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### GMO Crops Don't Harm Human Health, Report Says

Genetically engineered crops pose no additional risks to humans and the environment when compared to conventional crops, according to a new [report](#). The research, published by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, is the result of a sweeping review of nearly 900 publications on the effects of genetically modified crops on human health and the environment. Genetic engineering has helped agricultural producers in the U.S., including small farmers thrive, according to the report.

But genetic modification is not all good news, the report suggests. Widespread use of genetically modified crops, which are often engineered to resist the effects of pesticides, has contributed to concerning levels of pesticide resistance in weeds and insects. Pests improve in their ability to resist pesticides every time the chemicals are sprayed, creating a vicious cycle of increased spraying and more resistance.

<http://time.com>, may 17 2016

## Document 2

### Why Organic Food Might Be Worth the High Price

A new study says organic food has many advantages. The most infamous fact about organic food is that it's expensive—about 47% more expensive, according to a recent analysis from *Consumer Reports*. But a new review study published in *Nature Plants* analyzed everything research currently knows about organic farming versus the conventional kind and found that organic offers a lot of good that outweighs its sticker shock.

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