

China lobbies public on GMOs as ChemChina's takeover of Syngenta nears approval

China will carry out a nationwide poll [June 2017] to test the public's acceptance of genetically-modified food, a technology the government says would boost yields and sustainable agriculture in a country that's seen consumption soar.

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The poll, sponsored by the government, will be carried out in tandem with a campaign on social media to broadcast basic knowledge on GMO technology, which is widely misunderstood in the country....

Syngenta AG, which produces genetically modified seeds for corn, is gearing up for rapid [expansion](#) in the country after [shareholders](#) accepted a \$43 billion offer for the Swiss agribusiness by China National Chemical Corp. The Chinese state-owned company is expected to complete the deal [May 2017].

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China itself has spent billions on research of its own GMO technology over the past decade, but has not allowed commercial production of grains, with scientists citing public resistance as part of the reason for the delay. China has said that it will allow [commercial production](#) of modified corn and soybeans by 2020.

Government officials have said that the country would introduce the use of the technology first on feed grains after cotton. China's corn consumption is estimated to grow nearly 20 percent in the coming decade on demand for protein-rich meat and dairy products.

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