

# GM Terminology

**G-Genetically**  
**M-Modified**  
**O-Organism**



When the DNA is modified to...  
**enhance** a characteristic (e.g., pest resistance) or  
reduce a characteristic (e.g., thorns) of a crop.

**GM Techniques Include:**



**Conventional Breeding**

**and/or**

**Genetic Engineering (GE)**

Example:  
Pollinating a crop with the pollen  
of a closely related crop.

Example:  
Using biotechnology to insert  
DNA from a plant or organism  
into a crop.

**GOAL: Create a better crop**

**SAME GOAL**

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You might hear:  
-Hybridization  
-Sexual Propagation  
-Cross-Pollination



**So easy a bee can (and does) do it!**



You might hear:  
-Biotechnology  
-Gene Insertion  
-Genome Editing

**Typically faster to create new varieties!**

**Most all crops on the market  
are the result of years  
(sometimes 1,000's of years)  
of conventional breeding!!**



**Only 9 GE Crops on the Market**

Alfalfa	Cotton	Sugar Beets
Canola	Rainbow Papaya	Yellow Squash
Corn	Soybeans	Zucchini

## BOTTOM LINE

Conventional breeding and GE are both used to genetically modify crops.

Both types must pass the same safety standards before they are released into the market.



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