



# LA CROSSE MILLING COMPANY

To our valued customers,

***LaCrosse Milling Company issues the following statement concerning the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO):***

There are approximately 60 plant species of GM foods according to the CDC. These species are among eight crops: Tomatoes, Potatoes, Corn, Rice, Canola, Soybeans, Sugarbeets and Popcorn.

Of these crops, Corn is the only commodity where the potential of receiving a transgenic crop exists within this facility. Corn, milled at LaCrosse Milling Company, is processed in our South Plant and used for animal feed only. GMO corn is approved for use in animal feeds. The South Plant facility is a separate processing building.

**FOOD PRODUCTS:**

**With regards to human-consumption, there are no food products manufactured at La Crosse Milling that utilizes genetically modified crops.**

*WHEAT:* Some have raised a concern about genetically modified food-grade wheat products. The currently marketed “modified” wheat is a result of traditional crossbreeding (through pollination) techniques, which has not been indicated in public health concerns.

Transgenic modifications are those where genes are physically manipulated and transferred across the genus (or even Kingdom) boundaries. These modifications can not occur through traditional crossbreeding and therefore, must be physically manipulated (by man) to achieve the desired result. To date, there are no transgenic wheat crops yet available in the market. Transgenic wheat crops are however, currently being investigated. When they do become available for human food ingredients, La Crosse Milling will take appropriate steps to maintain compliance with regulatory, customer and consumer requirements.

*OATS & BARLEY:* Concerns raised about genetically modified oats and barley are unsupported. There are no oats or barley available containing transgenic materials. We periodically research the subject and maintain contact with the authorities in the field. To date, we have not found information on projects, currently underway or projected, in which oats or barley are being studied or considered for genetic enhancement.

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