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Ethiopia



In 2019, **ETHIOPIA** planted insect resistant **Bt COTTON** for the first time.

311 HECTARES of insect resistant Bt cotton was planted in Gambella and Humera regions in Ethiopia.

The approved **Bt COTTON HYBRIDS** were obtained from the Indian company JK Agri-Genetics.



The commercial planting of Bt cotton in Ethiopia in 2019 came after the completion of confined field trials conducted between 2017 and 2018.

Ethiopia has a vibrant textile sector and the government has given its full support to the cotton subsector.

Bt cotton is seen to increase domestic cotton production, supply the anticipated high demand for raw material, and generate thousands of jobs in the country. However, access to Bt cotton seed remains to be a challenge due to the limited supply of FOREX to import the seed, thus making it expensive for farmers.



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