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Resolution:

The National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance (NAFA) strongly supports the availability and continued use of biotechnology in agriculture. These advances will allow American Farmers to effectively compete in the world market and will enable American farmers to supply abundant, safe, high quality food, fiber and renewable fuel desired by global consumers.

NAFA acknowledges and respects different markets and methodologies of food, fiber, and renewable fuel production. We believe that science based stewardship management practices allow for the co-existence of these different markets and methodologies in production agriculture.

NAFA believes collaborative efforts among all stakeholders are required to develop methodologies that enable co-existence.



“It is a basic principle in the U.S. that farmers should be able to produce commodities by any method they prefer and to market them in any market available, assuming they meet all safety and marketing standards.

...GE, conventional, and organic production methods... provide key market opportunities for U.S. farmers and are critical to the long-term viability of our rural communities.

In fact, the rapid adoption rates in the U.S. of both organic and GE production methods over the past decade could suggest that some synergy does exist. ... So at the macro level, co-existence between organic, conventional, and GE crops is taking place.”

MICHAEL FERNANDEZ, PH.D

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Peaceful Coexistence: Creating a Strategy for Harmony Among GM, Organic and Conventional Alfalfa Producers

1. How can growers of conventional, GE, and organic crops “peacefully coexist” in our ever-evolving global marketplace?
2. What opportunities and challenges lie ahead?
3. What tools/strategies need to be developed to ensure the long-term viability of all of these market opportunities?