



In 2016, biotech soybean accounted for 50% of all the biotech crop area in the world.

The global area of herbicide tolerant and stacked trait soybean in 2016 was 91.4 million hectares, 1% below the 2015 area.

Of the global area of 117 million hectares in 2016, 78% (91.4 million hectares) was biotech soybean.



The 91.4 million hectares biotech soybean in 2016 was comprised of 68 million hectares herbicide tolerant, and 23.4 million hectares stacked traits (IR/HT) soybean.

Biotech soybean was planted in 11 countries in 2016. In decreasing area they were Brazil (32.7 million hectares), USA (31.8), Argentina (18.7), Paraguay (3.2), Canada (2.1), Uruguay (1.2), Bolivia (1.2), and smaller hectarages in South Africa, Mexico, Chile and Costa Rica.

In 2015, drought tolerant soybean was approved for commercialization in Argentina which increases the roster of biotech soybean varieties that will cater to the needs of farmers in marginalized and stressed conditions.

BENEFITS FROM BIOTECH SOYBEAN

The increase in income benefits for farmers growing

biotech soybean during the 20-year period 1996 to 2015 was US\$52.4 billion, and US\$5.05 billion for 2015 alone.

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