



BIOTECH COUNTRY FACTS & TRENDS

United States of America



The **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** is the world's leader in commercial cultivation of biotech crops and has been at the forefront of research and development of such crops since 1996.

In 2019, the USA was the top biotech crop planting country, producing **71.5 MILLION HECTARES OF BIOTECH CROPS**, covering 38% of the global biotech crop area.

The USA led **28 INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES** that planted biotech crops in 2019.



In 2019, farmers in the **USA PLANTED 10 BIOTECH CROPS** including maize, soybeans, cotton, alfalfa, canola, sugar beets, potatoes, papaya, squash, and apples.



BIOTECH MAIZE is the top biotech crop in the USA in 2019, planted in 33.17 million hectares.

Since 1996, the USA gained the highest benefit of US\$95.9 billion, and US\$7.8 billion for 2018 alone. The USA, one of the first six countries to commercialize biotech crops, is expected to retain its position with new biotech crops and traits being developed and commercialized.



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