

Brazil expected to release first variety of GMO sugarcane in 2017

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The CEO of the Sugarcane Technology Center (CTC), Gustavo Leite, stated that by the first half of 2017, the first variety of transgenic sugarcane will be released commercially. The approval will come from the National Technical Biosafety Commission (CNTBio), which approves all steps of the research and also its commercial use.

“We delivered the dossier for the first genetically modified variety to the CTNBIO at the end of last year We imagine that [release will occur] between March and June...” said Leite, In a conversation with Broadcast Agro.... According to the CEO, the first genetically modified varieties will bring the resistance to borer insects.

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The institution develops technologies for the sugar-energy sector and, since 2012, has focused on some technologies that are not developing in the rest of the world, such as genetic improvement, agricultural biotechnology, artificial seeds and cellulosic ethanol.

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