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# **Biotechnology – Collaborative Efforts to Prevent Market Disruptions**

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## ■ U.S. Biotech Crops Alliance

- Launched by ASA, NCGA, NGFA, NAEGA, BIO, ASTA in 2013
- Now consists of 15 national producer, commodity groups; including NAWG
- **Domestic Working Group**: Seeking new approach to address marketability-related issues
  - ❖ Create standards/best practices to address market-related disruptions caused by presence in general commodity stream of biotech traits:
    - Commercialized before export market approvals
    - Having functionally different output traits
  - ❖ Four pillars
    - Market risk assessment
    - Market risk management (outcome-based stewardship)
    - Market risk mitigation
    - Market risk responsibility (liability)

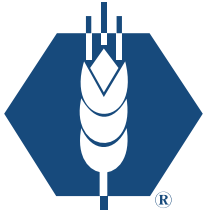


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- **International Working Group**: Urging adherence to science-based biotech regulatory-approval process in foreign countries importing U.S. commodities for food, feed or for further processing
  - ❖ Top Priority: China, China, China
    - Urging U.S. government to elevate as major trade/food security issue; little to no progress in technical level discussions
    - Seeking agreement on specific mechanisms to improve U.S.-China collaboration on biotech regulatory actions; bilateral commitment to timely, transparent completion of risk assessments/approvals
    - Seeking synchronization of future approvals
  - ❖ Effort with EU urging action on long-pending applications for 8 biotech corn, soybean traits
  - ❖ Advocate low-level presence policy to bridge gap where approvals are asynchronous
    - Canada leading effort
    - Problems with U.S.'s own regulatory approval process



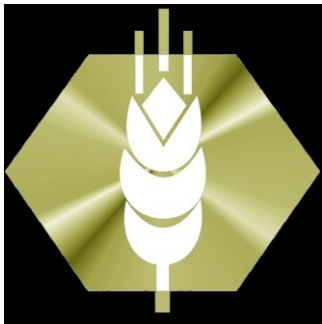


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**Questions?**

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