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Title of presentation

A Healthful Conversation about Modern Agriculture and the Role of the Dietitian

1. Brief description/abstract for the content of the presentation (150 words max).

Introduction / Objectives / Methodology / Results / Conclusion

Introduction: Sustainable farming and food production are topics of increasing interest around the globe. As such, there is no shortage of information about the influence of modern agriculture on the safety and nutritional value of the food supply. While the subject can be polarizing, dietitians – as science-based nutrition experts – are increasingly called upon by patients, clients and the media to explain the science behind food biotechnology.

Objectives:

- To explore modern agriculture and shed light on current and future innovations used by farmers to make environmental and economic gains
- To empower dietitians to communicate on food production and sustainable farming within their professional scope

Methodology: A dietitian working within the agriculture sector will explain some of the basics of today's agricultural practices and why dietitians are well-positioned to help separate fact from fiction.

Results & Conclusion: Participants will learn pros and cons of modern agriculture techniques and terminology, enhancing their ability to address related questions in their daily professional settings.

2. Please give two to three key references which can be used to inform future work:

International Food Information Council – Food Biotechnology: A Communicator's Guide to Improving Understanding:

<http://www.foodinsight.org/education/food-biotechnology-communicator%E2%80%99s-guide-improving-understanding>

European Food Information Council – Genetically Modified Food: What do you need to know?

<http://www.eufic.org/en/food-production/article/genetically-modified-food-what-do-you-need-to-know>

United Nations Sustainable Development

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

3. Please identify up to three specific outcomes that dietitians and participants will take away to inform their future practice.

Following this session, participants will be:

- Informed of pros and cons of some modern agriculture and farming techniques.
- Prepared to address certain questions related to farming practices.
- Familiar with opportunities for dietitians within the agriculture sector.