

Mexico: Biotechnology is important for increasing yields and reducing pesticide usage, says report

The Confederation of Mexican Cotton Association (CMCA) believes that [biotechnology](#) is an important tool in increasing yields and reducing pesticide usage in Mexico. In the USDA FAS GAIN Report, the Association has documented that pesticide application dropped by over 50 percent due to use of GM seeds and yields have increased significantly. It is estimated by industry sources that for marketing year 2011/12, 85 percent of the total area planted used GM seeds with an average yield of 8.55 bales per hectare compared to the 7.24 bales/ha of conventional hybrids.

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