

Adoption of Genetically Engineered Crops in the U.S.

The use of genetically engineered (GE) crops has greatly increased from 2000 to 2009. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) tracks the planting of GE soybean, corn, and cotton crops.

The following series of illustrations show the growing adoption of all GE varieties of these crops over non-GE crops.

While the size of the market share of all three crops grew dramatically, the corn and soybean crops grew to the size of the sixth and eighth largest states. However, the cotton planting decreased from 2000 to 2009.

Sources:

The USDA provides the data at the following website:
www.ers.usda.gov/Data/BiotechCrops/

The data's source is the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) reports on Acreage.

For the statistics from 2000, go to the website:
usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/Acre//2000s/2001/Acre-06-29-2001.pdf

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For the statistics from 2009, go to the website:
usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/Acre//2000s/2009/Acre-06-30-2009.pdf

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