

## Bolivia expects up to 30% yield increase following 2021 release of new GMO soy

Following government approval of two new transgenic soybean traits, Bolivia's oil sector expects to see approximately 30 percent yield increases, much of which will be destined to produce biodiesel. Growers will likely have access to these crops in 2021.

The president of the Association of Oilseed and Wheat Producers (Anapo), Marcelo Pantoja, said the two new soy varieties will be drought (HB4) and pest resistant (intact).

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President of the College of Agricultural Engineers of Santa Cruz (Cinacruz), Juvenal Bonilla, said the progress towards use of biotechnology is important for the country, since, due to its status as a food producer, it must have these tools to increase productivity, as do neighboring countries, such as Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay.

He noted that the use of the HB4 variety will increase soy yields by up to 30 percent, while the Intacta variety can increase yields up to 10 percent.

**[Editor's note: This article was originally published in Spanish and has been translated and edited for clarity.]**

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