

A note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows these two articles.

15-Year-Old Field of Genetically-Modified Tifton 85 Grass Suddenly Produces Cyanide; Kills Cattle

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News broke [yesterday](#) that a farmer in Elgin, Texas, lost fifteen cattle out of an 18-member herd, after turning them into a pasture planted with Tifton 85 grass, a popular variety noted for its high protein content and high digestibility released in 1993. It is a variety widely planted in Tennessee.

According to [Jerry Abel](#), the owner of the 80-acre farm just east of Austin, TX, “When our trainer first heard the bellowing, he thought our pregnant heifer may be having a calf or something,” said Abel. “But when he got down here, virtually all of the steers and heifers were on the ground. Some were already dead, and the others were already in convulsions.” Fifteen of the 18 cattle turned into the pasture were dead within hours.

Initial tests on the grass showed that the grass was producing cyanide gas, killing the cattle. According to the [report](#), USDA scientists are currently dissecting the grass to determine if a random mutation may be to blame, and what may have caused it to occur. Dr. Gary Warner, an Elgin veterinarian and cattle specialist who conducted the 15 necropsies on the dead cattle, [suggested a possible link to the ongoing drought](#), expressing concern that it may be a combination of factors that led to the mutation. Other ranchers in the area have had their Tifton 85 fields tested, and several of the samples have tested [positive for cyanide](#), although no other cattle are believed to have died to date.

Although at least one reporter claims that Tifton 85 grass is [not genetically modified](#), the [report](#) upon which she bases her claim does not mention genetic modification one way or another, nor does it specifically state that Tifton 85 was developed by conventional plant breeding. Similar refutations on the web, such as [this one](#) stating that Tifton 85 is conventionally bred, offer neither credentials nor any evidence. [This site](#), however, maintained by The Georgia Seed Development Commission, states conclusively that Tifton 85 is a sterile pentaploid, which means that the two parent varieties had differing numbers of chromosomes, thus creating a naturally sterile hybrid (similar to crossing a donkey and a horse, resulting in a sterile mule.) According to the [original news report](#), however, the farmers were aware that the grass they planted had been genetically modified, with reporter Lisa Leigh Kelly stating: “The grass is a genetically modified form of Bermuda known as Tifton 85.”

Regardless of whether the Tifton 85 in this case was genetically modified or conventionally bred, we know that it is a hybrid resulting from a cross between [Tifton 68 and an African bermudagrass](#), the latter of which was known to [produce cyanide gas](#) in certain situations....

To read this article in its entirety, go to: <http://www.examiner.com/article/15-year-old-field-of-gm-tifton-85-grass-suddenly-produces-cyanide-kills-cattle>

Superbug vs. Monsanto: Nature Rebels Against Biotech Titan

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A growing number of rootworms are now able to devour genetically modified corn specifically designed by Monsanto to kill those same pests. A new study shows that while the biotech giant may triumph in Congress, it will never be able to outsmart nature.

Western corn rootworms have been able to harmlessly consume the genetically modified maize, a research paper

published in the latest issue of the journal [GM Crops & Food reveals](#). A 2010 sample of the rootworm population had an elevenfold survival rate on the genetically modified corn compared to a control population. That's eight times more than the year before, when the resistant population was first identified.

Experts are also noting that this year's resistant rootworm populations are maturing earlier than expected. In fact, the time the bug's larvae hatched was the earliest in decades. "*The Western corn rootworm 'season' is underway at a pace earlier than I have experienced since I began studying this versatile insect as a graduate student in the late 1970s,*" entomologist Mike Gray wrote in *The Bulletin*, a peri issued by the University of Chicago's Department of Crop Studies.

Studies in other states have also revealed that the rootworm population is becoming increasingly resistant to genetically modified corn...

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: *The Bible teaches us that the entire universe, including all life on earth, was miraculously created by an all-powerful, all-knowing and all-present God. At the end of Creation Week, God declared that everything He had created was "good" (in other words, **perfect** for its intended use). [Genesis 1]*

*Adam and Eve (and all their descendents) could have lived in an eternally **good** place had they not disobeyed God. Defying His command not to do so, they ate fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In so doing, they chose to doubt God's goodness, believing Satan's lie that eating this fruit would make them like God. [Genesis 3] With this act of rebellion, sin entered the world and with it all the effects of the now-cursed creation: death, suffering, disease, war, and even poor crop performance. [Genesis 3:17-19]*

Today, with widespread belief in evolution along with our amazing technological capabilities, scientists have manipulated many plants' genetic codes in an effort to undo the effects of the Fall on agriculture. The reasoning for genetic modification is compelling if evolution was indeed the process by which all life originated. Evolutionary theory states that blind chance and billions of years have produced all the amazing living things that inhabit our world, including the genetic code which defines their capabilities and weaknesses. If chance and time can do that, just think what improvements can be made in a short period of time by the brilliant geneticists and microbiologists working for Monsanto!

But what if these men and women are not as brilliant as they think they are? What if the creation is actually so complex and interconnected that even a slight modification to a plant's genome can unleash widespread destruction in the food chain? What if, "In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth," and He is not too impressed with men acting like they are gods?

The prophets of the Bible foretell a time of unprecedented human suffering that will occur in the last days as a result of the sinfulness of man, and their arrogant rejection of the Creator, the God of the Bible, and His Son (Jesus) who He sent into the world to save mankind, if only they would believe and repent.

It appears from the articles above and many others that also relate to prophetic warnings of what it will be like in the days leading up to Jesus' return that we are rapidly approaching those "last days" during which humans will experience the miserable consequences of their own foolishness.

If genetically-modified crops are responsible for killing the bees, and if they result in killing all of them, consider what the world will be like without the foods that bees make possible; which begs the question, "Which came first, the bees or the crops which cannot survive without the bees, nor the bees without the crops?" (A question that evolution cannot answer.)

If you, dear reader, have not already done so, I pray that you will confess your own sinful rebellion against God. Repent (turn away from your sin), and then receive the free gift of forgiveness, which Jesus has made available to all those who believe that He suffered and died on the cross for us.

These verses from the Apostle Paul speak to the foolishness of evolution and of those who follow its tenets by playing with things they do not understand and cannot control.

Romans 1:20-25. For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ***Professing to be wise, they became fools***, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. NKJV