

Mexican farmers impatient for approval of GMO soybeans

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Farmers in the state of Campeche are on the brink of losing this year's soybean crops as they await public discussion that will determine whether to accept or reject the cultivation of the genetically modified beans.

Cultivation permits were revoked last summer after the Supreme Court decided that public opinion on the issue had not been taken into consideration.

The planting cycle for transgenic soy crops began two weeks ago, but producers cannot go ahead before the people in their communities decide in favor or otherwise.

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One producer is facing the threat of losing the entire planting cycle and an investment of 300,000 pesos, as well as leaving five families without a source of income.

Guillermo Hernández, a transgenic soybean farmer and beekeeper, told the newspaper Milenio: "I've been harvesting soy for 15 years and there is no reason for stopping it. What they say, that [GMO soy] kills bees isn't true, and I work with both."

The Campeche farmer added that if he only grew natural soybeans he would have to use more chemicals. . . .

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