Monsanto's latest herbicide-resistant GMO soybeans face regulatory delays at home, abroad

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Soybean growers looking to try out new weapons in their fight against weeds will have to wait a while longer.

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Monsanto's Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans, which are resistant to both glyphosate and dicamba, are still on a regulatory hold, at least a year after the company expected. While the beans have been approved for planting this year, the EPA has held back on allowing over-the-top application of dicamba on the plants, nullifying part of the benefit.

In addition, the European Union has not approved import of the beans.

Other products are also on a waiting list in some form or other. They include Dow's Enlist Duo soybeans, which are resistant to both glyphosate and 2,4-D.

While the chemistry has been approved in the United States, China has not granted import approval.

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Dow expects a full launch for 2017, though the company acknowledges there is no guarantee on whether the beans will be allowed into Europe. Meanwhile, they are being grown for seed this year . . .

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