

## **Labeling Doesn't Raise Food Costs**

To rebut opponents who say labeling will increase the cost of food:  
see <http://bit.ly/hZKF7n>

Cost figures for labeling were estimated by agricultural economist William Jaeger, Oregon State University Extension, in a 2002 study.

(See <http://arec.oregonstate.edu/jaeger/personal/em8817.pdf>)

The cost to government for labeling GE foods throughout the United Kingdom (59 million people at the time) was just \$230,000—0.01 percent of food spending per person.

Regarding economic losses from GMOs; agricultural exports traditionally have been a bright spot in the balance of trade. But now genetic engineering has helped deepen the trade deficit and the national debt. The Soil Association estimates that GM soya, maize and oilseed rape could have cost the US economy \$12 billion since 1999 in farm subsidies, lower crop prices, loss of major export orders and product recalls.

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