

Dear all,

find attached and below the official list of field trials in POLAND, as approved by the Ministry of Environment. In 1999, there were 12 permits given for field trials of GE sugar beet, fodder beet, maize, winter and spring oilseed rape and potatoes. In 2000, 9 permits were issued for field trials of: GE sugar beet (6 permits i.e. 6 GE varieties), maize and potatoes.

NO TRIALS OF GE OILSEED RAPE IN 2000 INTERESTING TO SEE that no permits given for OILSEED RAPE IN 2000 - a particularly hazardous GE crop, given that Central Europe is the centre of diversity for rape (hence many weedy relatives).

FOCUS ON HERBICIDE-TOLERANT GE CROPS At least 7 of the 9 permits in 2000 are for herbicide tolerance. I note that Pioneer has no permit for field trials of Bt maize (or LL maize) in 2000. This is strange, because if companies intend to eventually commercialise their GE varieties, they need at least 3 years of trials to get them entered onto the National Seed List.

LIST OF PERMITS is not list of ALL FIELD TRIALS I don't believe that this is a comprehensive list of field trials in Poland; it is just a list of permits. Note, each permit is for a specific GE variety and field trials could take place in several regions of the country.

NGOs in Poland recently found out about trials of GE plum trees that have been going on for years. In 1996, I found GE carp (fish) in Poland, with human growth hormone genes (no-one knows what happened to them?). We know that there are also experiments on GE cucumbers, GE apple trees - but perhaps these are still in the green houses. Find the information on Polish permits for field trials attached and below.

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Field Trials in Poland 1999 and 2000

Information from the Polish Ministry of Environment. The numbers (1/99, 2/2000) and dates in brackets refer to the Decision Number of the Ministry of Env, and the dates, when the decision was taken.

1999

1. AgrEvo (1/99) - GE sugar beet 2. AgrEvo (2/99) - GE corn 3. AgrEvo (3/00) - GE spring rape 4. Graminex (4/99) - GE fodder beet 5. KWS Polska (5/99) - GE sugar beet 6. Monsanto (6/99) - GE sugar beet 7. Novartis Seeds (7/99) - GE sugar beet 8. Pioneer (8/99) - GE herbicide-tolerant maize 9. Pioneer (9/99) - GE insect-resistant maize 10. Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Wroclaw (10/99) - GE potatoes 11. AgrEvo (11/99) - GE winter rape (winter-hardy/winter-tolerant) 12. AgrEvo (12/99) - GE winter rape (herbicide-tolerant)

2000

KWS Polska sp. z.o.o. (1/2000, 19 April 00) - GE glufosinate-tolerant (herbicide-tolerant) sugar beet 2. KWS Polska sp. z.o.o. (2/2000, 19 April 00) - GE glufosinate-tolerant (herbicide-tolerant) sugar beet (probably a different sugar beet variety - Iza) 3. Novartis Seeds International AB (3/2000, 19 April 2000) - Roundup Ready (herbicide-tolerant) sugar beet 4. Novartis Seeds International AB (3/2000, 19 April 2000) - Roundup Ready (herbicide-tolerant) sugar beet 5. Institute of Plant Breeding and Acclimatisation in Radzikow (5/2000, 19 April 00) - GE potatoes resistant to the Y viru 6. Monsanto Polska sp. z.o.o. (6/2000, 19 April 2000) - GE Roundup Ready sugar beet 7. Aventis Crop Science (7/2000, 17 April 00) - GE sugar beet tolerant to the herbicide ammonium glufosinate (Strange that the decision number is 7/2000, when this decision was taken before the others??? - Iza) 8. Aventis Crop Science (8/2000, 17 April 00) - GE maize tolerant to the herbicide ammonium glufosinate 9. Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Wroclaw (9/2000, 26 April 00), GE potatoes