



BIOTECH COUNTRY
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Eswatini



ESWATINI is one of the **SIX AFRICAN COUNTRIES** that planted biotech crops in 2019.

2019 is the second year of commercialization of **Bt COTTON** in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

In 2019, Bt cotton was planted in **403 HECTARES IN ESWATINI**, an increase of 38% from 250 hectares planted during the first year.



One of the challenges that farmers in Eswatini face and requires urgent attention is the supposedly high seed price, which is further complicated by the lengthy import permit procedure. This issue could derail the adoption process, especially by smallscale growers.



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