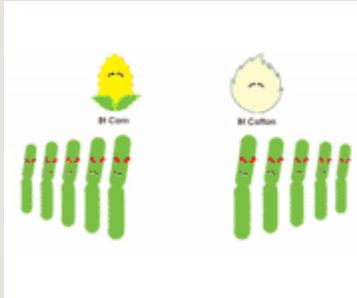


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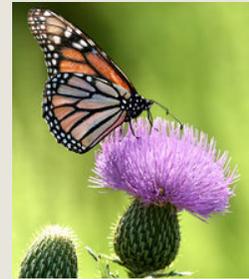
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“61 Countries Label GMOs- But Not the U.S.”

Labeling genetically modified products is standard practice in 61 countries, including all members of the European Union, India, China, Russia, Australia and Brazil.

The number of monarch butterflies that completed an annual migration to their winter home in a Mexican forest sank this year to its lowest level in at least two decades, due mostly to extreme weather and changed farming practices in North America, the Mexican government and a conservation alliance reported on Wednesday.



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<http://www.uszwbc.org/certification/certification-news-release-march>

- Trying to Hold Back the Onslaught of Genetically Modified Foods- or at Least Slap them with a Label

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- The Circular Economy: Should we all be going round in circles?

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- Measuring China's Circular Economy (subscription based)

www.sciencemag.org/content/339/6127/1526.summary

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www.imf.org/external/np/pp/eng/2013/012813.pdf

- U.S. Pesticide Approval Process "Grievously Flawed"

www.ipsnews.net/2013/03/u-s-pesticide-approval-process-grievously-flawed/

Critics say the EPA should not have approved clothianidin, a potent pesticide that belongs to a family of substances linked to the current widespread die-off of global honeybee populations.

- Marjorie Kelly, a person who tells the truth

www.americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/marjorie-kelly

- Solar Report Stunner: Unsubsidized 'Grid Parity Has Been Reached In India', Italy With More Countries Coming in 2014

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- A food commons for Fresno? (#1 Agricultural county in USA)

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The Conquest of Nature And What We've Lost

www.laphamsquarterly.org/

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- Two reasons climate change is not like other environmental problems
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- How Much Water Is Hidden In What We Eat?

www.barillacfn.com/en/focus-on/world-water-day/

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- Policy: Sustainable development goals for people and planet (\$18)

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- Enough Is Enough

The following is an excerpt from the book.

www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/enough_is_enough

- Limit Resource Use and Waste Production

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- NANOMATERIALS: Solid carbon, springy and light (Full Text \$8)

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- Nations urged to combine environmental and development goals. World leaders should set six new sustainable development goals to achieve global prosperity, scientists argue.

www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/mar/21/nations-urged-combine-environmental-development-goals

- 8th World Congress on Zero Emissions in April

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- Major US supermarkets to boycott GM salmon

- Aldi (Trader Joe's) and Whole Foods Markets among retailers refusing to sell product
- FDA decision due on whether GM salmon allowed onto market

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- Beekeepers and Public Interest Groups Sue EPA Over Bee-Toxic Pesticides

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- World Bank must end support for Honduran palm oil company implicated in dozens of murders

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- Are Algae Biofuels a Realistic Alternative to Petroleum?

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- This 17-Year-Old Built An Algae Biofuel Lab Under Her Bed

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- Salmon Confidential is a new film on the government cover up of what is killing BC's wild salmon. When biologist Alexandra Morton discovers BC's wild salmon are testing positive for dangerous European salmon viruses associated with salmon farming worldwide, a chain of events is set off by government to suppress the findings. Tracking viruses, Morton moves from courtrooms, into British Columbia's most remote rivers, Vancouver grocery stores and sushi restaurants. The film documents Morton's journey as she attempts to overcome government and industry roadblocks thrown in her path and works to bring critical information to the public in time to save BC's wild salmon.

www.salmonconfidential.ca

- Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF) DRIVING SUSTAINABILITY

A review of our impact, achievements and challenges 2013

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- Future Earth is a new 10-year international research initiative that will develop the knowledge for responding effectively to the risks and opportunities of global environmental change and for supporting transformation towards global sustainability in the coming decades.

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- Going outside the hospital walls to improve health

Obamacare provision requires nonprofit hospitals reach out to the community, emphasizing link between poverty and poor health

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- EU could impose pesticide ban to protect bees

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- Antibiotic overuse is a "ticking time-bomb"

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- Five reasons why the speed of Arctic sea ice loss matters

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