

## Why Are Government Subsidies Forcing GMO Baby Formula on Low Income Mothers?

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It's unfortunate, but mothers and babies who receive federally-funded WIC assistance (Women, Infants and Children Program) are usually provided with formula comprised of GMO ingredients, including GMO corn and GMO soy. Mothers who desire organic baby formula for their developing children are denied it. Are the poor relegated to carcinogenic, developmentally-altering, genetically modified food, and nothing else?

If <u>Nestle/Gerber have their way</u>, government subsidies will continue to pay for their toxic products – no matter that they will be negatively affecting the health of children of future generations.

In California alone, more than <u>1.45 million participants</u> take advantage of WIC. This means that <u>mothers can purchase</u> baby formula with the organization's assistance, but it must be '<u>WIC-approved</u>,' and to the 'exacting' standards of the FDA.

Which formulas are approved for low-income mothers to purchase?

For starters – Enfamil EnfaCare, Gerber Good Start, and Similac. These are all on lists of baby foods to avoid because they contain GMO soy and corn, as well as traces of pesticides and herbicide.

Why would we knowingly feed our children GMOs before it has really been proven to be 'safe' as Monsanto, BASF, and other companies like Abbott Laboratories, Mead Johnson Nutrition, and Nestlé USA, the company who wants to own water rights, tout?

If you feed your baby one of the following three infant formulas, you are perhaps, unknowingly, feeding them GMO corn, sugar beets, and soy, since they are often <u>used</u> these companies' products.

I'm lucky enough to be able to <u>breastfeed my infant</u>, so this is a moot point for me except as a social responsibility. But for many mothers labeled 'working poor,' it is nearly impossible for them to feed their babies without utilizing infant formula. Long hours at work and sometimes the lack of a two-parent household means that babies are in the care of others more often, and have to be fed from the bottle. Does this mean that to add insult to injury, the financially challenged of this nation should be forced to feed their children questionable food?

Even if you don't formula-feed your infant, tell companies that make GMO baby formula that their actions are criminal. <u>Tell them to stop</u>.

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