

THE FUTURE OF FOOD: GMOS | VOCABULARY

GMO genetically modified organism; this is an organism that was given genetic

information in order to give it more desirable traits

organism a living thing

genetically modify to add desirable traits in the form of genes to improve the function of an

organism

resistant to be not affected by something or to be opposed to something

climate change the long-term shift of global temperatures and weather patterns

DNA deoxyribonucleic acid; this acts as an instruction manual for living things by

giving directions for how to grow, develop, and reproduce

drought a period of drier than normal conditions that can last anywhere from days to

years

CRISPR a genetic engineering tool that edits sections of DNA

hybridization when two single strands of genetic information are combined into a new DNA

strand

pollination transferring pollen from an anther to a stigma; communicates to the plant to

make a fruit

Heritage seeds a seed variety that has been passed down from generation to generation for a

minimum of 50 years



