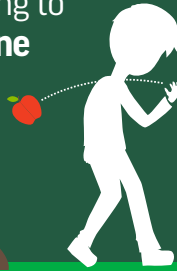


# How GMOs Help Reduce FOOD WASTE & LOSS

In the United States, approximately  
**133 BILLION POUNDS**

of food is **WASTED** annually, contributing to  
**18% of the total U.S. landfill methane**  
(greenhouse gas) emissions.<sup>1</sup>



**GM APPLES ARE  
NON-BROWNING,  
ELIMINATING  
THOSE  
SUPERFICIAL  
ISSUES** that cause  
people to  
unnecessarily  
throw them away.<sup>2</sup>

In 2010,  
each  
American  
on  
average

**THREW AWAY**



totaling  
1.7 billion  
pounds of  
food waste.<sup>4</sup>

**GM POTATOES  
ARE LESS PRONE  
TO BRUISING  
AND BLACK  
SPOTS**, meaning  
fewer potatoes  
will end up  
in landfills.



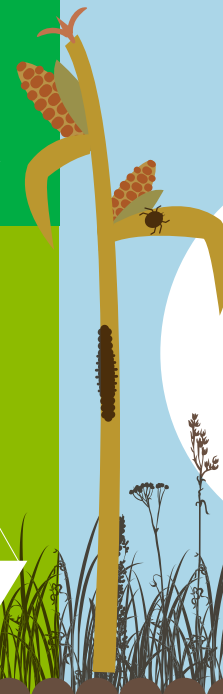
**GMOs help farmers  
minimize these losses  
and grow more food  
using less land.**

In 2015, GMOs enabled farmers  
to use 48.2 million less acres of  
land to produce the same  
amount of crops<sup>7</sup>—equivalent to  
nearly four times the size of  
America's largest national park,  
Wrangell-St. Elias National  
Park and Preserve.<sup>8</sup>



**20 – 25%**

of all crop yields in  
the U.S. are **LOST** to  
pests, crop diseases, or  
post-harvest losses. In the  
developing world, it's as  
high as 40 – 50%.<sup>9</sup>



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