

Agriculture and Science Support for International Statement on Agricultural Applications of Precision Biotechnology

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The following organizations applaud the proactive, coordinated action by 13 countries, including the U.S., in signing onto the International Statement on Agricultural Applications of Precision Biotechnology.

The [statement](#) reiterates an international commitment to the fair, science-based treatment of agricultural innovation like gene editing, around the world. We commend the governments that initiated and supported the statement in taking this positive step toward improved international coordination. This is crucial to the ability of breeders to utilize new and innovative methods, to increasing choice for farmers and to maintaining trade in agricultural products.

The statement appropriately recognizes that “precision biotechnology products have the potential to play a critical role in addressing the challenges facing agricultural production...” and that “cooperative work by governments to minimize unnecessary barriers to trade related to the regulatory oversight of products of precision biotechnology, including the exploration of opportunities for regulatory and policy alignment, should be pursued where possible.”

Signed by:

American Seed Trade Association
American Society of Plant Biologists
American Soybean Association
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
Biotechnology Innovation Organization
Corn Refiners Association
Crop Life International
Crop Science Society of America
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
MAIZALL, The International Maize Alliance
National Corn Growers Association
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
Noble Research Institute, LLC
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
U.S. Grains Council
U.S. Soybean Export Council
U.S. Wheat Associates