PROS AND CONS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD

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Social Pros

Larger Production:

GMO crops can significantly increase the amount of food produced, ensuring wider availability to the continually growing population, reducing costs of production and end buyer costs.

Legal Pros

Controlled Development:

GMOs are easier to regulate as

they are categorically documented throughout development, permitting

any issues with the crops to be

tracked and addressed with precision.

Environmental Protection:
GMO crops have reduced impact on
the environment, requiring less space
and reducing deforestation, as well as
less time to grow, less insecticide, less
greenhouse gas emissions, & less
susceptibility to disease.

Ethical Pros

Unforeseen Outcomes:
GMO crops are not entirely
predictable and can result in issues
that might have significant impacts,
such as allergic reactions to newly
introduced proteins, gene transfer
to non-GMO crops, or reduced
biodiveristy of crops.

Disparity of Commerce:
GMO crops require
significant investments of time
and money to develop, reducing
the ability for small scale businesses
to compete with financial powerhouses
in the farming industry.

Tactical Coding:
GMO crops are vulnerable to
exploitation for organizational
purposes such as encoding
"self-destruction" to force farmers to
have to purchase seeds regularly or
use as biological weapons by
using GMOs as carriers

Legal Cons

Ethical Cons

Social Cons

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