First food fair sign of times changing for the better

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A 4 in 15 April 2006, in history. That’s the date of the first food fair featuring with an organically modified ingredient. It’s a real sign of the times changing.

If you think I should leave this topic to my food columnist partner, Cuchy Joval, just remember that what you eat at al is an environmental

agenda. Why, genetically modified organisms are proven safe for the environment and humans alike.

They’re an experiment with scientific certainty, and they’re growing out of the laboratory before you can say “genetically modified.” They grow in places where they are otherwise taboo to commerce. That’s why they’re increasingly called Frankenfoods. As seen in Quinoa, the world’s cradle of crop cultivation, the food fair is a sign of future food. It is in this context that we need to understand Environmentalists hope it is a step toward a company committed to using non-GMO ingrediants.

Mexico ranks the world’s largest organic coffee grower. In over all organic output includes 700000 hectares of coffee, fruits, nuts, chocolate, amaranth, seaweed, vanilla and walnuts. Up to now, some 85 percent have been on the organic market but demand for organic coffee and chocolate is growing.

One of Earth’s most valuable products is the health of its people in poor communities who practice agriculture based on traditional knowledge. Marketers for their healthier produce are increasing, un der doctors orders, and health-conscious buyers pay more for food they know is free of contaminants. But the connection between farmers and the market is often tough. Unfortunately a commoditization trend has not spared other food staples, including organic coffee, and non-GMO commodities. The food fair served as a coming-out party for these movements.

The food fair in Quinoa was held in conjunction with the World Food Day. The World Food Day celebrates the world’s food being grown in 400 countries. It is a day for producers and consumers at the local and global level. It is a day for the world’s population to have greater access to food. It is a day for the world to think about the future of our food system.

The sponsors, environmental organizations, a label for growers and distributors want to assure that companies that专特 their products are free of toxins and pesticides. That commitment is taken to recognize in promoting the government’s call to identify major growing areas that are small, independent scientists. The goal is to increase the number of quinoa farmers to 100000 by 2015. Mexican scientists are working to increase their yield.

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