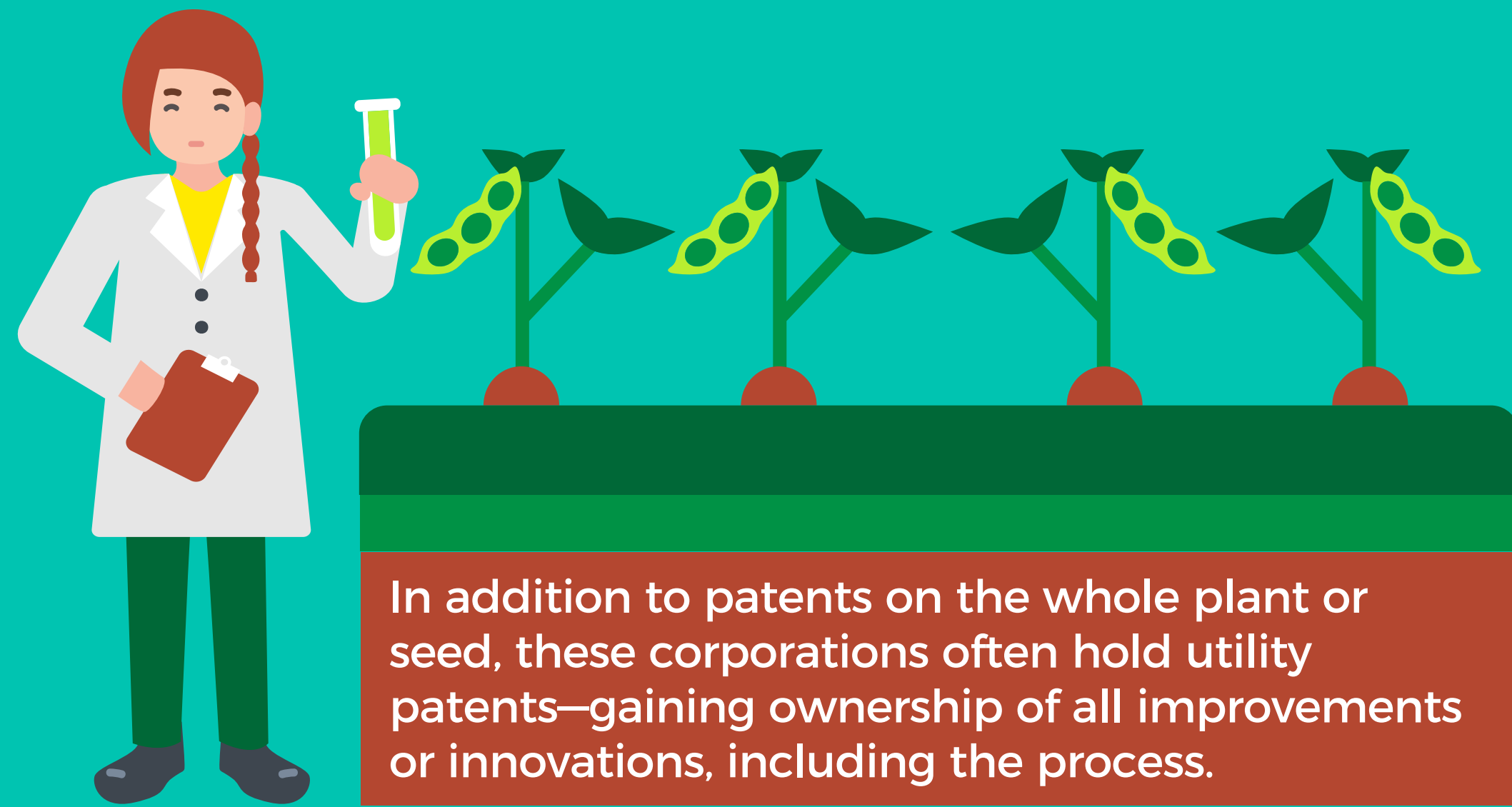


The Growing Corporate Control of Our Seed Supply



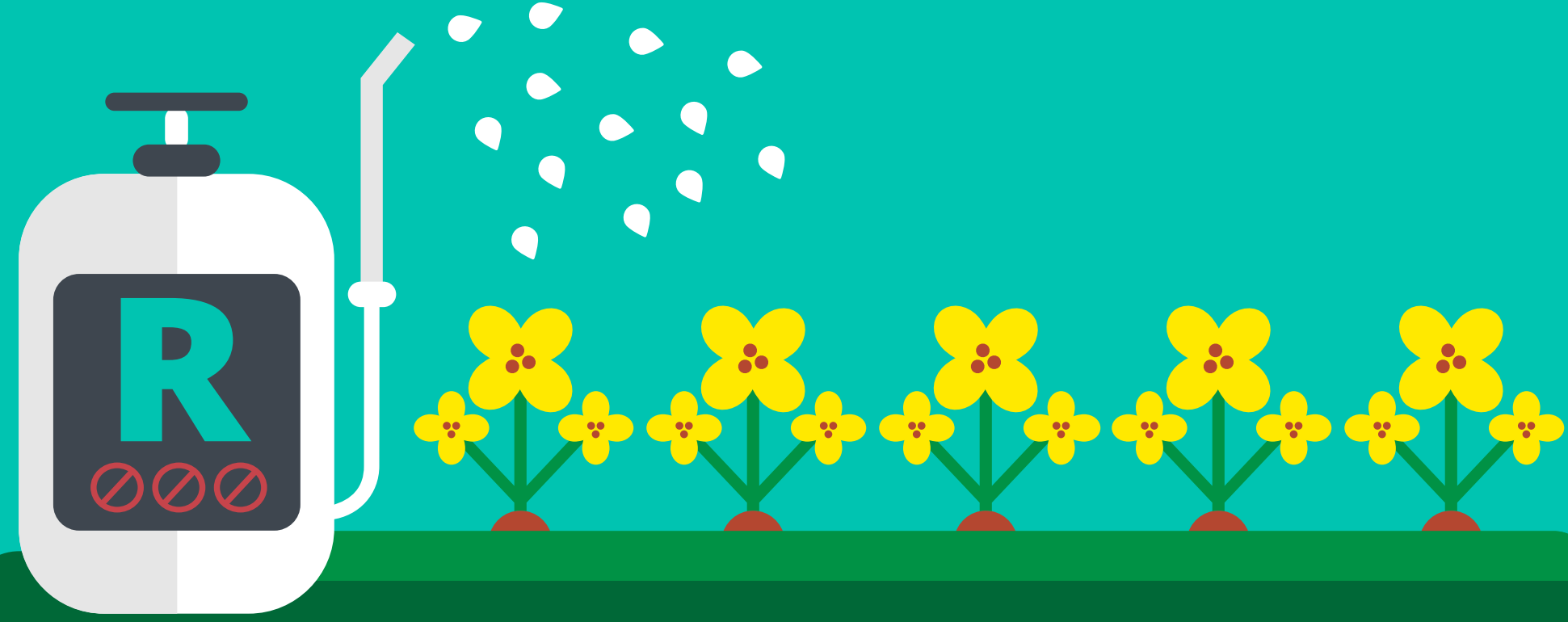
The introduction of GMOs expedited the transformation of food from shared resource to patented property. Today, some of agriculture's biggest corporations use patents to control how farmers grow crops.



In addition to patents on the whole plant or seed, these corporations often hold utility patents—gaining ownership of all improvements or innovations, including the process.



They are able to patent specific genes and the methods for altering those genes.



They also hold patents on, for example, the Roundup that goes hand-in-hand with Roundup-ready crops. These corporations, therefore, often possess ownership over the entire process of growing food.



A couple years ago, a scant seven corporations controlled the majority of the global seed market.

>60%

Bayer-Monsanto
Dow-Dupont
ChemChina-Syngenta



<40%

Everyone Else...

Today, following the Dow-Dupont and Bayer-Monsanto mergers, just three companies control about 60 percent of the world's food supply.



We Have the Power to Change the Way Our Food is Grown and Made

By voting with our dollars, we can choose not to support practices that privatize our food supply, hurt small farmers, and restrict the free flow of information. Look for the Butterfly when you shop to help change the way our food is grown and made.