

2013 BIOTECH

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# South Africa





## South Africa planted 2.9 million hectares of biotech crops in 2012

- Of total maize area in 2012, 86% were biotech.
- Biotech soybean plantings in 2012 reached 450,000 hectares.
- Area planted to cotton was 11,000 hectares and 100% biotech.



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## Biotech Crop Approval in South Africa

- 294 GMO permits granted in January to October 2012:
  - maize (86%)
  - soybean (6.5%)
  - cotton (2.8%)
  - GM vaccines (4.4%)
  - one each for sugarcane and cassava
- Biotech crops approved for field testing:
  - biotech maize
  - biotech cotton
  - biotech sugarcane
  - biotech cassava



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