The Hidden Truth Behind Pesticide-Seed Companies in Hawai‘i

SIX PESTICIDE COMPANIES OWN MUCH OF THE WORLD’S SEED SUPPLY

Monsanto
Bayer (Not in Hawaii)
Syngenta
Dupont-Pioneer
Dow Chemical
BASF

THE SAME COMPANIES THAT ENGINEER THE SEEDS ALSO MAKE AND SELL THE PESTICIDES, SO THEY PROFIT TWICE. THESE COMPANIES ACCOUNT FOR 58% OF GLOBAL SEED SALES AND 72% OF THE WORLD’S PESTICIDE SALES.

HAWAI‘I IS GROUND ZERO FOR TESTING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROPS

HAWAI‘I 1,141 TEST SITES

CALIFORNIA 172 TEST SITES

In 2014, Hawai‘i had over 6X more genetically engineered crop test sites than California.

PESTICIDE-SEED COMPANIES THREATEN HAWAI‘I’S FOOD SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENT

Genetically engineered crops increase use of weed-killing pesticides (a.k.a. herbicides).

MORE HERBICIDE

In 2014, 82% of GE crop field tests in Hawai‘i involved crops designed to survive intensive use of herbicides.

NOT FOOD

91% of GE seed crops tested in Hawai‘i are inedible corn or soybeans.

LESS LAND FOR FOOD

GE seed crops in Hawai‘i occupy as much land as all harvested fruits and vegetables in the Islands combined (excluding pineapple).

FEW JOBS

Pesticide-seed companies provide less than 0.5% of total Hawai‘i jobs.

PESTICIDE-SEED INDUSTRY’S CONTRIBUTION

HAWAI‘I JOB POOL