



BIOTECH COUNTRY  
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# Costa Rica



In Costa Rica, foods containing biotech components do not need to be labeled.



Similar to Chile, **COSTA RICA** has been planting **BIOTECH SOYBEANS AND COTTON FOR EXPORT** since 1996.

**BIOTECH PINK PINEAPPLE** has been planted in Costa Rica since 2017. In 2019, biotech pink pineapple was planted on 115 hectares in Costa Rica.

Costa Rica has been importing biotech maize and soybeans in large quantities to provide food and feed for the animal industry, and a small volume of cotton for processing. These biotech products come from biotech planting countries USA, Brazil, and Argentina.

Biotech research conducted by Costa Rican scientists include the development of herbicide tolerant rice and bananas with resistance to black Sigatoka.



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