

## GE cotton improves diet quality for small-scale farmers in India

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

Insect-resistant genetically modified (GM) cotton has significantly improved calorie consumption and dietary quality among small-scale farmers in India over a 7-year-period, according to research published June 5 in the open access journal PLOS ONE by Matin Qaim and Shahzad Kouser from the University of Goettingen, Germany.

Small-scale farming households in Asia and Africa make up a large proportion of undernourished people worldwide. The researchers conclude that although GM crops alone may not solve the hunger problem, they may be an important component in a broader food security strategy.

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