

**AVMA Position on Biotechnology:
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The American Veterinary Medical Association is committed to the availability of food that is safe, healthy and nutritious for the consumer. The Association supports the use of biotechnology where it benefits human or animal welfare, and/or enhances efficient production of a safe and nutritious food supply.

The AVMA supports a science-based regulatory system for the approval of products developed through biotechnology. Current regulations require USDA, FDA and EPA to approve these products for safety and efficacy before they can be marketed for human or animal use or consumption.

New products developed through biotechnology may benefit the environment and enhance the nutritional value and safety of food for humans and animals. The AVMA urges that any additional regulation of products developed through biotechnology be risk-based and science-based.