

# How GMOs Help Reduce FOOD WASTE & LOSS

In the United States, approximately **133 BILLION POUNDS**

of food is **WASTED** annually, contributing to **18% of the total U.S. landfill methane (greenhouse gas) emissions.**<sup>1</sup>



**GMOs help farmers minimize these losses and grow more food using less land.**

In 2020, GMOs enabled farmers to use 57.8 million less acres of land to produce the same amount of crops<sup>7</sup>—equivalent to an area larger than the state of Idaho.



**GM APPLES ARE NON-BROWNING, ELIMINATING THOSE SUPERFICIAL ISSUES** that cause people to unnecessarily throw them away.<sup>2</sup>

In 2010, each American on average

**THREW AWAY**



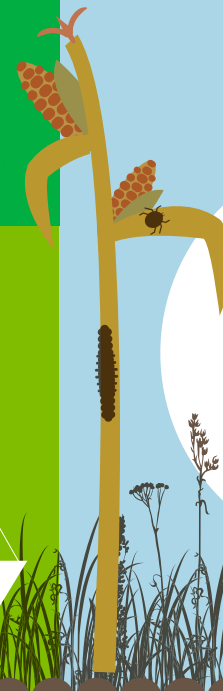
**17 APPLES<sup>3</sup>**

totaling 1.7 billion pounds of food waste.<sup>4</sup>

**GM POTATOES ARE LESS PRONE TO BRUISING AND BLACK SPOTS,** meaning fewer potatoes will end up in landfills.



**20 - 25%** of all crop yields in the U.S. are **LOST** to pests, crop diseases, or post-harvest losses. In the developing world, it's as high as 40 - 50%.<sup>8</sup>



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