



# Biotechnology Products: A Global Report

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

<b>1</b> NO POVERTY 	<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER 	<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION 	<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 	<b>6</b> CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
<b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	<b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	<b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	<b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	<b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION 	<b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER 	<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND 	<b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

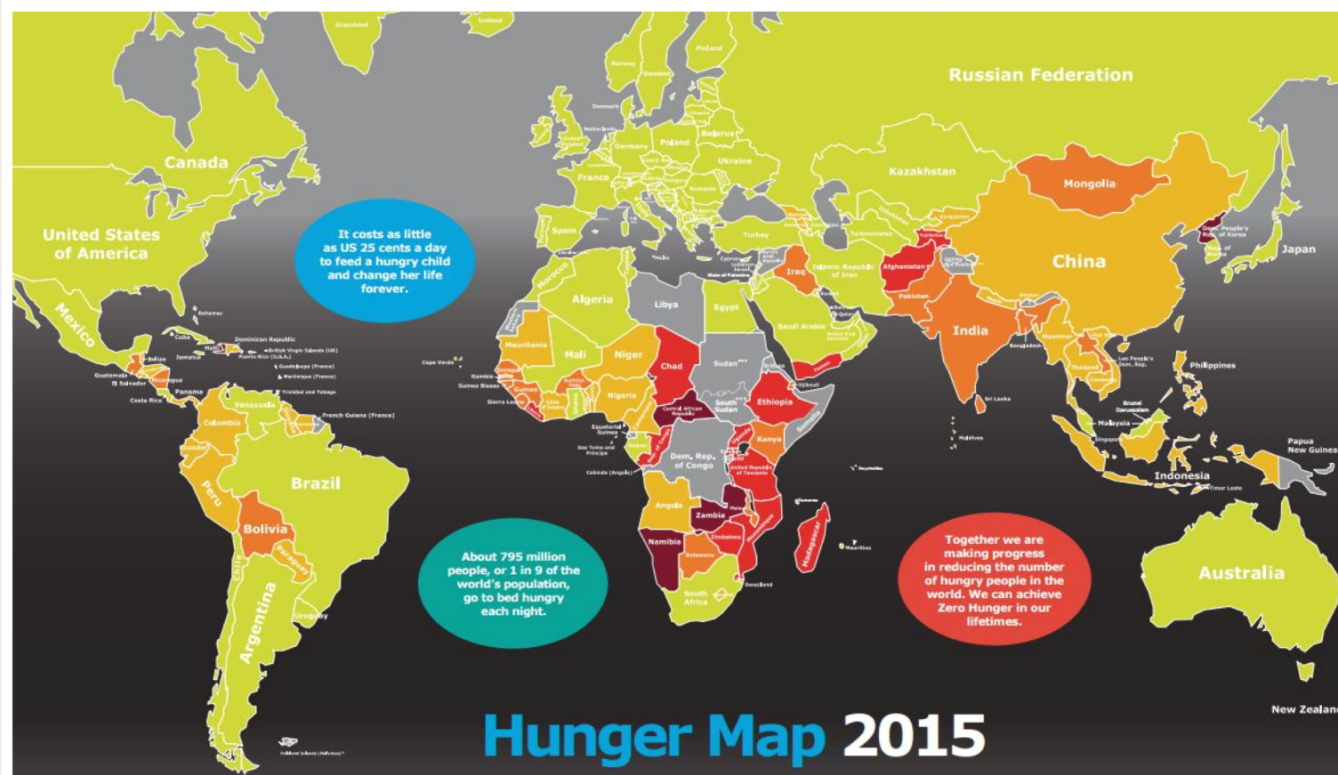
# WORLD HUNGER



## HUNGER FACTS



- There is enough food in the world to feed everyone
- More than 800 million people know what it is like to go to bed hungry; most of them are women and children
- Almost 200 million children under five years of age are underweight due to a lack of food
- Malnutrition in children causes mental retardation and physical stunting
- One child dies every seven seconds from hunger and related causes



The long-term prevalence of undernourishment in the population of developing countries is 20.5%. The highest prevalence of undernourishment is recorded in the prevalence of undernourishment in the population of under-5s, which is 24.5%.

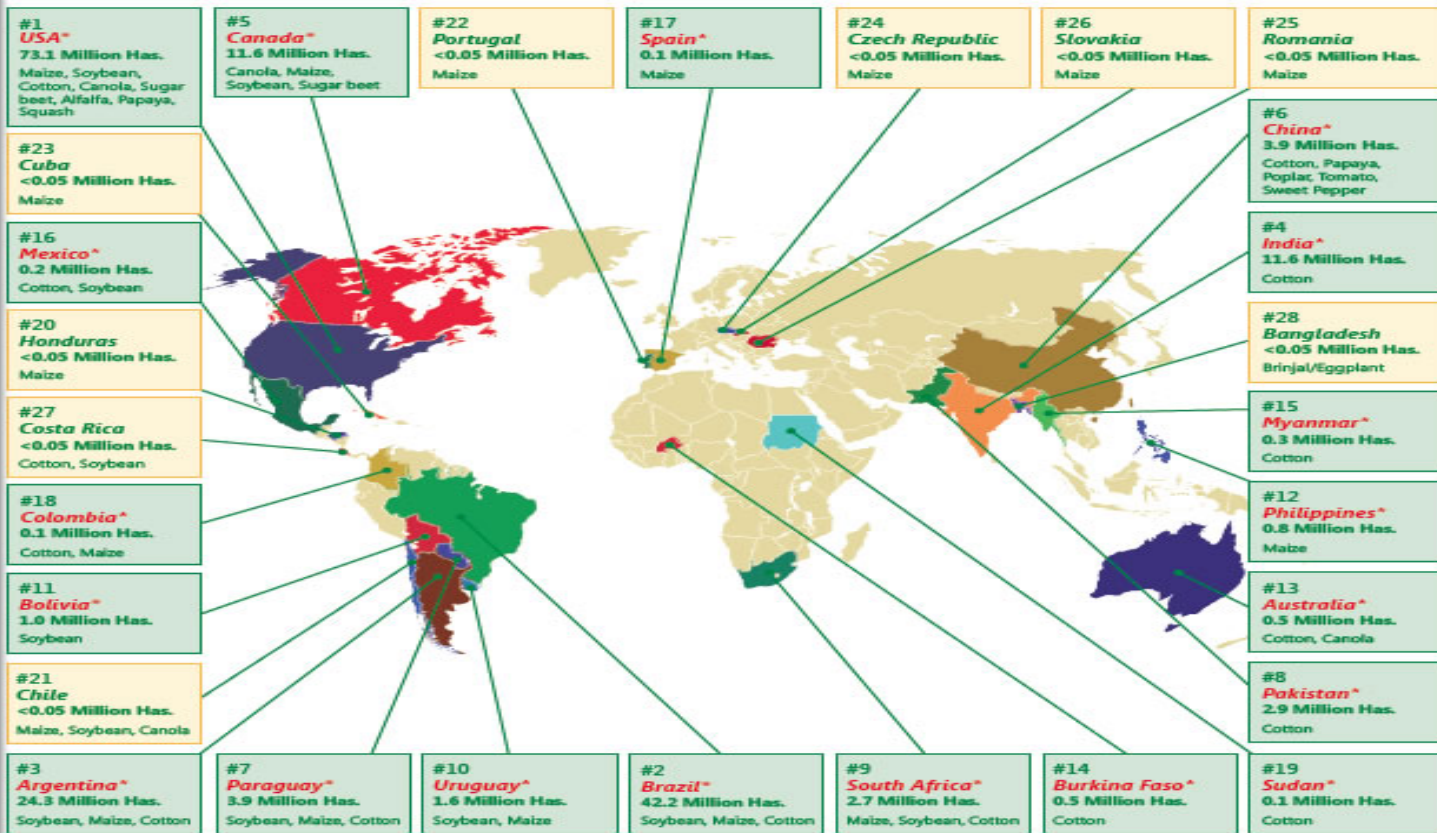
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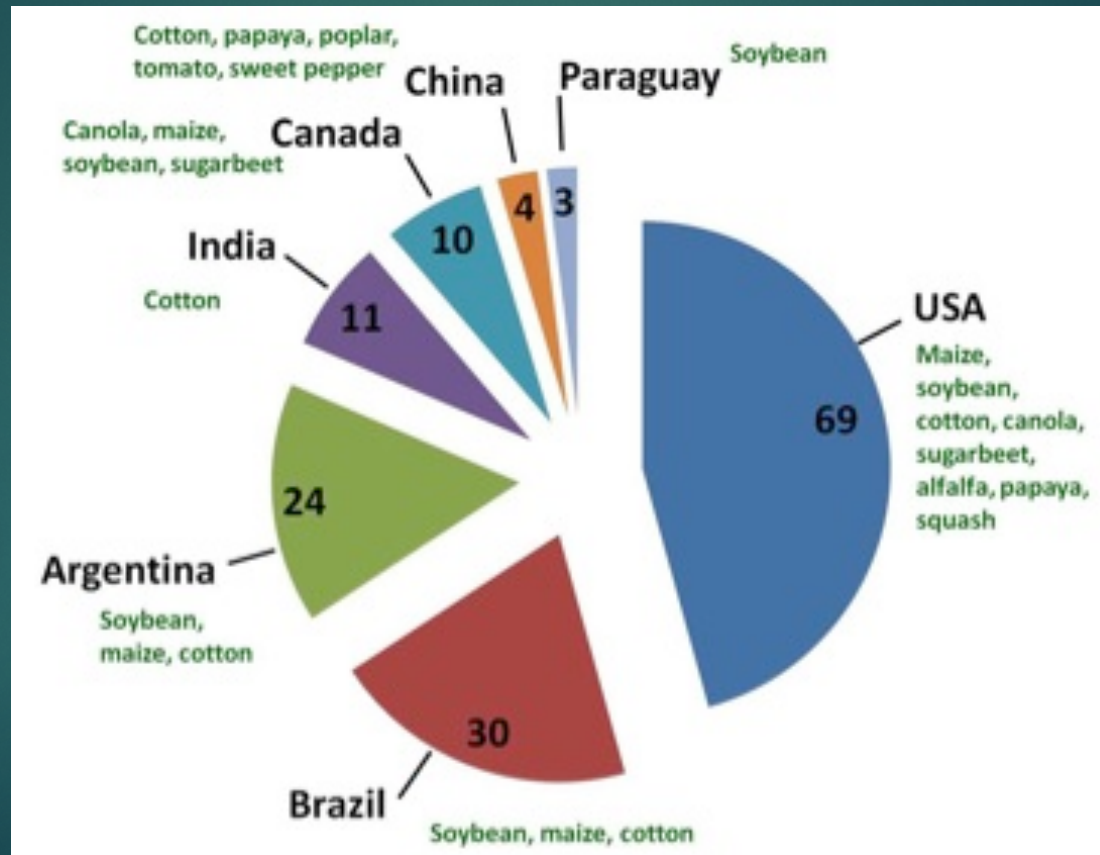
### Biotech Crop Countries and Mega-Countries\*, 2014



\*19 biotech mega-countries growing 50,000 hectares, or more, of biotech crops.

Source: Clive James, 2014.

# Largest GMO Crop Producers



## Impacts of GM crop adoption by modified trait.

Outcome variable	All GM crops	Insect resistance	Herbicide tolerance
Yield	21.57*** (15.65; 27.48)	24.85*** (18.49; 31.22)	9.29** (1.78; 16.80)
<i>n/m</i>	451/100	353/83	94/25
Pesticide quantity	-36.93*** (-48.01; -25.86)	-41.67*** (-51.99; -31.36)	2.43 (-20.26; 25.12)
<i>n/m</i>	121/37	108/31	13/7
Pesticide cost	-39.15*** (-46.96; -31.33)	-43.43*** (-51.64; -35.22)	-25.29*** (-33.84; -16.74)
<i>n/m</i>	193/57	145/45	48/15
Total production cost	3.25 (-1.76; 8.25)	5.24** (0.25; 10.73)	-6.83 (-16.43; 2.77)
<i>n/m</i>	115/46	96/38	19/10
Farmer profit	68.21*** (46.31; 90.12)	68.78*** (46.45; 91.11)	64.29 (-24.73; 153.31)
<i>n/m</i>	136/42	119/36	17/9

Average percentage differences between GM and non-GM crops are shown with 95% confidence intervals in parentheses. \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5%, and 1% level, respectively. *n* is the number of observations, *m* the number of different primary datasets from which these observations are derived.  
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EMBRAPA is developing :

- Soybean and Sugarcane drought-resistant,
- Folate-fortified Lettuce,
- Soybean as a biofactory of HIV antibody
- Virus-resistant Bean expected to be commercially launched in 2016.

A new herbicide-tolerant Soybean was approved for release in country and to be exported to 17 markets including China and the EU



## Status of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops in Africa

(Modified from [absafrica.org](http://absafrica.org))

Application stage	No. of Countries	Country Names
Commercial production	3	Burkina Faso; Egypt; South Africa
Confined field testing	7	Burkina Faso; Egypt; Kenya; South Africa; Uganda; Nigeria; Malawi
Contained research	At least 14	Burkina Faso; Cameroon; Egypt; Ghana; Kenya; Mali; Mauritius; Namibia; Nigeria; South Africa; Tanzania; Tunisia; Uganda; Zimbabwe; Malawi
Developing capacity for research and development	At least 27	South Africa; Burkina Faso; Egypt; Kenya; Morocco; Senegal; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia; Zimbabwe; Benin; Cameroon; Ghana; Malawi; Mali; Mauritius; Namibia; Niger; Nigeria; Tunisia; Algeria; Botswana; Ethiopia; Madagascar; Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan



## Barriers to Development and Adoption of Biotech Crops

- 1-Governance and Political Instability
- 2-Lack of approval and implementation of functional biosafety frameworks
- 3-Delayed investments in agricultural production and technology development
- 4-Increased food production instability (climate change)
- 5-Sub-standard seed systems and germplasm delivery mechanisms
- 6- EU
- 7-Explosion in population growth



## The Silver Lining

Field trials of a variety of crops (rice, maize, bananas, sorghum, cassava, sweet potato, sorghum) exhibiting insect resistance, herbicide tolerance, virus and drought and salt resistance have been conducted in Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, and Uganda and await final commercialization approval.

Water Efficient Maize for Africa/ will be release in South Africa as early as 2017, followed by Kenya and Uganda, and then by Mozambique and Tanzania, subject to regulatory approval.



Bt Corn 26% of total production



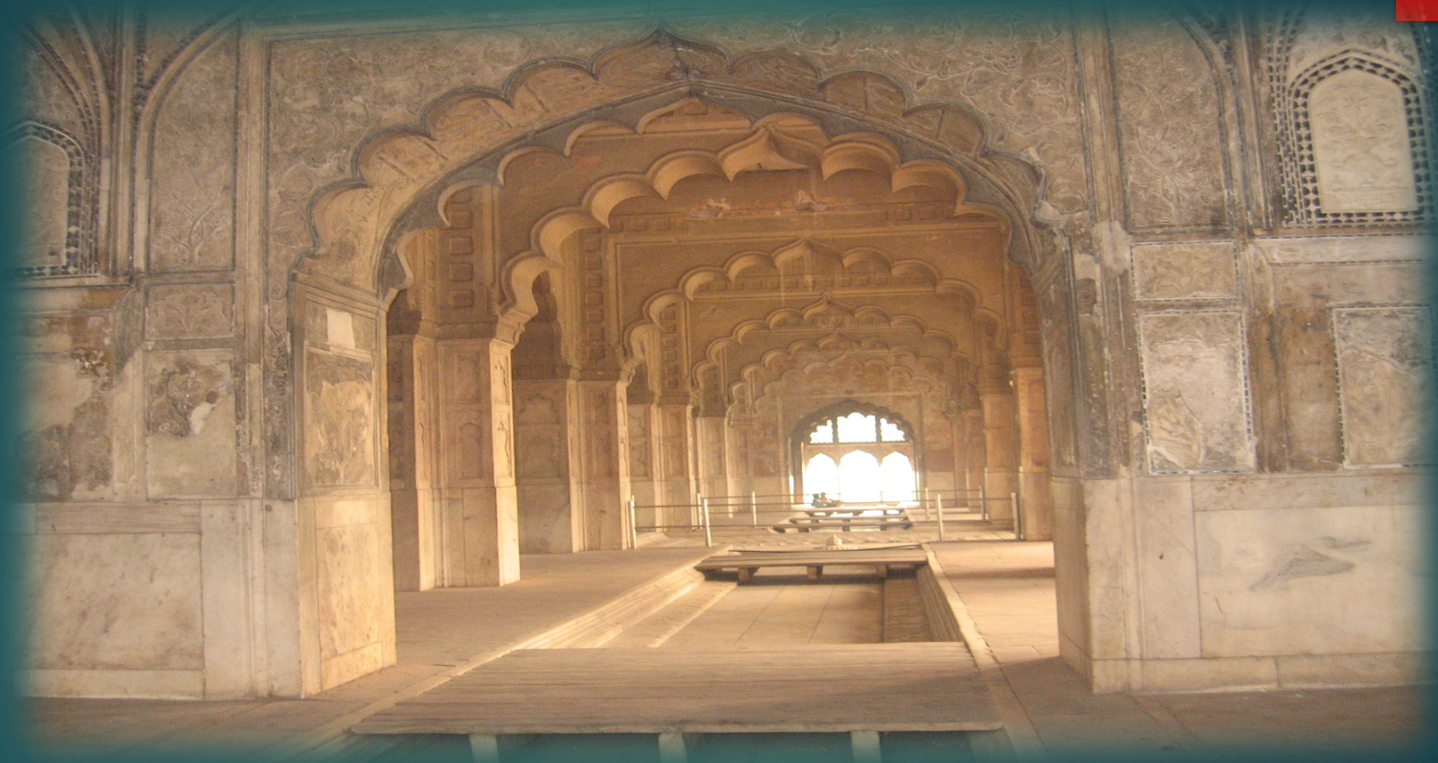
Bt eggplant/MAHYCO



Golden Rice/IRRI



Bt cotton  
Chinese gen in Indian varieties



# INDIA, Bt Cotton

95% adoption

230% increased  
in cultivated  
area (50000ha  
to 11.6 mil ha)

112.5 Billion  
farmer income  
increase in 13  
years

# CHINA

3.9 million hectares of biotech cotton at an adoption rate of 93%

8,500 hectares of virus resistant papaya were doubling the previous year planting

Bt poplar was planted in about 600 ha

Bt cotton occupied 3.5 mil Ha

# What is new?

- ▶ RNAi – based Biotech crops:
  - Innate potato
  - Reduced lignin Alfalfa
  - spray-able dsRNA to control cassava viruses
  - Low lignin sugar cane for biofuel uses
- ▶ CRISPR
- ▶ Plant Membrane transporter



