



## Peaceful Coexistence Among Growers Of Genetically Engineered, Conventional and Organic Crops

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03/01/2006 - In March 2006, the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) held a workshop that examined how growers of conventional, genetically engineered (GE), and organic crops can “peacefully coexist” in our ever-evolving marketplace.

The workshop, which took place in Boulder, CO, was the second of three sponsored by the Pew Initiative and NASDA. Participants included representatives from state and federal governments; GE, conventional, and organic farmers; the European Union, seed companies, food processing and marketing companies, academia and the biotech industry. All gathered to identify potential options for advancing peaceful coexistence in the marketplace and to understand the existing and future roles of the public and private sectors in achieving this goal.

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### Workshop Agenda

#### March 1, 2006

##### *Welcome and Introduction*

- Adrian Polansky, Secretary of Agriculture, Kansas and NASDA Biotech Task Force Chair
- Orlo (Bob) Ehart, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
- Dr. Michael Fernandez, Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology

##### *The Gerber Experience*

- Dr. Nicholas Hether, Gerber Products Company (retired)

##### *State of Markets Today, Developing Trends in the Market and Ways to Advance Peaceful Coexistence*

- Joe Dickson, Whole Foods Market
- Dr. Wolf-Martin Maier, European Union
- Michael Zumwinkle, Cargill, Incorporated
- Mike Gumina, Pioneer Hi-Bred

##### *Growers' Perspectives*

- Conventional and Organic Grain and Seed Farmer - Allan Willams, IL
- Potato, Wheat, and Sugar Beet Farmer - Duane Grant, ID

##### *Current Liability Debates in the US and the EU: Where Is It All Going, and Is It Helping or Hindering the Path to Peaceful Coexistence?*

- Bryan Endres, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

*The North Dakota State University Peaceful Coexistence Project: Lessons Learned and Ideas For Advancing the Goal*

- Brad Brummond, North Dakota State University Extension Service

### **March 2, 2006**

*What is "Peaceful Coexistence" from States' Perspectives and What States Can (and Should) Do To Advance the Goal of Peaceful Coexistence?—Food for Thought*

- Secretary Adrian Polansky, KS

*What Does 'Peaceful Coexistence' Mean? If Not Achieved, What are the Implications, Particularly at the State Level?*

- Group Discussion

*If Peaceful Coexistence is an Important Goal to Foster, What Are Potential Tools for Encouraging "Peaceful Coexistence?"*

- Group Discussion

*What Roles Can/Should States Play in Advancing Peaceful Coexistence?*

- Group Discussion

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