

Putin is Taking a Bold Step against Biotech Giant Monsanto

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Russia's Vladimir Putin is taking a bold step against biotech giant Monsanto and genetically modified seeds at large. In a new address to the Russian Parliament Thursday, Putin proudly outlined his plan to make Russia the world's 'leading exporter' of non-GMO foods that are based on 'ecologically clean' production.

Perhaps even more importantly, Putin also went on to harshly criticize food production in the United States, declaring that Western food producers are no longer offering high quality, healthy, and ecologically clean food.

"We are not only able to feed ourselves taking into account our lands, water resources – Russia is able to become the largest world supplier of healthy, ecologically clean and high-quality food which the Western producers have long lost, especially given the fact that demand for such products in the world market is steadily growing,"

Putin [said in](#) his address to the Russian Parliament.

And this announcement comes just months after [the Kremlin](#) decided to put a stop to the production of GMO-containing foods, which was seen as a huge step forward in the international fight to fight back against companies like Monsanto. Using the decision as a launch platform, it's clear that Russia is now positioning itself as a dominant force in the realm of organic farming.

It even seems that Putin may use the country's affinity for organic and sustainable farming as a centerpiece in his economic strategy.

"Ten years ago, we imported almost half of the food from abroad, and were dependent on imports. Now Russia is among the exporters. Last year, Russian exports of agricultural products amounted to almost \$20 billion – a quarter more than the revenue from the sale of arms, or one-third the revenue coming from gas exports," he added.

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