

Argentinian government approves genetically modified glyphosate-resistant alfalfa

[On June 9th], the Argentinian government approved the first [transgenic alfalfa](#) for the country with resistance to the glyphosate herbicide and with a lower lignin content. Before June 9th, there was transgenic alfalfa that was introduced without commercial authorization.

The request was made by Indear, linked to the Bioceres group. Through Bioceres, Indear made an agreement with Forage Genetics International, owned by the United States cooperative Land O'Lakes. In Argentina, the firm operates for its products with the WL brand.

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"It is the first legal transgenic alfalfa in the country, and the launch will be in 2019, but this spring we will have the first import of merchandise," Federico Trucco, CEO of Bioceres, told **LA NACION**. Trucco stressed that alfalfa is tolerant to glyphosate for the control of weeds and reducing the lignin content. "At the same kilos of biomasa, you can have more kilos of meat or milk, and you can delay the cut," he explained.

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