

## **INFOGRAPHIC**



How	Crops ar	e Genetic	cally Mod	lified
Traditional Breeding	Mutagenesis	RNA Interference	Transgenics	Gene Editing
Crossing plants and selecting offspring	Exposing seeds to chemicals or radiation	Switching off selected genes with RNA	Inserting selected genes using recombinant DNA methods	When used to delete genes using engineered nucleases (CRISPR, TALENs, ZFNs, etc.)
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Desired gene(s) inserted with other genetic material	Random changes in genome, usually unpredictable	Targeted gene(s) switched off or 'silenced'	Only gene(s) inserted at desired locations selected	Desired gene(s) deleted only at known locations
Almost all crops				
Number of genes affected: few genes to whole genomes	100s - 1,000s	1 – dozens	1 - 8	1 or more
No safety testing required; Unregulated	No safety testing required; Unregulated	Safety testing required; Highly regulated	Safety testing required; Highly regulated	Safety testing required depending on jurisdiction;  Mixed regulations
	Undesirable, unintended effects rarely occur in the final product of any crop, regardless which process is used.			

