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Ray,

Thank you for the note. I hope to see you again soon as well. Are you ever in Nebraska?

Or maybe one day Monsanto will ask me back to give a talk or something....but maybe not after seeing Oprah.

I hope you and your family are doing well.

The job? I know there have been many changes. Occasionally I have a chance to talk to someone who is still, or recently left Monsanto.

I guess you will retire one day. Since I have a 12 year old daughter (who is in Stl), I don't get to retire any time soon.

I will give a talk at the Mid-West AOAC in early June in St. Louis. Also get back there 1 or 2 times per month to see my daughters.

Regards

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From: DOBERT, RAYMOND C (AG/1000) [mailto:raymond.c.dobert@monsanto.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 12:45 PM

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Subject: News article

Rick,

How are things up in Lincoln? I saw your name on an article on Oprah's web site today and was wondering if you thought that they did justice to any comments you made to the reporter writing this story. The two scientists quoted in the article (you and nutritionist Ashley Koff (free-lance it appears, no university or affiliation with other institutions), both seemed to be pushed into a box saying we don't know what we don't know, and biotech might be in the same class as "trans-fats, DDT and countless other harmful chemicals". Leaving a reader thinking that we really don't know enough about these products to say if they are "safe". Just wanted to make sure you had seen this article.

Hope all is well. I know at some point in time in the future our paths will cross.

Regards

Ray

<http://www.oprah.com/health/Genetically-Modified-Foods-Affect-Health-and-Body#ixzz1tcgINJTp>

How Do Genetically Modified Foods Affect Your Health?

Genetically engineered ingredients show up in most of the processed foods in your shopping cart. Yet their long-term health effects remain unknown. The debate: Should those ingredients be labeled?

But the question remains: What impact do GM foods have on our health?

The answer is, no one really knows. GM foods have been on the market only since 1994, and research on their long-term effects on humans is scarce. To date most of the studies have been done on animals; worryingly, though, some of those studies link GM foods to altered metabolism, inflammation, kidney and liver malfunction, and reduced fertility. In one experiment, multiple generations of hamsters were fed a diet of GM soy; by the third generation, they were losing the ability to produce offspring, producing about half as

many pups as the non-GM soy group.

In addition, allergy sufferers worry that, as genes are transferred between plants, allergenic proteins (from, say, peanuts or wheat) will pop up in unexpected places (like soy or sugar). Richard Goodman, PhD, a professor of food science and technology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a former scientist for Monsanto, says that seed companies run sophisticated tests to prevent that kind of mistake from happening. But inserting new genes into a seed's delicately constructed genome is always a gamble because scientists can't predict all the consequences. There is, for example, the possibility of creating brand-new allergens.

"The status quo is innocent until proven guilty," says Ashley Koff, a registered dietitian who studies GM foods, "as it was for trans fats, DDT, and countless other harmful chemicals. A labeling requirement would motivate seed companies to prove to consumers that their products are safe, to protect their sales."

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