

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

---

November 19, 2018

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 Sugar Beet 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