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The Honorable Matthew Swinbourn  
Chair  
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Dear Mr. Swinbourn:

Thank you for your December 21, 2017 email to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requesting information about genetically modified agricultural products. I apologize for the delayed response.

There are no USDA compensation programs in connection with the inadvertent presence of genetically engineered products.

USDA has considered the matter of "coexistence" among diverse agricultural systems. For more information, please see the findings of the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology & 21st Century Agriculture available at <https://www.usda.gov/topics/biotechnology/ac21-reports>.

Thank you for contacting USDA about this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Higgiston  
Acting Administrator