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Genetic Engineering Genetically Engineered Crops
Looks at the costs and benefits of genetically engineered crops.

Reshaping Life Oxford University Press
Human genetic engineering may soon be possible. The gathering debate about this prospect already threatens to become mired in irresolvable disagreement. After surveying the scientific and technological developments that have brought us to this pass, The Ethics of Genetic Engineering focuses on the ethical and policy debate, noting the deep divide that separates proponents and opponents. The book locates the source of this divide in differing framing assumptions: reductionist pluralist on one side, holist communitarian on the other. The book argues that we must bridge this divide, drawing on the resources from both encampments, if we are to understand and cope with the distinctive problems posed by genetic engineering. These problems, termed "fractious problems," are novel, complex, ethically fraught, unavoidably of public concern, and unavoidably divisive. Berry examines three prominent ethical and political theories – utilitarianism, Kantianism, and virtue ethics – to consider their competency in bridging the divide and addressing these fractious problems. The book concludes that virtue ethics can best guide parental decision making and that a new policymaking approach sketched here, a "navigational approach," can best guide policymaking. These approaches enable us to gain a rich understanding of the problems posed and to craft resolutions adequate to their challenges.

Redesigning Life? National Academies Press
This globe-trekking volume explores issues related to genetic engineering in various cultures, including India, Canada, China, Japan, Kenya, Australia, Malaysia, Ireland, and America. Across four chapters of essays, readers will evaluate genetic engineering and its relationship to crops, disease, animals, and humans. Superb essay sources include the Consumers Association of Penang, The Economist, Oxford Journals, and the International Coalition for Animal Welfare.

Genetic Engineering of Osmoregulation National Academies Press

"A gifted and thoughtful writer, Metzl brings us to the frontiers of biology and technology, and reveals a world full of promise and peril." — Siddhartha Mukherjee MD, New York Times bestselling author of The Emperor of All Maladies and The Gene Passionate, provocative, and highly illuminating, Hacking Darwin is the must read book about the future of our species for fans of Homo Deus and The Gene. After 3.8 billion years humankind is about to start evolving by new rules... From leading geopolitical expert and technology futurist Jamie Metzl comes a groundbreaking exploration of the many ways genetic-engineering is shaking the core foundations of our lives – sex, war, love, and death. At the dawn of the genetics revolution, our DNA is becoming as readable, writable, and hackable as our information technology. But as humanity starts retooling our own genetic code, the choices we make today will be the difference between realizing breathtaking advances in human well-being and descending into a dangerous and potentially deadly genetic arms race. Enter the laboratories where scientists are turning science fiction into reality. Look towards a future where our deepest beliefs, morals, religions, and politics are challenged like never before and the very essence of what it means to be human is at play. When we can engineer our future children, massively extend our lifespans, build life from scratch, and recreate the plant and animal world, should we?

Engineering Genesis Routledge
"The book...is, in fact, a short text on the many practical problems...associated with translating the explosion in basic biotechnological research into the next Green Revolution," explains Economic Botany. The book is "a concise and accurate narrative, that also manages to be interesting and personal...a splendid little book." Biotechnology states, "Because of the clarity with which it is written, this thin volume makes a major contribution to improving public understanding of genetic engineering's potential for enlarging the world's food supply...and can be profitably read by practically anyone interested in application of molecular biology to improvement of productivity in agriculture."

Genetically Engineered Crops Cambridge University Press
Background information and case studies on genetic engineering are presented in this book which aims to encourage the reader to reach informed and considered opinions. It is one of a series of books on some of today's most topical and controversial issues.

The Ethical Problems of Genetic Engineering of Human Beings Gareth Stevens
The study provides a current perspective of the capabilities in genetics and cell biology which have evolved in the last decade and which appear to be of significance for the next decade.

Genetic Engineering in Agriculture Inner Traditions / Bear & Co

The plant world represents a vast renewable resource for production of food, chemicals and energy. The utilization of this resource is frequently limited by moisture, temperature or salt stress. The emphasis of this volume is on the molecular basis of osmoregulation, adaptation to salt and water stress and applica tions for plant improvement. A unified concept of drought, salt, thermal and other forms of stress is proposed and discussed in the publication. The volume developed from a symposium entitled "Genetic Engi neering of Osmoregulation: Impact on Plant Productivity for Food, Chemicals and Energy," organized by D. W. Rains and R. C. Valentine in cooperation with Brookhaven National Laboratory and directed by D. W. Rains and A. Hollaender. The program was supported by a grant from the National Science Founda~ion, Division of Problem Focused Research, Problem Analysis Group, and the Department of Energy. This symposium is one of several in the past and pending which deal with potential applications of genetic engineering in agri culture. Since the question was raised several times during the meeting it is perhaps a convenient time to attempt to define gene tic engineering in the context of the meeting. • Genetic engineering of osmoregulation is simply the application of the science of genetics toward osmo tically tolerant microbes and plants. • Recombinant DNA is regarded as just another tool along with conventional genetics to be utilized for improvement of microbes and plants.

Genetic Engineering; Evolution of a Technological Issue Cambridge University Press

This book is unlike others on the emotionally charged subject of the moral and social issues raised by genetically engineering animals. Nontechnical and anecdotal, it attempts to inform, not inflame, the reader about the problems society must address.

Genetic Engineering, Food, and Our Environment Evans Brothers

Presents an overview of the history of genetic science and its current applications and uses for the future.

Genetically Engineered Food Twenty-First Century Books

A biologist and a moral philosopher consider the positive potential and the possible negative consequences of genetic engineering, outlining the science surrounding the technology while discussing moral and ethical considerations. Reprint.

Genetic Engineering, Evolution of a Technological Issue, Supplemental Report I, Report Prepared for the Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Development Of..., Dec. 1974 Springer Science & Business Media

Accessible account of the various applications of genetic engineering and the impact that it has already made

Food, Genetic Engineering and Philosophy of Technology Resurgence Books

This report provides an overview of: the significance of genetic engineering for agriculture, and food producing and processing industries in New Zealand; an assessment of the environmental and human health risks of genetically engineered crops and food products; a response to many of the questions commonly asked about genetic engineering; and an outline of public issues surrounding the use of genetic engineering in agriculture and the food industry.

Genetic Engineering, Human Genetics, and Cell Biology Akademika Pub

As scientists continue to make genetic breakthroughs, society inches ever closer to confronting the stuff horror movies are made of. Cloning a mourned pet is simply strange, but the thought of human cloning is terrifying. Manipulating genes to reduce genetic disease is encouraging only until we consider the ethical implications of potentially creating a master race. Genetically engineering crops and animals can address many problems like disease, climate change, and world hunger, but altering the environment could have catastrophic results for Earth. Articles presenting these issues from persuasive points of view help readers understanding the controversies surrounding genetic engineering today.

Genetic Engineering Routledge

Breakthroughs in genetics present us with a promise and a predicament. The promise is that we will soon be able to treat and prevent a host of debilitating diseases. The predicament is that our newfound genetic knowledge may enable us to manipulate our nature—to enhance our genetic traits and those of our children. Although most people find at least some forms of genetic engineering disquieting, it is not easy to articulate why. What is wrong with re-engineering our nature? The Case against Perfection explores these and other moral quandaries connected with the quest to perfect ourselves and our children. Michael Sandel argues that the pursuit of perfection is flawed for reasons that go beyond safety and fairness. The drive to enhance human nature through genetic technologies is objectionable because it represents a bid for mastery and dominion that fails to appreciate the gifted character of human powers and achievements. Carrying us beyond familiar terms of political discourse, this book contends that the genetic revolution will change the way philosophers discuss ethics and will force spiritual questions back onto the political agenda. In order to grapple with the ethics of enhancement, we need to confront questions largely lost from view in the modern world. Since these questions verge on theology, modern philosophers and political theorists tend to shrink from them. But our new powers of biotechnology make these questions unavoidable. Addressing them is the task of this book, by one of America’s preeminent moral and political thinkers.

Hacking Darwin Springer

Plant scientists and science policymakers from government, private companies, and universities met at a convocation on the genetic engineering of plants. During the convocation, researchers described some of the ways genetic engineering may be used to address agricultural problems. Policymakers delineated and debated changes in research funding and training necessary to realize this potential. In addition, various speakers urged new collaborative efforts among basic scientists and plantbreeders. This book, intended to serve as an introduction and guide for those who wish to follow the development of this promising new technology, summarizes these discussions. Sections in the book focus on topics and issues related to: (1) crop improvement; (2) gene transfer; (3) genetic engineering as a tool for fundamental plant science; (4) somatic cell genetics; (5) applications of biotechnology to agricultural problems (including herbicide resistance, bioengineered microorganisms used to combat plant diseases, and nitrogen fixation); (6) policy and institutional considerations; (7) university-industry relations (considering university concerns, industry concerns, and a three-way cooperative program in New York); (8) safety regulations; and (9) patents. (JN)

Genetic Engineering in Food Production National Academy Press

Presents varied perspectives on the controversial issue of genetic engineering.

Genetic Engineering: Evolution of a Technological Issue Karger Medical and Scientific Publishers

. The book that takes a comprehensive look at the threat to our food supply from genetic engineering. .

15,000 copies sold in the first six months. . Includes new studies about the dangers of genetically engineered food. . Refutes the "feed the poor" propaganda spread by agribusinesses. . Is both an expose and educational primer on this controversial technology that is already a part of every American's diet. . Explains the dangers of these foods to ourselves and our environment in easily understood terms. Picture a world? . Where the french fries you eat are registered as a pesticide, not a food. . Where vegetarians unwittingly consume fish genes in their tomatoes. . Where corn plants kill monarch butterflies. . Where soy plants thrive on doses of herbicide that kill every other plant in sight. . Where multinational corporations own the life forms that farmers grow and legally control the farmers' actions. That world exists These things are all happening, and they are happening to you. Genetically engineered foods--plants whose genetic structures are altered by scientists in ways that could never occur in nature--are already present in many of the products you buy in supermarkets, unlabeled, unwanted, and largely untested. The threat of these organisms to human and environmental health has caused them to be virtually banned in Europe, yet the U.S. government, working hand-in-hand with a few biotech corporations, has actively encouraged their use while discouraging labeling that might alert consumers to what they are eating. The authors show what the future holds and give you the information you need to preserve the independence and integrity of our food supply. What can you do? First, inform yourself. Genetically Engineered Food: Changing the Nature of Nature is the first book to take a comprehensive look at the many ramifications of this disturbing trend. Authors Martin Teitel and Kimberly Wilson explain what genetic engineering is and how it works, then explore the health risks involved with eating organisms never before seen in nature. They address the ecological catastrophe that could result from these modified plants crossing with wild species and escaping human control altogether, as well as the economic devastation that may befall small farmers who find themselves at the mercy of mega-corporations for their livelihood. Taking the discussion a step further, they consider the ethical and spiritual implications of this radical change in our relationship to the natural world, showing what the future holds and giving you the information you need to act on your own or to join others in preserving the independence and integrity of our food supply.

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If current trends continue, within five to eight years most of the foods we eat could be genetically engineered. Multinational corporations want us to believe that this food is safe, nutritious, and thoroughly tested. Critics argue that governments are sacrificing environmental and health safeguards in favor of commercial interests. This book aims to clarify some of the key issues that concern people about genetic engineering, and to answer questions such as: -- What is genetic engineering? -- Why are genetically engineered foods being introduced, and who controls their introduction? -- What are the implications for health, farming, and the environment? -- Is genetic engineering needed to feed the growing world population? -- Should living organisms be patented? -- What can you do if you want to campaign against genetic engineering?

Genetic Engineering Harvard University Press

Genetically engineered (GE) crops were first introduced commercially in the 1990s. After two decades of production, some groups and individuals remain critical of the technology based on their concerns about possible adverse effects on human health, the environment, and ethical considerations. At the same time, others are concerned that the technology is not reaching its potential to improve human health and the environment because of stringent regulations and reduced public funding to develop products offering more benefits to society. While the debate about these and other questions related to the genetic engineering techniques of the first 20 years goes on, emerging genetic-engineering technologies are adding new complexities to the conversation. Genetically Engineered Crops builds on previous related Academies reports published between 1987 and 2010 by undertaking a retrospective examination of the purported positive and adverse effects of GE crops and to anticipate what emerging genetic-engineering technologies hold for the future. This report indicates where there are uncertainties about the economic, agronomic, health, safety, or other impacts of GE crops and food, and makes recommendations to fill gaps in safety assessments, increase regulatory clarity, and improve innovations in and access to GE technology.