The global area of biotech canola is estimated to have decreased by a significant 549,000 hectares, or 6% from 9 million in 2014 to 8.5 million hectares in 2015.

Of the global hectarage of 36 million hectares of canola, 24%, or 8.5 million hectares were biotech canola.

Canada, the USA, Australia and Chile grew biotech canola, but the global hectarage and prevalence could increase significantly in the near term in response to the likely increased use of canola for vegetable oil and biodiesel.

Most of the gain in biotech canola was contributed by Australia with a 102,000 hectares increase, while decreases were reported in Canada and the USA due to reduced planting of canola in 2015.

**BENEFITS FROM BIOTECH CANOLA**

The increase in income benefits for farmers growing biotech canola during the 19-year period 1996 to 2014 was US$4.9 billion, and US$0.6 billion for 2014 alone.

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