BIOTECH CROP
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Cotton

BIOTECH COTTON was planted on 25.7 MILLION HECTARES in 2019, which is 79% of global area planted to cotton.

BIOTECH COTTON was one of the most adopted biotech crops by the 29 biotech planting countries.

BIOTECH COTTON has the second largest number of approved events: 66 in 27 COUNTRIES.

18 COUNTRIES LED BY INDIA planted biotech cotton in 2019 including USA, China, Pakistan, Brazil, Argentina, Myanmar, Sudan, Mexico, Australia, South Africa, Paraguay, Colombia, Malawi, Eswatini, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Costa Rica.

USDA APHIS deregulated biotech cotton with LOW GOSSYPOL content in 2019 for commercialization and use for food and feed in the USA.

The increase in income benefits for farmers growing biotech cotton from 1996 to 2018 was US$52 BILLION and US$3.4 BILLION for 2018 alone.

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