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Biotechnology and *White Oak* Frozen Foods

White Oak Frozen Foods has been active in investigating the breeding and development of vegetable varieties. Predominate variety improvement efforts have utilized traditional plant breeding methods. *White Oak* has employed, and will continue to employ, modern plant tissue culture methods as well as molecular and/or serological screening technologies to either augment traditional breeding efforts or to develop clean (disease free) vegetative planting stock.

Modern genetic transformation has not been utilized. The technical team at *White Oak* is staying current on these developments, however, in the future may incorporate such systems into active variety development programs.

While *White Oak* utilize standard and proprietary varieties for major vegetable products. Many smaller commodities are produced using selected commercial varieties. At present, *White Oak* does not believe that any of these commercial varieties were developed using genetic transformation.

At some point in the future, however, as genetically transformed varieties become more wide spread, it is likely that such varieties may be incorporated into our raw material operations.

White Oak may source some of its vegetable products and if this occurs will contacted any suppliers with regard to the products being genetically modified. Currently, there are no *White Oak* products or sourced vegetables that are genetically modified.