

Dear Friends

On December 13, 2007 the Supreme Court of Canada announced it would not hear our appeal. As a result, we will not be able to obtain class action status in order to pursue our claim for losses due to contamination of certified organic crops and fields by GMO canola owned by Monsanto Canada and Bayer Crop Science. Of course we are very disappointed that the Supreme Court was not willing to hear our arguments.

It should be noted that this decision concerned our bid to have our case move forward as a class action - it was not a decision on the merits of the liability case itself. The fact of GMO contamination and the reality of losses we organic farmers suffer because of it have not gone away. We will continue fighting to protect the right to farm GMO free and the right to eat GMO free.

Your long-standing and generous support for our work is not only appreciated for what it has allowed us to accomplish together, but it also shows that there is a deep commitment to the values we seek to defend. During the six years since we began our legal action, the impending introduction of GMO wheat has been stopped, and no new GMO crops have been introduced into Canadian agriculture. Our case has made the issue of legal liability for contamination by GMO crops a public question which is still unsettled.

The Organic Agriculture Protection Fund Committee will be taking some time to consider our legal options. We assure you that the December 13 decision is not the end of the road. We will let you know what our next steps will be as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,

the OAPF Committee

Arnold Taylor, Larry Hoffman, Dale Beaudoin, Marc Loiselle, Doug Bone, Cathy Holtslander, Maggie Mumm, Norm Bromm, Mike Kasper