

Australian scientists eager to begin CRISPR crop research as deregulation deadline nears

GM crops continue to produce productivity gains and environmental benefits worldwide, although those benefits are mostly limited to cotton and canola in Australia.

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[O]ne of the most foolproof and cost-effective means to introduce technological change into agriculture is the seed is brimming with [t]echnology that improves lives and livelihoods. Most of that technology is genetics, and the new genetic kid on the block is gene editing.

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[A]s of October 8, 2019, gene edited plants and animals with knockouts of genes will not be regulated by the Australian government. My team is ready to plant field trials of our gene edited sorghums with larger grain and more protein. We can't wait for October, 8.

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