

78% of soybean, 76% of cotton grown globally in 2018 were GMO, as farmers continued adopting biotech crops

The four major biotech crops — [soybeans](#), [maize](#), [cotton](#), and [canola](#) — were the most adopted [biotech crops](#) by 26 countries in 2018, according to the ISAAA report, [Global Status of Commercialized Biotech/GM Crops in 2018](#). Soybeans lead at 95.9 million hectares, followed by maize (58.9 million hectares), cotton (24.9 million), and canola (10.1 million hectares). Based on the FAO global area for these crops, 78% of soybeans, 76% of cotton, 30% of maize, and 29% of canola were biotech crops in 2018.

[Other biotech crops](#) planted in 2018 include sugar beets, alfalfa, papaya, squash, potatoes, apples, [sugarcane](#), and [eggplant](#).

To learn more about biotech crops planted in 2018, download and read the [Biotech Crop Annual Updates](#) for [soybeans](#), [maize](#), [cotton](#), [canola](#), and [alfalfa](#).

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