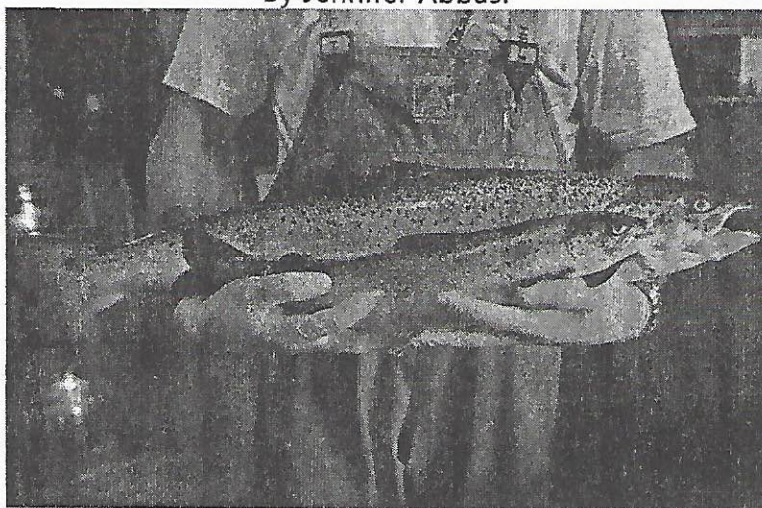


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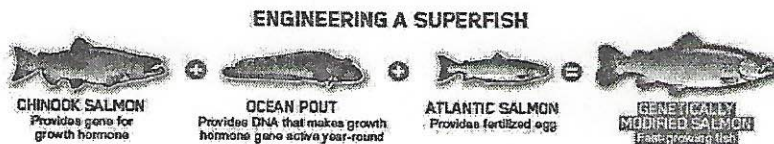
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This past November, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a type of farm-raised Atlantic salmon that is genetically engineered to grow twice as fast as its wild relatives. The AquAdvantage salmon contains DNA from ocean pout, a type of fish that—unlike Atlantic salmon—grows year-round. Although genetically modified fruits and vegetables are already common, this is the first time a lab-tweaked animal will be available as food in the U.S.



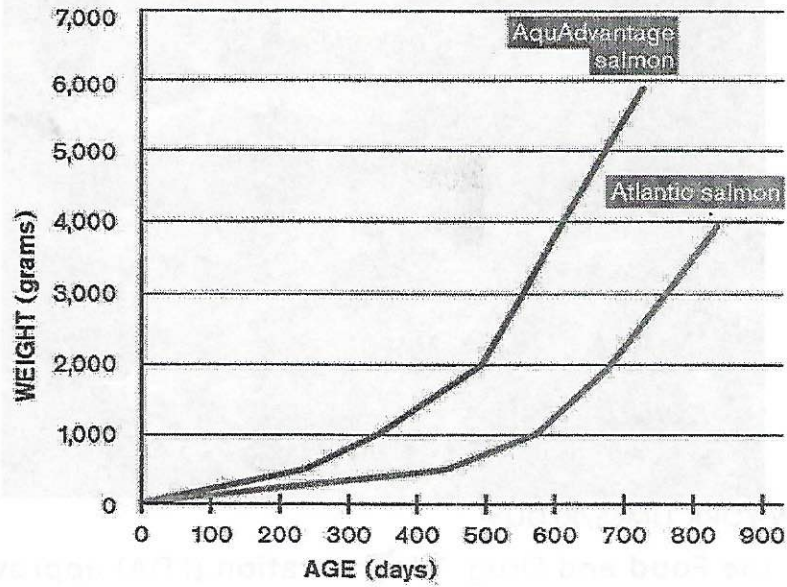
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"Based on sound science and a comprehensive review, the FDA determined that food from AquAdvantage salmon is as safe to eat and as nutritious as food from other non-GE [non-genetically-engineered], farm-raised Atlantic salmon," says FDA spokesperson Juli Putnam.

AquaBounty Technologies, the company that makes the engineered salmon, says that being able to produce more fish in less time will help meet the increasing demand for animal protein as the world's population grows.

## GROWTH SPURT

How does the weight of a 700-day-old AquAdvantage salmon compare with that of a typical Atlantic salmon?



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