



GM RICE

and its potential

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1. Creation of golden rice
2. Why golden rice?
3. Controversial issues
4. Vitamin A deficiency - causes
5. Solution?

[Golden rice]

- is a variety of rice (*Oryza sativa*)
- is genetically modified
 - provides pro-vitamin A (precursors of beta carotene)

[Two Varieties of Golden Rice]

- Golden Rice (2000)

precursors of beta carotene (pro-vitamin A)

- Golden Rice 2 (2005)

23 times more beta carotene



Vitamin A Deficiency Map



Vitamin A deficiency leads to

- blindness



- malnutrition



Controversy

Commercial
biotech companies

VS

Environmental
and anti-globalist
groups

[Causes of vitamin A deficiency]

- poverty
- loss of biodiversity in food crops
+ corporate control of agriculture
based on GM foods.
- lack of varied diet containing vitamin A

[Summary]

- Creation of golden rice
- Reasons
- Environmentalists and anti-globalists against GM rice
- Some causes of Vitamin A deficiency

SOLUTION?

Combination of various methods of vitamin A supplementation

- Variety of foods rich in vitamin A
- Vitamin A supplemented
 - by injection
 - orally
- GM rice – available for human consumption