



BIOTECH CROP ANNUAL UPDATES

Soybean

In 2015, biotech soybean accounted for 51% of all the biotech crop hectareage in the world.

The global hectareage of herbicide tolerant and stacked trait soybean in 2015 was 92.1 million hectares, up by ~1.4 million hectares, or 2% from 2014 at 90.7 million hectares.

Of the 111 million hectares of soybean planted globally

in 2015, 83% or 92.1 million hectares were biotech. The increase resulted from higher adoption in Brazil, Argentina, USA, Bolivia, and Mexico.

Eleven countries reported growing herbicide tolerant RR[®]soybean in 2015. The top three countries, growing by far the largest hectareage of herbicide tolerant and HT/Bt soybean, were: USA (32.4 million hectares), Brazil (30.3 million hectares), and Argentina (21.1 million hectares).

The other eight countries growing RR[®]soybean in decreasing order of hectareage are: Paraguay, Canada, Uruguay, Bolivia, South Africa, Mexico, Chile, and Costa Rica.

BENEFITS FROM BIOTECH SOYBEAN

The increase in income benefits for farmers growing biotech soybean during the 19-year period 1996 to 2014 was US\$47.8 billion, and US\$6 billion for 2014 alone.

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