

Polarization on GMOs prevents Chile from adopting consistent, reasonable regulations

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Since their release. . . GMOs have caused polarization in the world, [including] Chile, preventing adequate regulation. Still, the country has become a major producer for the world.

Miguel Angel Sanchez, executive director of ChileBio, a biotechnology group, says it is a profitable industry. "The role of Chile in . . . seed production is key. Generates 60 thousand jobs, that gives relevance to the area ". The country is the leading producer of genetically modified seeds [in] the Southern Hemisphere

"We have tried to draft a specific law, but progress has been prevented. Since the Frei administration, no government has decided to face it, "says Ricardo Pertuzé, of Agricultural Production Department of the University of Chile.

The lack of regulation has led to a hybrid treatment for GMOs, transgenic seeds are produced for research and export only, but not sold domestically. . . .

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