

## Scientists say GE crops encourage stronger weeds

(...) Genetically engineered crops do little to improve yields and instead promote the proliferation of herbicide-resistant weeds that actually curb production, according to a study by the Union of Concerned Scientists. Corn and soybeans modified to resist insects and the herbicide glyphosate haven't been proven to boost yields, the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based group says in a 44-page report. The modified plants have increased the number of glyphosate-resistant weeds that compete for soil nutrients and moisture, reducing production, the group says. (...)

The news:

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=3&objectid=10567436](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=10567436)

The Union of Concerned Scientists Website:

<http://www.ucsusa.org/>

## The Report:

[http://www.ucsusa.org/food\\_and\\_agriculture/science\\_and\\_impacts/science/failure-to-yield.html](http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_agriculture/science_and_impacts/science/failure-to-yield.html)

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## Basic Information on the Union of Concerned Scientists:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union\\_of\\_Concerned\\_Scientists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_of_Concerned_Scientists)

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