

China aims to commercially produce GMO soybeans in next 5 years

China will push for the commercialisation of genetically modified soya beans over the next five years as it seeks to raise its agriculture sector's efficiency, potentially boosting crop output by the world's top soy importer and consumer.

China, . . . has already embraced the technology for cotton but has not yet permitted the cultivation of any biotech food crops amid fears from some consumers over perceived health risks.

In its latest five-year plan for science and technology to 2020, China for the first time outlined specific GM crops to be developed, including soya beans. . . and corn.

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Support for new varieties comes as China seeks to overhaul its crop structure. Farmers are being encouraged to switch from growing corn to soya beans and to rotate between crops.

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But cultivating GM soya beans is likely to face strong resistance from consumers and a local industry that sells GMO-free soya beans at a premium to imported beans.

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