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Dunolly silo contaminated by GM canola, Monsanto must compensate those affected.

GM canola has been delivered to a designated non-GM canola silo at Dunolly, contaminating a 2000 tonne stack of non-GM canola¹.

James Neilson of Monsanto stated at the recent GM coexistence conference in Melbourne² that Monsanto knows:

- where GM canola is grown,
- what will be delivered,
- who is delivering where, and
- will know if it is accidentally delivered to the wrong location.

Fran Murrell of MADGE was at the conference. "Monsanto said they will know if GM is being delivered to the wrong location. They must take responsibility for their technology and clean up the GM contamination and compensate anyone affected."

"GM canola is being forced on us. No one wants to eat it, farmers get a lower price for GM, and it is now polluting our 100% GM free canola supply."

MADGE has examined feeding trials on GM canola. They are designed to see if livestock put on weight and survive until slaughter.

MADGE researcher Madeleine Love said "Feed-to-slaughter trials on trout, chickens, lambs and pigs are to encourage primary producers to use GM canola as a stock feed, not to demonstrate human health and safety.³ But primary producers can draw no comfort."

"Animals trialed on feed provided by Monsanto had significantly worse outcomes.⁴ Monsanto self-reported their own inappropriate study conduct in data provided to FSANZ and the OGTR⁵, and it isn't possible to draw conclusions about the safety of GM canola for any living thing. We need to direct our attention to our Regulators."

MADGE has asked David Ginns of Graincorp to verify the claims made about the level of contamination at Victorian silos by providing the lab reports.

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- ¹ http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/article/2009/12/16/142861_grain-and-hay.html
- ² 2009 Genetically Modified Crops Coexistence Conference (GMCC'09), Melbourne, Australia, 10 – 12 November 2009 <http://www.gmcc-09.com/>
- ³ Trout <http://bit.ly/5Eetk6>
Chicken <http://bit.ly/686zjY>
Lambs <http://bit.ly/8T85pj>
Pigs <http://bit.ly/4NqdQd>
- ⁴ "Animal Studies Conducted on Monsanto's GM Roundup Ready (RR) Canola"; <http://bit.ly/8gA70X>
- ⁵ Trout:
Monsanto Data: MSL No. 13063; Brown PB, Wilson KA, Nickson TE; "Evaluation of Glyphosate Tolerant Canola as a Feed for Rainbow Trout"

Study #92-02-30-01; Evaluation of Glyphosate-tolerant Canola Lines from the 1992 Canadian Field Trials; Nickson TE, Mitchell AH, Taylor ML, Neyedley RA, Zobel JF; Contains References to MSL No. 12970
- Chickens:
Monsanto Data: MSL No.:17538; Stanisiewski et al 2001; Monsanto Company, Product Safety Centre, Biotechnology Regulatory Sciences