

# Bill Gates Donates \$5.6 Million to Cornell University which Helped Monsanto Promote GMO Bovine Growth Hormone rBST

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Want to know just how far Gates' money reaches to promote GMOs and other unhealthy 'scientific' discoveries touted as boons to society? Look no further than Cornell University, the institution that tells us Monsanto's rBST (also known as rBGH) - a genetically engineered growth hormone used to make cows produce more milk - is safe. Supported by a \$5.6 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Cornell Alliance for Science is said to help researchers and stakeholders pinpoint and effectively communicate the potential impacts of agricultural technology and how such technology works.

"The project will involve developing multimedia resources, including videos of farmers from around the world documenting their struggles to deal with pests, diseases, crop failure and the limited resources available in the face of poverty and climate change."

You can bet with their recently [received \\$5.6 million donation](#) from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that the University will become a support for biotech and the GM agricultural agenda. The [Cornell report](#) on rBST states:

". . .In the late 1970s, Cornell scientists D.E. Bauman and W.B. Currie proposed new concepts on the regulation of nutrient use during lactation. In a series of studies using pituitary-derived bST, Bauman's group demonstrated that bST markedly improved milk yield even in high-producing dairy cows. The results with pituitary-derived rbST coincided with advances in biotechnology including the development of recombinant DNA technology."

Somatotropin is a naturally occurring hormone produced in the pituitary gland of animals; the bovine somatotropin (BST) triggers nutrients to increase growth in young cattle and lactation (milk production) in dairy cows. The [artificial BST](#) is produced using recombinant DNA technology (biotechnology). With GMO bovine somatotropin (BST), made with recombinant DNA technology, milk production is increased by 10 to 15%. Not only does rBST cause cows' utters to metastasize, it is also very unhealthy for humans who consume it - it's an [unnatural, GMO hormone](#). The Gates Foundation says its donation to Cornell was meant to:

". . .depolarize the charged debate around agricultural biotechnology and genetically modified organisms (GMOs)."

As reported by Cornell University:

“Proponents and opponents alike speculate whether biotech crops are of benefit to farmers, but rarely are those farmers engaged in the biotech discourse or their voices heard,” said Sarah Evanega, senior associate director of International Programs in Cornell’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs), who will lead the project. “Our goal is to depolarize the GMO debate and engage with potential partners who may share common values around poverty reduction and sustainable agriculture, but may not be well informed about the potential biotechnology has for solving major agricultural challenges,” Evanega said. “For instance, pro-biotech activists share a lot of the same anti-pesticide, low-input, sustainable-agriculture vision as the organic movement.”

Almost everyone knows by now that [Bill Gates supports Monsanto and GMOs at large](#). He has donated extensively to research agencies that develop GMOs and reportedly [owns over 500,000 shares of Monsanto stock](#). The only polarization over GMOs is between the biotech and multinational companies who stand to gain from selling them, and the people who refuse to eat them. There are over [1,700 independent scientific studies](#) that have linked GMOs to some type of harm – to farm animals, insects, people, and the environment.

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