

USDA green lights commercialization of GMO, drought-tolerant soybean

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has given its approval to Verdeca for [HB4® drought tolerant soybeans](#) which will allow for commercialization in the U.S. market. The USDA approval comes two years after the U.S. Food and Drug administration approved Verdeca's HB4 trait in 2017.

With the USDA approval, the HB4 trait now has regulatory approval in more than 80 percent of the global soybean market. The HB4 trait has already been approved in [Argentina](#) in 2018 and in [Brazil](#) in 2019. Regulatory submissions are currently under consideration by [China](#), [Paraguay](#), [Bolivia](#), and [Uruguay](#). Import approval from [China](#) is needed for commercial launch in Argentina, and is now expected in 2020.

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