

# Genetically Modified Rice?

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Genetically modified (GM) seeds have been around for nearly 20 years and are widely adopted in the United States. In fact, the U.S. has been consistently ranked as the number one country for growing the highest number of biotech crops including corn, soybean, cotton, canola (rapeseed), sugar beets, alfalfa, papaya and squash—but not rice.



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GM rice exists but it is *not* a top GM food as many info graphics/blogs claim because is *not* currently commercialized in the U.S. or anywhere in the world. It is unclear exactly why U.S. rice farmers have not grown [GMO rice](#) despite two varieties having been approved for commercialization since 2000. One likely reason may be due to bans on GM crops by other countries since the U.S. exports most of its rice. It's also possible that increasing consumer awareness and GMO labeling demands have played a role in this decision.

If there was ever any GM rice in the U.S. Food supply, it was in 2006 and due to cross contamination. At the time, the USDA confirmed that some commercial long-grain rice contained trace amounts of an experimental GM strain named Liberty Link.

It was an herbicide-resistant strain being researched by the Bayer Crop Science unit at Louisiana State University. Both USDA and FDA concluded that there was no human health, food safety or environmental concerns associated with Liberty Link.

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