



Corteva Agriscience verified as operating within the framework for responsible gene editing use in agriculture

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There are a lot of questions that float around about gene editing, especially as the world still works to understand the technology. Recently, a coalition—the Coalition for Responsible Gene Editing in Agriculture—was developed to make a voluntary framework for responsibly using gene editing within food and agriculture, specifically to increase transparency and stakeholder engagement.

Joining the ranks most recently is Corteva Agriscience, who achieved verification that the company is operating in conformance with the Framework for Responsible Use of Gene Editing in Agriculture.

"Congratulations to Corteva Agriscience for being the first company to complete the Coalition's verification process," said Charlie Arnot, CEO for The Center for Food Integrity—the organization that administers the Coalition—in a release. "Gene editing has the potential to address some of agriculture's biggest challenges. To achieve its full potential, those developing and using the technology must earn the trust of food system stakeholders and consumers. The Framework for Responsible Use was designed to build that trust. It speaks volumes when Corteva, a respected, global agriculture leader, demonstrates its commitment to using the technology transparently and for the greater good by becoming verified."

To prove verification, Corteva had to provide objective evidence that they developed and implemented policies and procedures to meet the commitments in the framework. The information was verified by a third-party auditor to ensure credibility of the program.

"Consumers are increasingly interested in learning how their food is produced, and they expect a more transparent and sustainable food system. In addition, farmers need access to new technology and innovation, such as gene editing, to address the global need for food security while reducing the impact on the environment and land," said Sam Eathington, Chief Technology Officer at Corteva Agriscience, in the release. "Achieving verification is one tool Corteva Agriscience is using to demonstrate its commitment to responsibly using advanced technologies, including gene editing, to create healthier, more resilient crops that support a more sustainable food supply."

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