

Indian farmer: GM cotton has provided numerous benefits for farmers' lives

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I am able to say that GM crops have transformed my life for the better. The world needs more of them—and India's government should approve new kinds so that farmers and consumers alike can enjoy the enormous benefits.

Before GM cotton, we sprayed our fields almost every alternative day with pesticides, and still we could barely control the bollworms.

Thanks to GM cotton, I was able to give a good education to my two children. I also renovated my house for the first time in 20 years. My neighbor, who farms the same amount of land, was a late adopter. There's a big difference in our living standards.

Despite all of this success, we haven't kept up with the rest of the world. In 2010, our government banned the commercialization of GM brinjal, a staple crop.

The problem isn't science—we know how to make GM brinjal—but rather politics, because our political leaders have refused to let us have access to the basic technologies that farmers in many other countries take for granted.

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