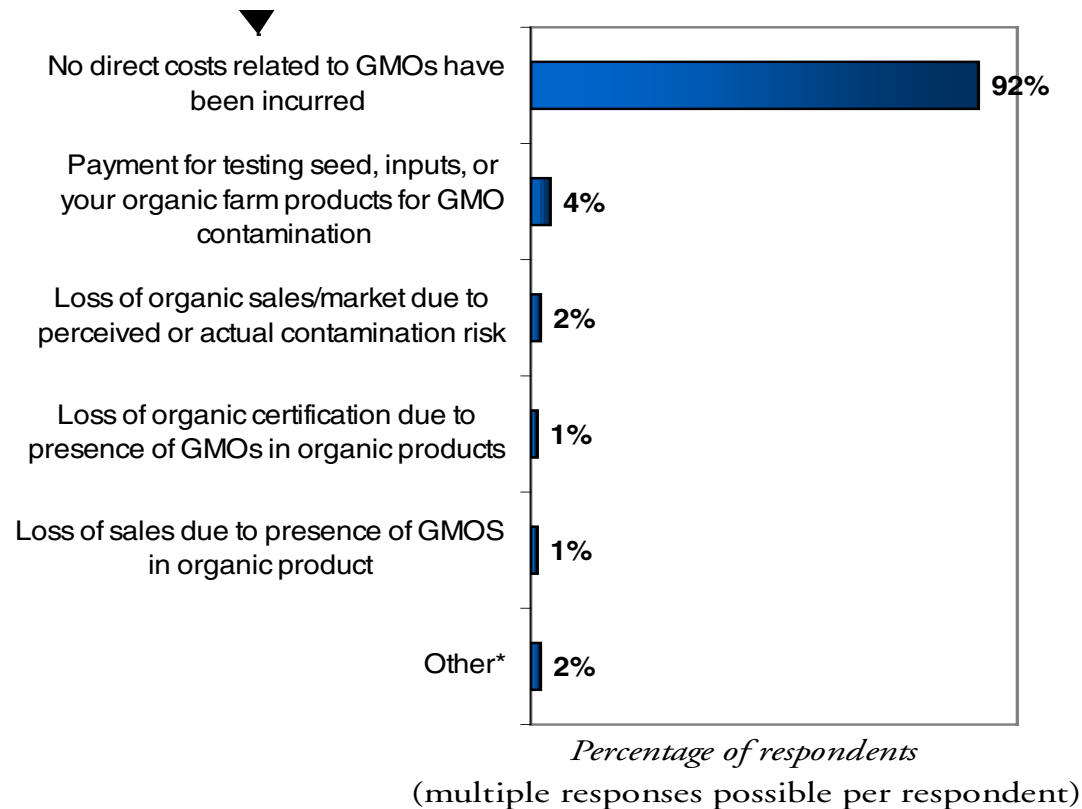


- 11% of those who have had GMO testing done received a positive test result.
- This represents 2% of the total respondent population.

*Q. Has your organic farm operation borne any direct costs or damages related to the presence of GMOs in agriculture?*

**Figure 7.7 --Direct costs or damages incurred by GMOs. 938 respondents.**

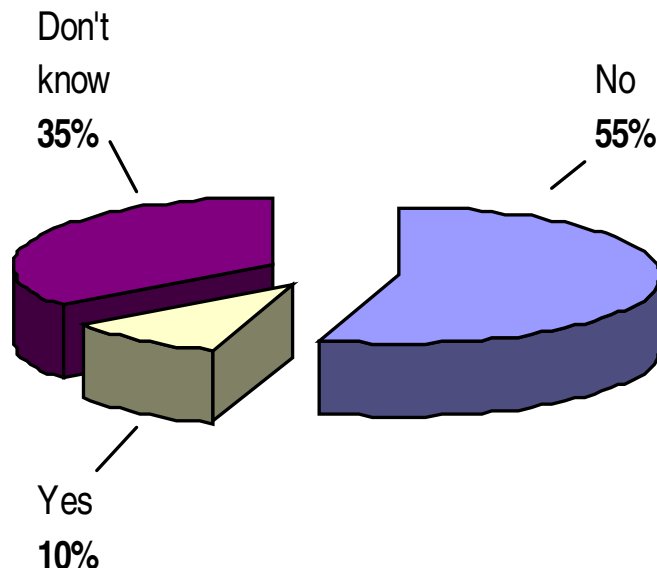
*Costs or damages related to presence of GMOs in agriculture*



- 8% of respondents indicated that their organic farm has borne some direct costs or damages from GMOs

*Q. Do you feel that a regulatory framework is in place to adequately protect your organic farm product(s) from damages due to possible contamination by GMOs?*

**Figure 7.8--Organic farmers opinions on whether there is sufficient regulatory protection from GMO contamination. 990 respondents.**

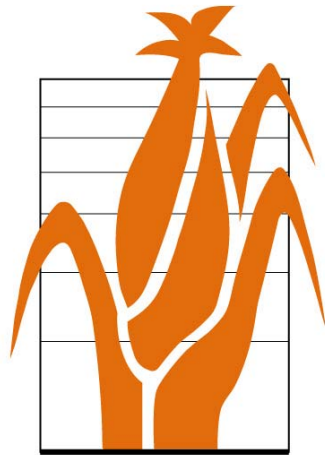


- Only 10% of respondents feel that a sufficient regulatory framework is in place to protect their organic products from GMO contamination

# Impact of GMOs, by State

Derived by combining responses of those producers  
experiencing the most impact.

- Greatest impact: Iowa and Wisconsin
- 2nd level of importance: MN, IL, MI, OH, NY, NE
- 3rd level: IN, MO, KS, ND



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