

## GM crops gaining ground in China

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China has 4 million hectares planted with genetically modified (GM) crops, making it one of the world leaders in biotech farming, according to a report on the status of commercialized GM crops.

The annual report of the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (ISAAA), an international NGO that promotes the use of agricultural biotechnology, claims that China has the sixth largest area planted to GM crops. The other leaders are the US, Brazil, Argentina, Canada and India.

The main biotech crop in China is cotton, followed by papayas, poplar trees, tomatoes and sweet peppers.

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