

BIOTECH COUNTRY
FACTS & TRENDS

Australia



AUSTRALIA was **ONE OF THE FIRST SIX COUNTRIES** that planted biotech crops in 1996 with biotech cotton and canola.

In 2019, Australia ranked 13th among the 29 biotech crop planting countries with **614,446 HECTARES**.

BIOTECH SAFFLOWER modified for high oleic acid composition was approved for commercial planting in Australia in 2018.



In 2019, farmers in **AUSTRALIA PLANTED 3 BIOTECH CROPS** including cotton, canola, and safflower.



BIOTECH COTTON has been grown in Australia since 1996. In 2019, biotech cotton had an adoption rate of 100%.

Australia is estimated to have enhanced farm income, benefiting some 250 farmers in the period 1996 to 2018 by as much as US\$1.3 billion and the benefits for 2018 alone are estimated at US\$72.1 million.



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