Editors' note—The topics discussed by Dr. Zilberman included:

- GM seeds reduce crop damage
- Impacts of GM on yield
- Other effects of GM
- Estimated yield effects of GM seed vary by trait and region
- Impacts of GM in adopting countries
- Implications for land use
- Implications for food security
- Herbicide tolerance and double cropping
- Impact in cotton
- Bans and excessive regulations prevent GM from reaching its potential

The presentation was based on


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