

Genetically Modified Food Policy

At Retail Business Services, we're passionate about providing consumers with nutritious and affordable products. We want consumers to have confidence in the products we touch and access to foods that fit their dietary needs and lifestyles. Retail Business Services understands that navigating genetically modified foods (GMOs) can be a complex issue for consumers. Our goal is to ensure consumers have consistent and easy to read information about GMOs right on products.

As a result, Retail Business Services is choosing a transparent labeling option to make it easier for consumers to understand what's included in the products they love by placing clear on-pack Bioengineered Food disclosures for all private brand products. We are working to complete this well ahead of the Federal Bioengineered labeling deadline of January 1, 2022.

For consumers that are striving to avoid GMOs, we offer Nature's Promise private brand products, which are USDA organic or do not have intentionally added GMOs. We also offer a select number of products that are non-GMO certified by a third party.

For consumers who desire to altogether bypass some of the products that could contain GMOs, we recommend being aware products that have ingredients or single ingredients that the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) currently recognizes as crops or foods that could potentially contain GMOs. These ingredients are listed below:

- Alfalfa Apple (Arctic varieties)
- Canola
- Corn
- Cotton
- Eggplant (BARI Bt Begun varieties)
- Papaya (ringspot virus-resistant varieties)
- Pineapple (pink flesh varieties)
- Potato
- Salmon (AquAdvantage®)
- Soybean
- Squash (summer)
- Sugarbeets

Additionally, Retail Business Services does not knowingly utilize animal products derived from genetically modified animals nor do we have plans to do so in the future. Regarding GMO salmon specifically, Retail Business Services believes that more research is needed to better understand the environmental and human health impacts of this product, and we have chosen not to utilize this product at this time.

We fully support the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard (the USDA GMO Standard) and believe it will help bring more uniformity and transparency to Bioengineered product labeling. We are committed to monitoring science around GMOs and will look to organizations like the World Health Organization, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences to help us continue to evolve our policy on GMOs.