

USDA RELEASES FINAL EIS FOR HT CORN AND SOYBEAN

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) released the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for corn and soybean plant resistant to herbicide 2,4-D. The draft EIS was released for comments in January and has received 10,140 responses. APHIS meticulously reviewed and analyzed the submitted comments and addressed them in the final EIS which affirms APHIS' preferred alternative to fully deregulate these new GE crops. This is also consistent with APHIS' final plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) that found 2,4-D resistant corn and soybeans are unlikely to pose a plant pest risk to agricultural crops or other plants in the U.S.

APHIS also published the draft EIS for cotton and soybean plants resistant to herbicide Dicamba. According to the draft EIS, APHIS found that wide use of these plant varieties would help farmers in managing weeds effectively. The draft EIS is available for review in 45 days since its publication at the Federal Register on August 6, 2014.

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