

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Re Henry Miller’s “Stop worrying about GMOs, it’s that organic granola bar that could make you sick” op-ed on June 30, Mr. Miller has painted an inaccurate picture of organic, and made assertions not founded on fact.

The organic industry places the highest value on the quality and safety of its food products. Organic is the most regulated and closely monitored agriculture and food system in the United States, and certified organic growers follow strict guidelines for safe and hygienic food production.

Organic’s so-called “19th century farming methods” are innovative and science-based, and have a clear eye on the healthy and sustainable future of our planet. The rest of agriculture is now catching up with methods of modern organic farming: crop protection with the least toxic of materials, crop production that does the least harm to the environment.

Organic farming is not about turning back the clock. It’s about moving forward to smart farming that protects our health and the health of the environment.

We suggest that Mr. Miller take off his GMO blinders and start looking to the future too.

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