

ANR Cooperative Extension Risk Assessment Risk Categories

Food Chain (Environmental) Contamination

General Description: **Contamination of the food chain, or other environmental damage, resulting from UCCE activities, in particular, applied research**

Specific Examples:

- A. Risk of environmental damage resulting from applied research with genetically modified crops.

- B. Environmental or food chain contamination from a non-registered pesticide or genetically modified crop because of miscommunication or lack of formal agreement with cooperator leading to mishaps such as (1) inadvertent harvest of research plot resulting in danger to consumer from contaminated food products and (2) risk of organic/environmental organizations/individuals filing legal action against UC with claim that wind/insect borne pollen of biotech crops contaminates organic produce (see also Risk: Agreements, Contracts & Grants).