

Facing food security disruptions from climate change, Indonesia greenlights GM drought-tolerant rice

The Indonesian government has approved a variety of GMO wheat for human consumption designed to better resist drought, leading Argentine biotech firm Bioceres [told Reuters].

The latest HB4 wheat authorization moves beyond the genetically modified grain's approved use in animal feed, and comes at a time when a large swath of Argentina's most-productive farmland has been hard hit by historic drought conditions.

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The authorization by the Asian country marks a milestone for GMO wheat, which was considered taboo among many consumers until just a few years ago, but has gained more acceptance due in part to concerns about food security and climate change.

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