



MONSANTOPOLY

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Chance
SUE FARMERS FOR ALLEGEDLY USING YOUR SEEDS. COLLECT \$170,000 ON AVERAGE FROM EACH FARMER

GMO SOYBEANS
 89% GLOBAL GMO ACREAGE
 Total soybeans planted globally: 224 million acres
 Total GMO soybeans planted globally: 134.4 million acres
 Total Monsanto GMO soybeans planted globally: 119.1 million acres

Community Chest
 SETTLE ALLEGATIONS OF BRIBING INDIAN OFFICIALS TO BYPASS ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENINGS
 PAY \$1.5 MILLION
 GET OUT OF JAIL FREE

AGENT ORANGE & PCBs
 Monsanto has paid millions in settlements in class action suits for the production, use, and disposal of some of the last century's most toxic chemicals.
 Paid \$220 million, along with six other companies, to settle claims in a class action suit for exposure to Agent Orange, the toxic defoliant used in Vietnam.

Paid \$700 million to settle claims from Anniston, Alabama citizens affected by PCB contamination.

GMO CORN
 89% GLOBAL GMO ACREAGE
 Proponents of GMOs claim that the technology will improve agricultural yields and decrease pesticide use. In the ten years since GMOs were introduced into the commercial market here, they have not boosted yields and their use has led to an overall increase in pesticides.

GMO RICE
 0% GLOBAL GMO ACREAGE (as of now)
 Monsanto is piloting GMO rice, but so far has not released a variety commercially. Resistance to Monsanto's GMO rice has been particularly fierce among farmers in developing countries.

TOMATOES
 23% GLOBAL SEED MARKET
 \$1.4 billion: Cost of 2005 acquisition of Seminis, supplier of over 3,500 fruit and vegetable seed varieties in 150 countries.
 Monsanto, Dupont, Syngenta, and Bayer —among the world's biggest pesticide manufacturers—are four of the ten companies that now control 49% of the global seed market.

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 1980 U.S. Supreme Court
 Diamond v. Chakrabarty determined that a live, human-made micro organism is patentable subject matter.
 Advanced token to go.

GMO Giant

by Anna Lappé and Matthew Willse

In the past two decades, the St. Louis-based former chemical giant Monsanto has come to dominate the market for genetically modified organisms (GMOs). With its 2005 acquisition of Seminis, Monsanto became the world's biggest commercial seed company for old-fashioned crops, too.

GMO critics raise concerns about their potential impact on our environment, food security, and health. But the U.S. government has refused even to mandate labeling of foods that contain GMOs. Released in the U.S. with only industry-conducted safety testing, GMOs are now found in at least three-quarters of foods in our supermarkets.

Sources: GMO acreage based on Monsanto reported planting combined with the industry-sponsored ISAAA figures of global GMO acreage. Global seed market data from ETC Group.