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Crops that have been genetically modified are known as **GM foods**, and they are sometimes called **Frankenfood** by their opponents. GM foods can provide many benefits to farmers and consumers, including resistance to insects, drought, and extreme temperatures, and better nutrition for countries affected by famine.

Scientists hope that one day GM crops could provide even more benefits: bananas could deliver vaccines; a cow could reach maturity in months, not years; and special plants could produce materials to make unique plastics. So far, research has shown the foods to be safe to grow and eat.

So what's the controversy? Well, some people think that it's a bad idea to mess with nature so much. They say that we have no way of knowing what the long-term effects of GM foods will be. Some worry that the food will produce toxins in the human body, or that the altered food will cause allergies or worse; some worry that the crops will be bad for non-altered plants and animals; and many people have religious or moral objections against scientists interfering in the natural world.

What do you think?

