Insecticides protect crops from pests. But chemicals can kill the ‘good bugs’ with the bad.

Certain GM crops need less insecticides and only target specific insects.

- A pest-resistant plant can make a protein that is toxic only to certain insects, not to other insects, animals or humans.
- GM crops don’t harm honeybees or monarch butterflies. On the contrary, they may reduce the need for insecticides that do harm them.
- Insects can develop a resistance to GM crops, just like they do to all other insecticides.