

## California Walnut Board

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### **GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS**

Genetically modified walnut varieties are not grown or available in California, nor does the California Walnut Board anticipate genetically modified walnuts from California being produced any time in the foreseeable future. All walnut varieties available for planting in California and all of the selections in the University of California walnut breeding program that may potentially become new varieties over the next several years have been derived through conventional breeding methods.

The California walnut industry is sensitive to consumer concerns regarding genetically modified foods. The California Walnut Board's strategy is to continue to release for planting new walnut varieties through traditional plant breeding techniques such as controlled crossing and field evaluation.

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