Brews and Views: At Home Edition

From Gold to Weevil: Exploring the science and ethics of GMOs

Friday, April 9, 2021, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Registration: bit.ly/bv-apr9

GMOs (genetically modified organisms) have been the subject of intense controversy for decades. They hold the potential to improve yields, make foods more nutritious, and enhance the resistance of crops to droughts, pests, and diseases. At the same time, critics worry that GMOs are typically associated with centralized, intensive approaches to agriculture that are socially and environmentally problematic. Focusing especially on herbicide-resistant crops, insecticidal crops, and golden rice, we will shed light on the strengths and weaknesses of GMOs from both a scientific and an ethical perspective. What are the most promising applications for GMOs? What are the most serious worries that need to be addressed? How can they be developed in ways that are most beneficial to society?

Discussants

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