

# Plantes transgèniques: solucions o problemes?



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# L'agricultura en la societat actual



## Alimentació humana

Arròs, blat de moro, patates, blat, fruites, hortalisses  
oli, vi, cervesa, té, cafè, refrescos



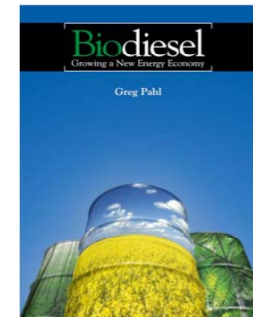
## Alimentació animal

Pinsos, farratge



## Matèries primeres

Cel.lulosa, cotó, olis industrials, cautxú, biocombustibles



## Altres

Medicaments, colorants, aromes, cosmètics



# Agricultura i millora genètica



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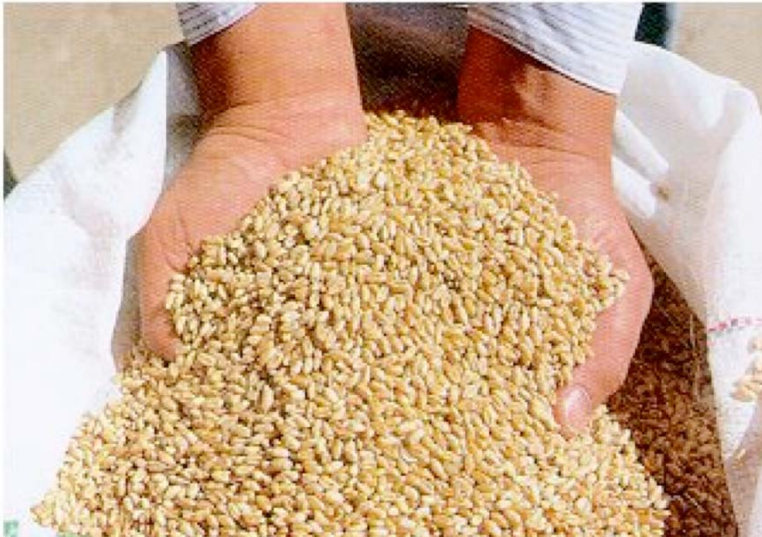


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# Del teosinte al blat de moro



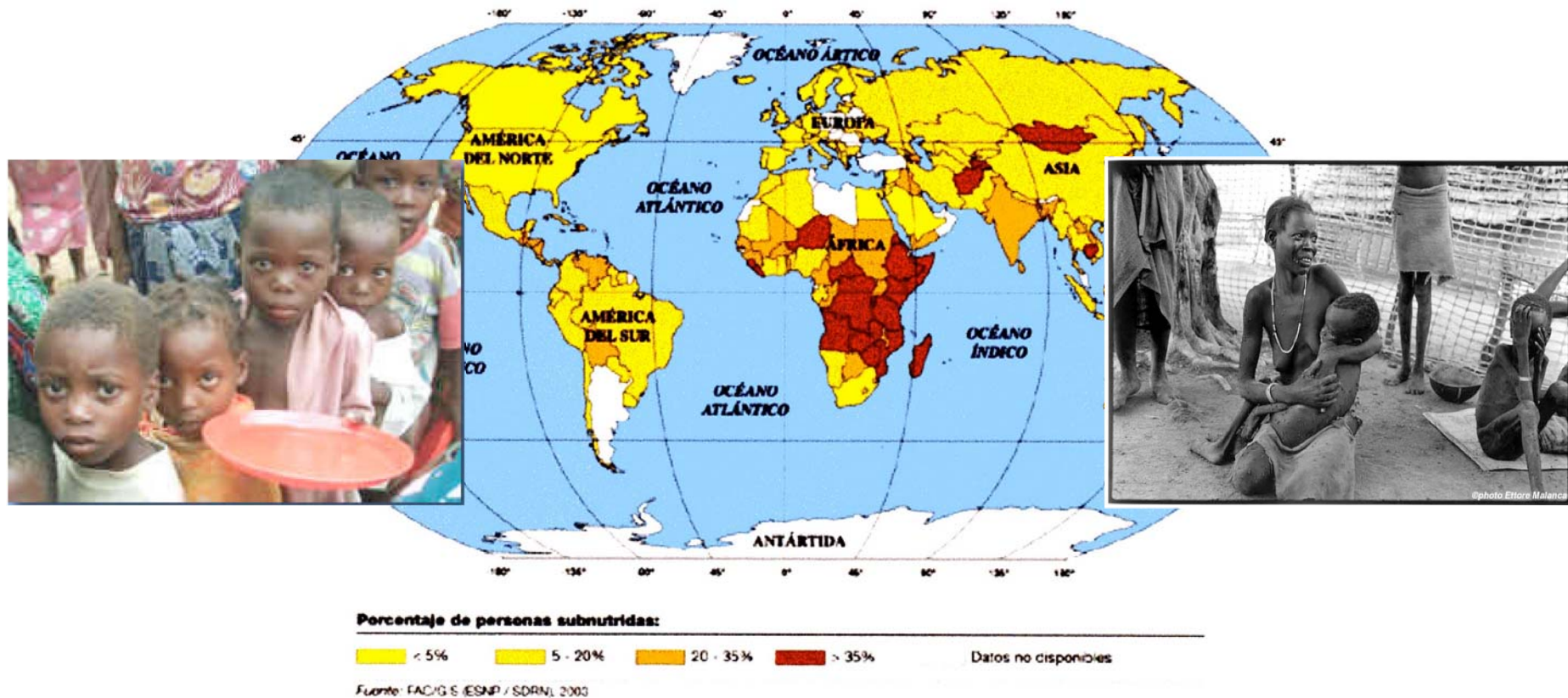
## Pràctiques agrícoles en els països desenvolupats



## Agricultura de subsistència als països subdesenvolupats



## Mapa del hambre en el mundo Proporción de personas subnutridas (1998-2000)



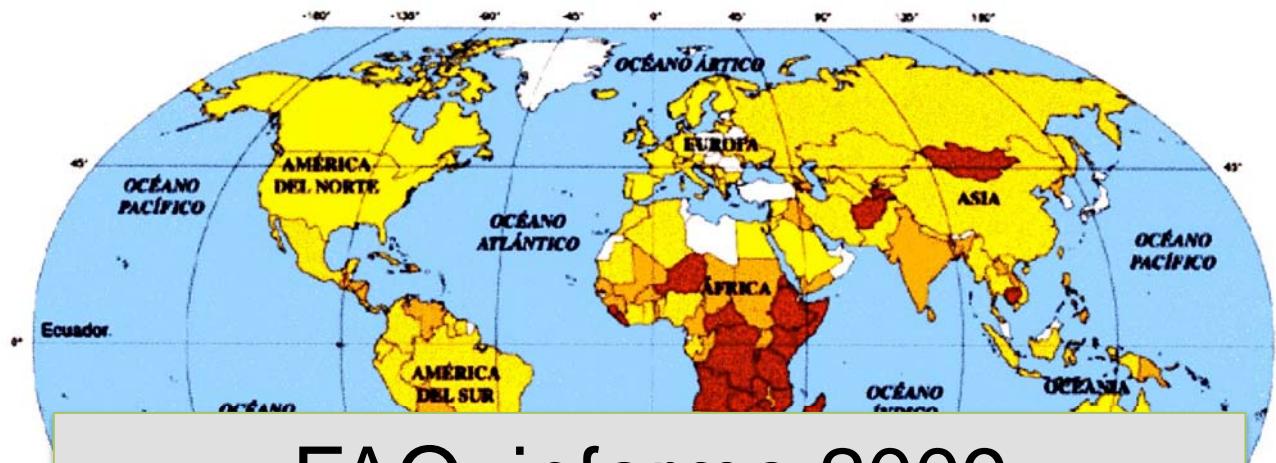
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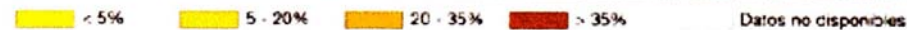
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FAO, informe 2009  
>1000 millones

Porcentaje de personas subnutridas:



Fuente: FAO/G.S. (ESNP / SORN), 2000

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# Agricultura intensiva



El 43% de las frutas y verduras frescas presentan residuos de pesticidas

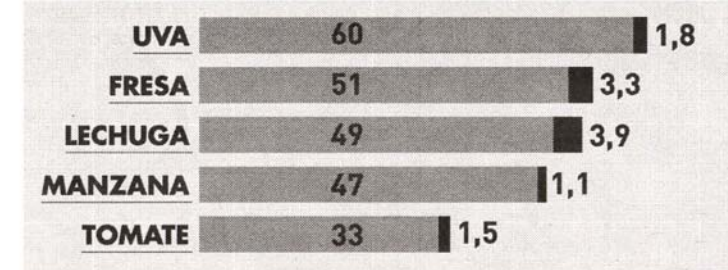
## Pesticidas y alimentos frescos

DATOS DEL 2001

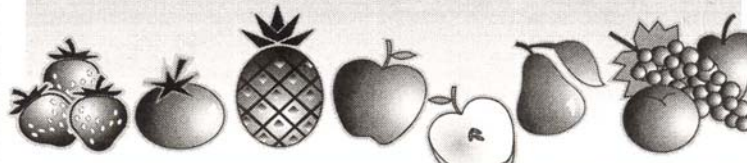
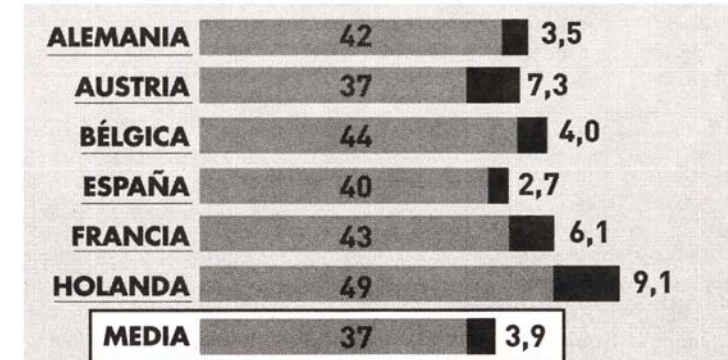
- Resultados del control de **36** tipos de **pesticidas** sobre **9.800** muestras de uva, fresa, lechuga, manzana y tomate en 18 países europeos

■ Porcentaje de muestras que contienen niveles de pesticidas iguales o inferiores a los permitidos por la normativa

■ Porcentaje de muestras que superan los niveles permitidos



- Resultados del control de **145** pesticidas sobre **43.051** muestras de fruta fresca, hortalizas y cereales en los mismos países



# Agricultura ecològica: una alternativa



# Agricultura ecològica: millor qualitat (?) a un preu més elevat

The screenshot shows the website 'ecotecaonline' with a search bar and navigation menu. The main content area features a product page for 'ECOCISTELLA' by Bionofre/Coop.lleida. The product is a box of organic vegetables, including pears, plums, oranges, and various leafy greens. The price is listed as 25,00 €. The page also includes a list of products, a description of the product, and a shopping cart.

**Productes** 669 de 686

oferta

Endarrere Endavant

**ECOCISTELLA - Bionofre/Coop.lleida**

**Productor** Bionofre/Coop.lleida

**Certificacions**

**Temporada** TARDOR-HIVERN

**Origen** LLEIDA I FIGUERES

**Tipus de producte** ECOLÒGIC

**Preus** 25,00 €

**Descripció**

PERA CONFERENCE 1KG  
PLÀTAN DE CANÀRIES 1/2KG  
TARONJA 1KG  
PASTANAGA 1/2 KG  
PATATA KENEBEC 1KG  
CEBA FIGUERES 1/2KG  
CARBASSÓ 1/2 KG  
PORROS 1 MANAT  
BRÒQUIL, COL-FLOR O ESPINACS  
ENCIAM 1 UNITAT  
TOMÀQUET AMANIR 1KG  
OUS 1/2 DOTZENA

**Selecció de producte**

Producte	Format	Unitats	Preu
ECOCISTELLA Bionofre/Coop.lleida		1	25,00 €

Comprar

**La teva compra**

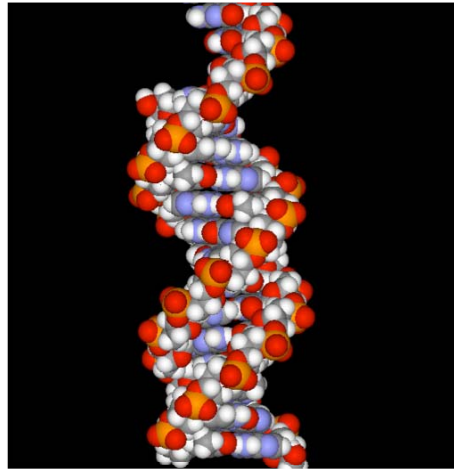
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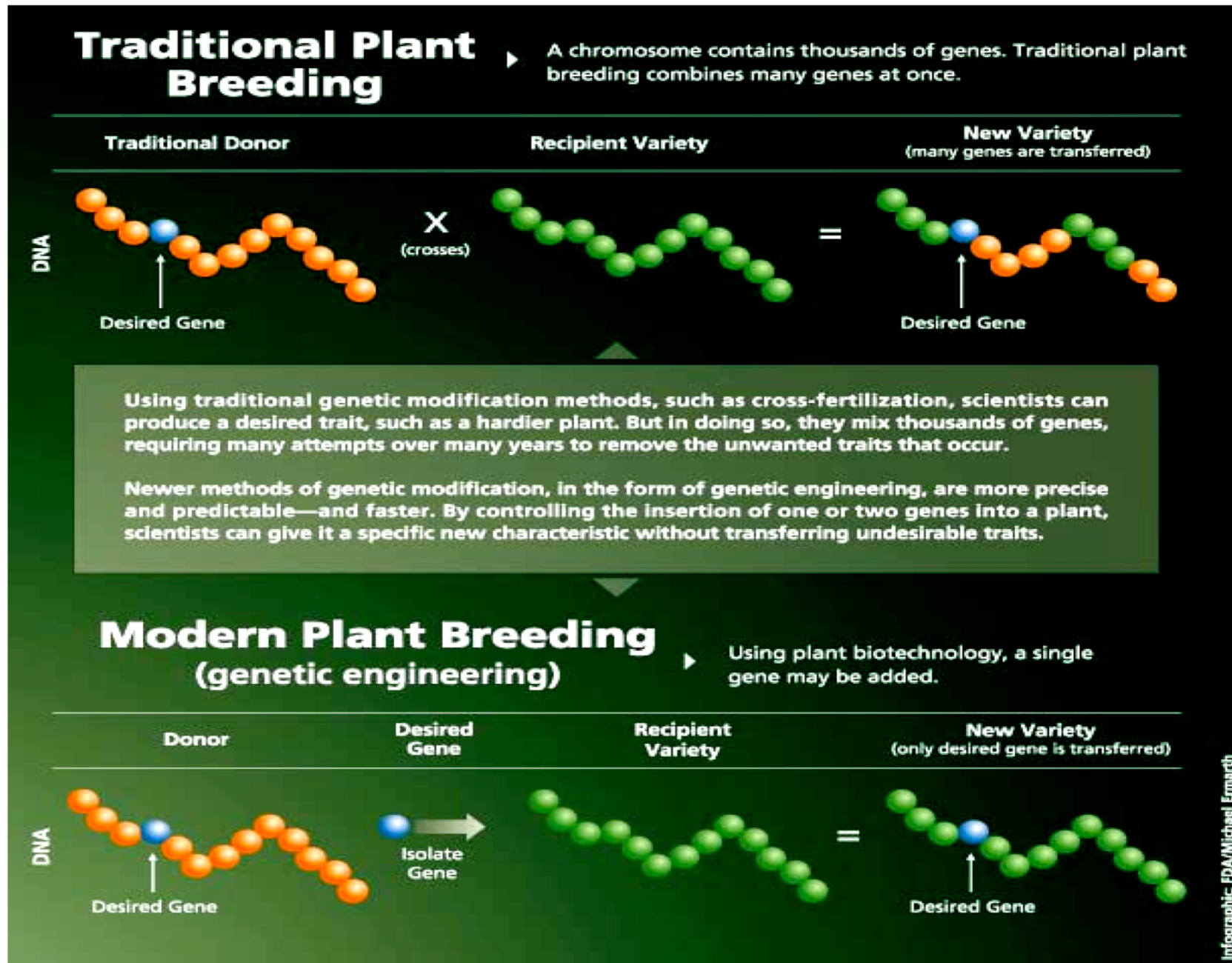
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# Agricultura transgènica

Plantes millorades mitjançant l'ús de tècniques d'enginyeria genètica

# Millora genètica tradicional vs. millora genètica basada en l'enginyeria genètica

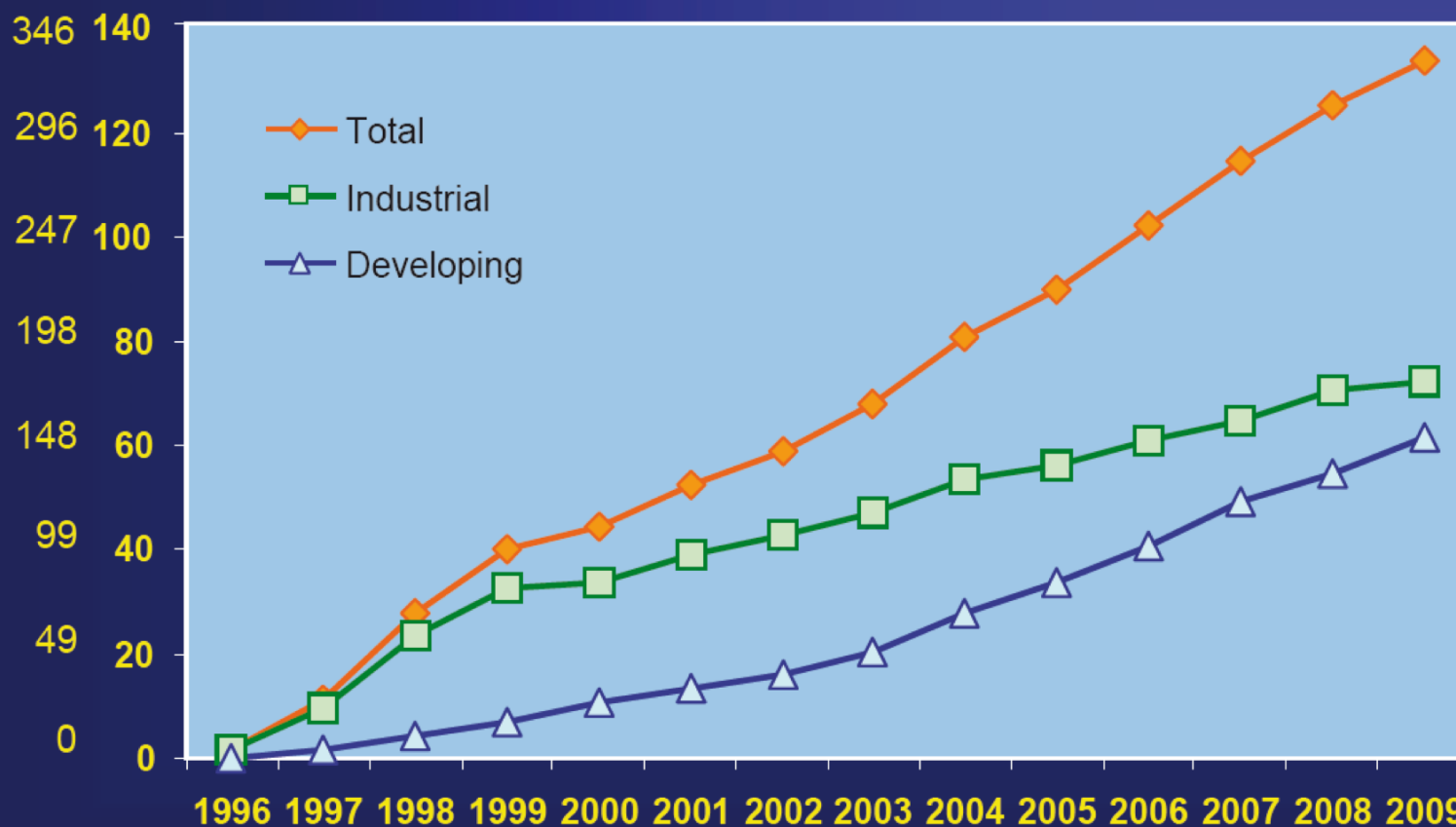


# L'agricultura transgènica: una activitat en constant expansió des de 1996

## Global Area of Biotech Crops, 1996 to 2009: Industrial and Developing Countries (M Has, M Acres)



M Acres



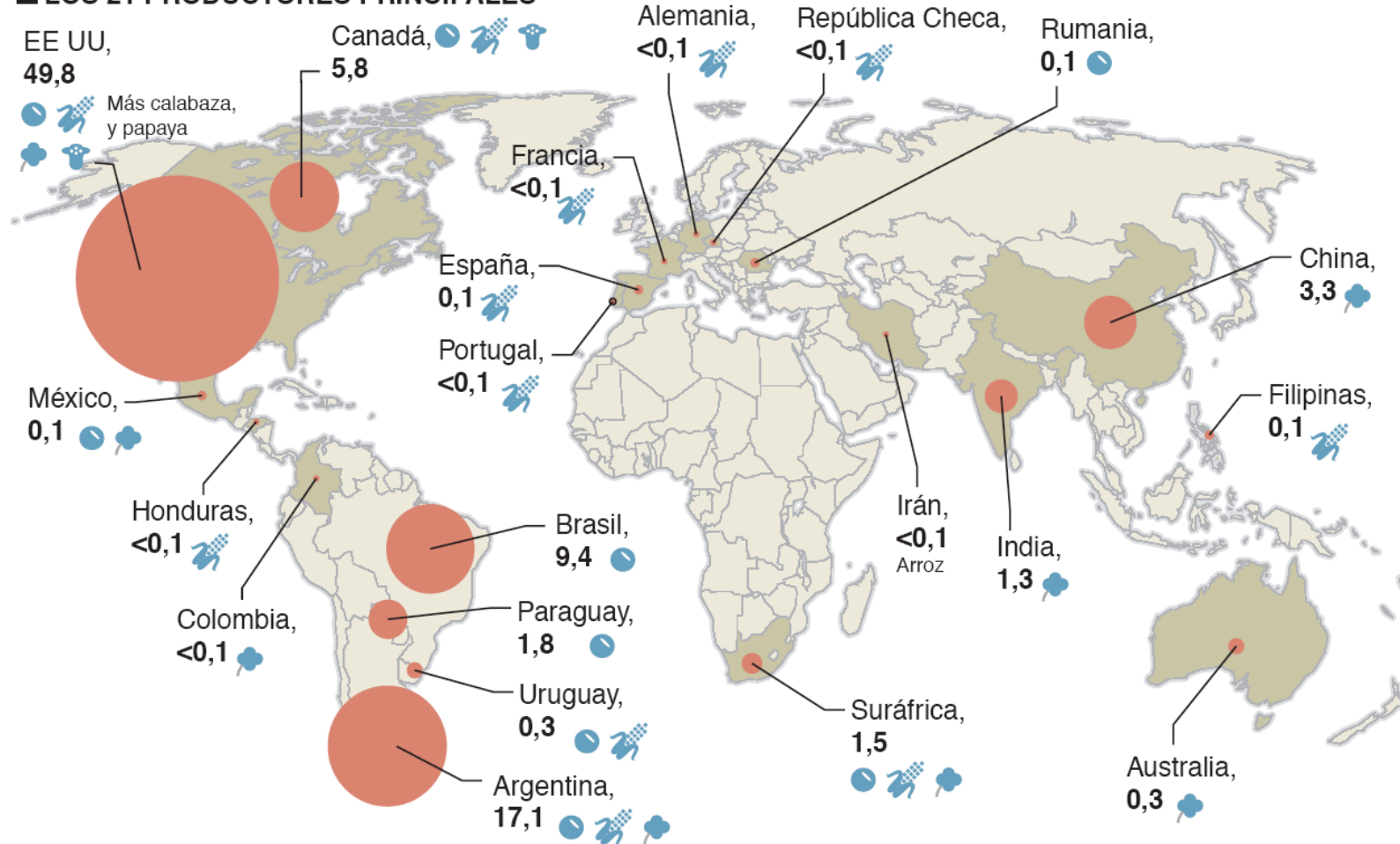
Source: Clive James, 2010

# Cultivos de especies vegetales tratadas genéticamente

Cifras en millones de hectáreas

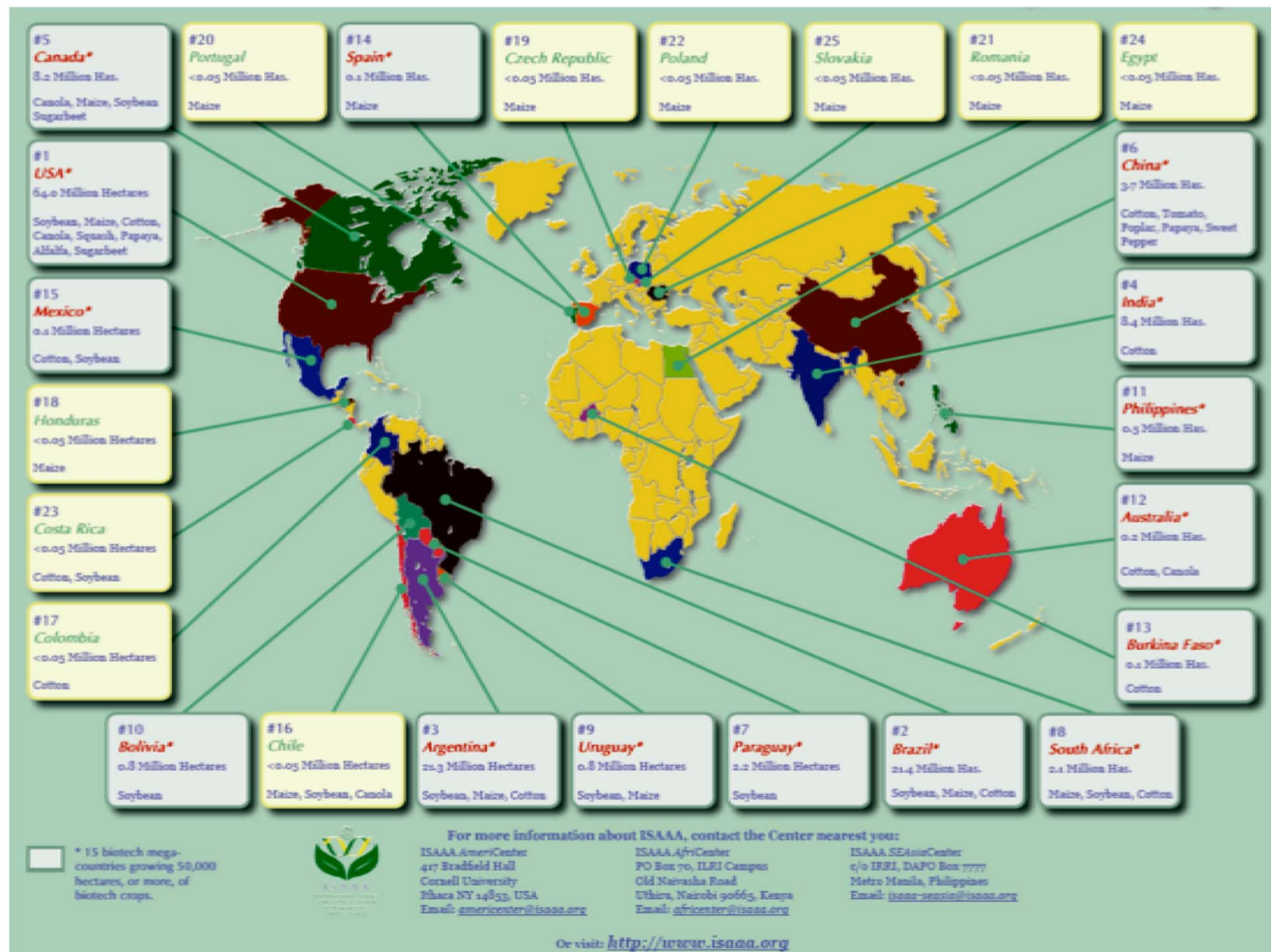
Soja Maíz Algodón Colza

## LOS 21 PRODUCTORES PRINCIPALES



Fuente: ISAAA (Servicio Internacional para la Adquisición de Programas Agro-biotecnológicos, en sus siglas en inglés) / Clive James, 2005.

# Cultiu de varietats transgèniques a nivell mundial (2009)





### Global Area of Biotech Crops in 2009: by Country (Million Hectares)

Country	Area	Biotech crops
USA†	64.0	Soybean, maize, cotton, canola, squash, papaya, alfalfa, sugarbeet
<i>Brazil†</i>	21.4	Soybean, maize, cotton
<i>Argentina†</i>	21.3	Soybean, maize, cotton
<i>India†</i>	8.4	Cotton
<i>Canada†</i>	8.2	Canola, maize, soybean, sugarbeet
<i>China†</i>	3.7	Cotton, tomato, poplar, papaya, sweet pepper
<i>Paraguay†</i>	2.2	Soybean
<i>South Africa†</i>	2.1	Maize, soybean, cotton
<i>Uruguay†</i>	0.8	Soybean, maize
<i>Bolivia†</i>	0.8	Soybean
<i>Philippines†</i>	0.5	Maize
<i>Australia†</i>	0.2	Cotton, canola
<i>Burkina Faso†</i>	0.1	Cotton
<i>Spain†</i>	0.1	Maize
<i>Mexico†</i>	0.1	Cotton, soybean
<i>Chile</i>	<0.1	Maize, soybean, canola
<i>Colombia</i>	<0.1	Cotton
<i>Honduras</i>	<0.1	Maize
<i>Czech Republic</i>	<0.1	Maize
<i>Portugal</i>	<0.1	Maize
<i>Romania</i>	<0.1	Maize
<i>Poland</i>	<0.1	Maize
<i>Costa Rica</i>	<0.1	Cotton, soybean
<i>Egypt</i>	<0.1	Maize
<i>Slovakia</i>	<0.1	Maize

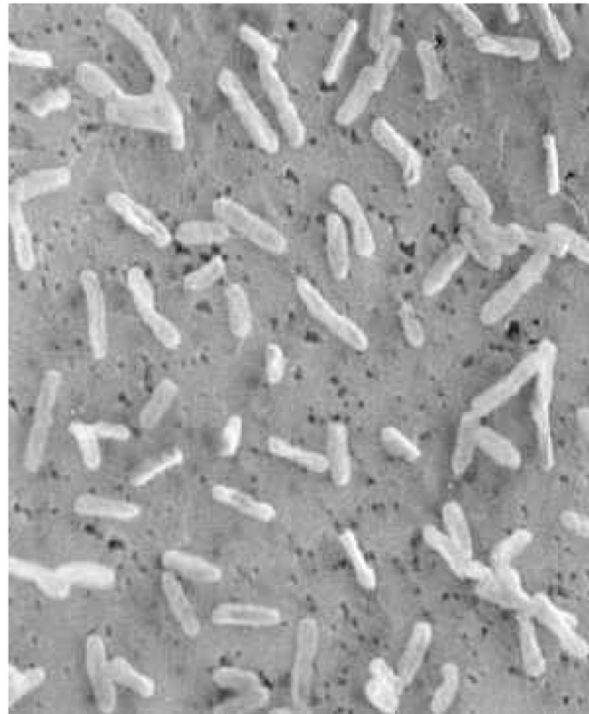
† 15 biotech mega-countries growing 50,000 hectares, or more, of biotech crops. (Developing countries in italics.)

Source: Clive James, 2009. Global Status of Commercialized Biotech/GM Crops: 2009. ISAAA Briefs No. 41-2009.

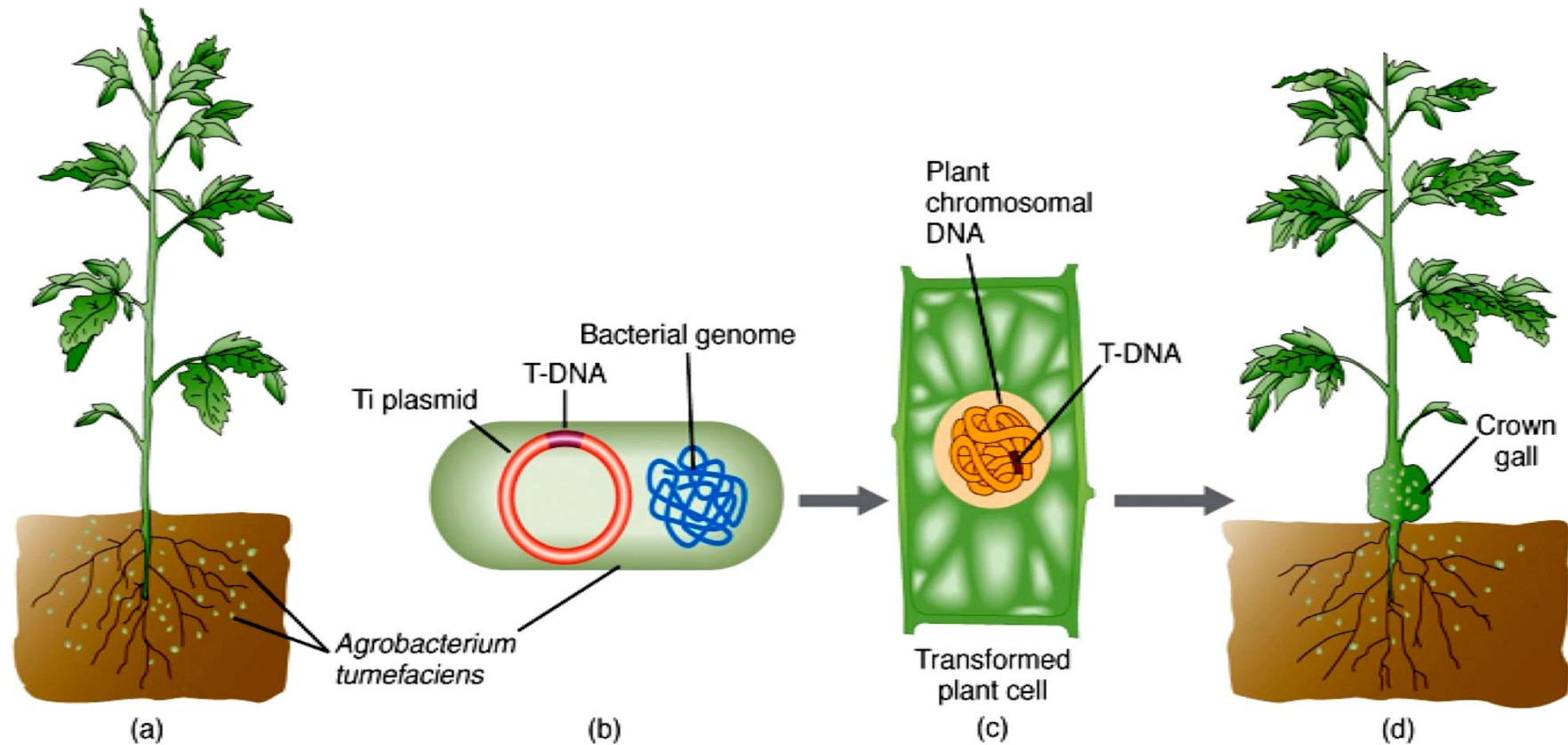
“Agalla de la corona”, una patologia que afecta a moltes plantes

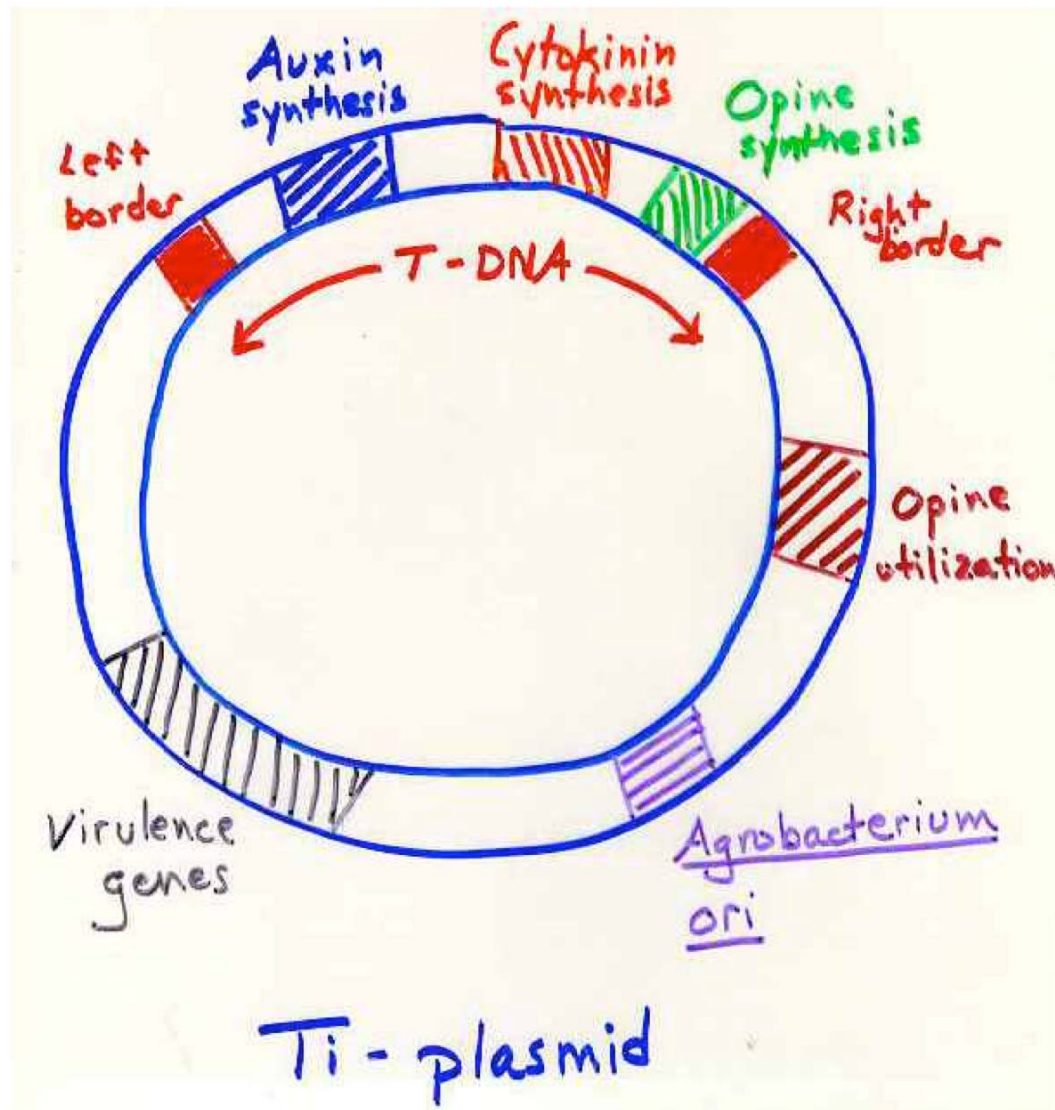


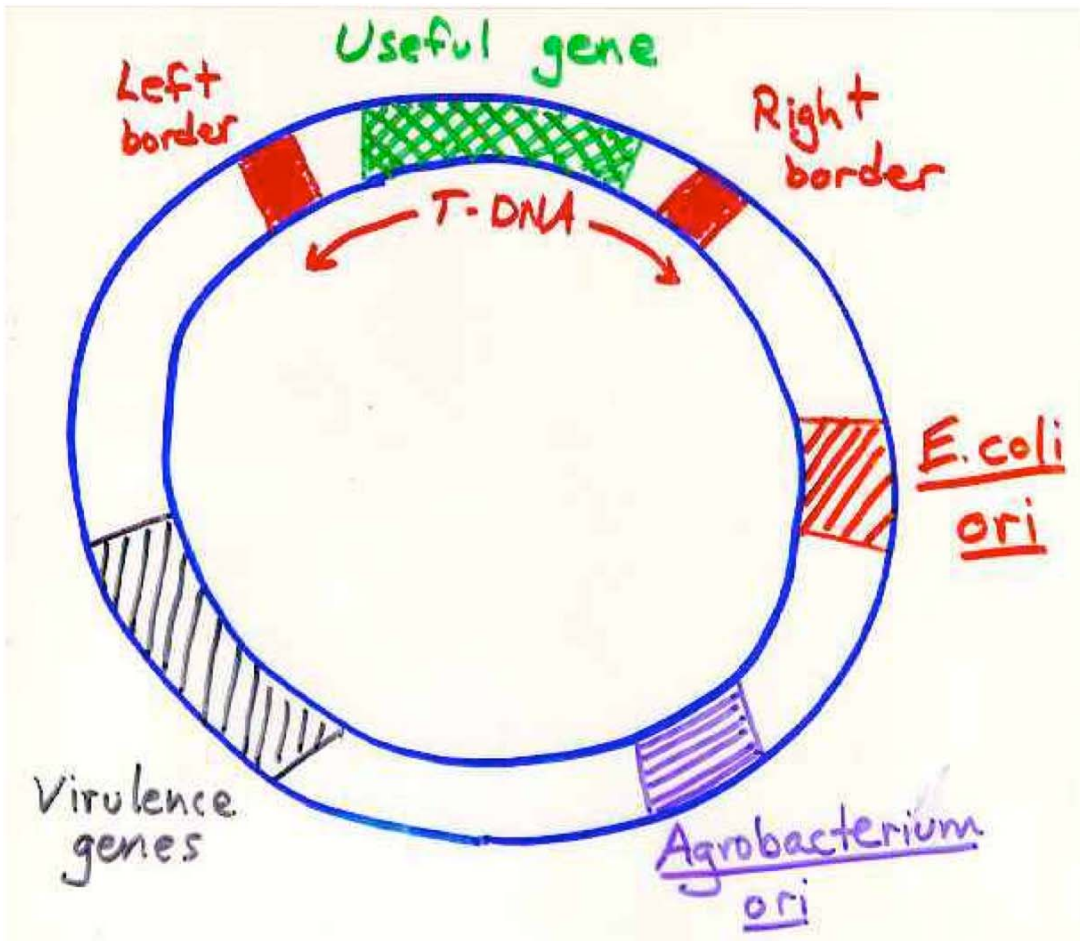
*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, el bacteri responsable de l'agalla de la corona



# Bases moleculars del mecanisme pel qual *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* indueix els tumors: paper del plàsmid Ti i del T-DNA

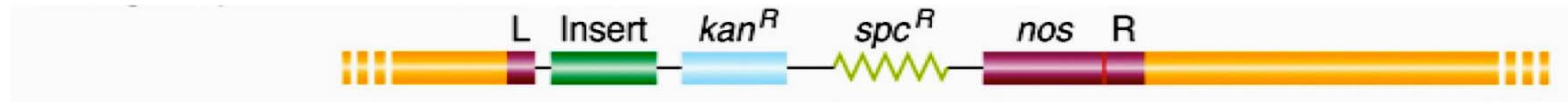
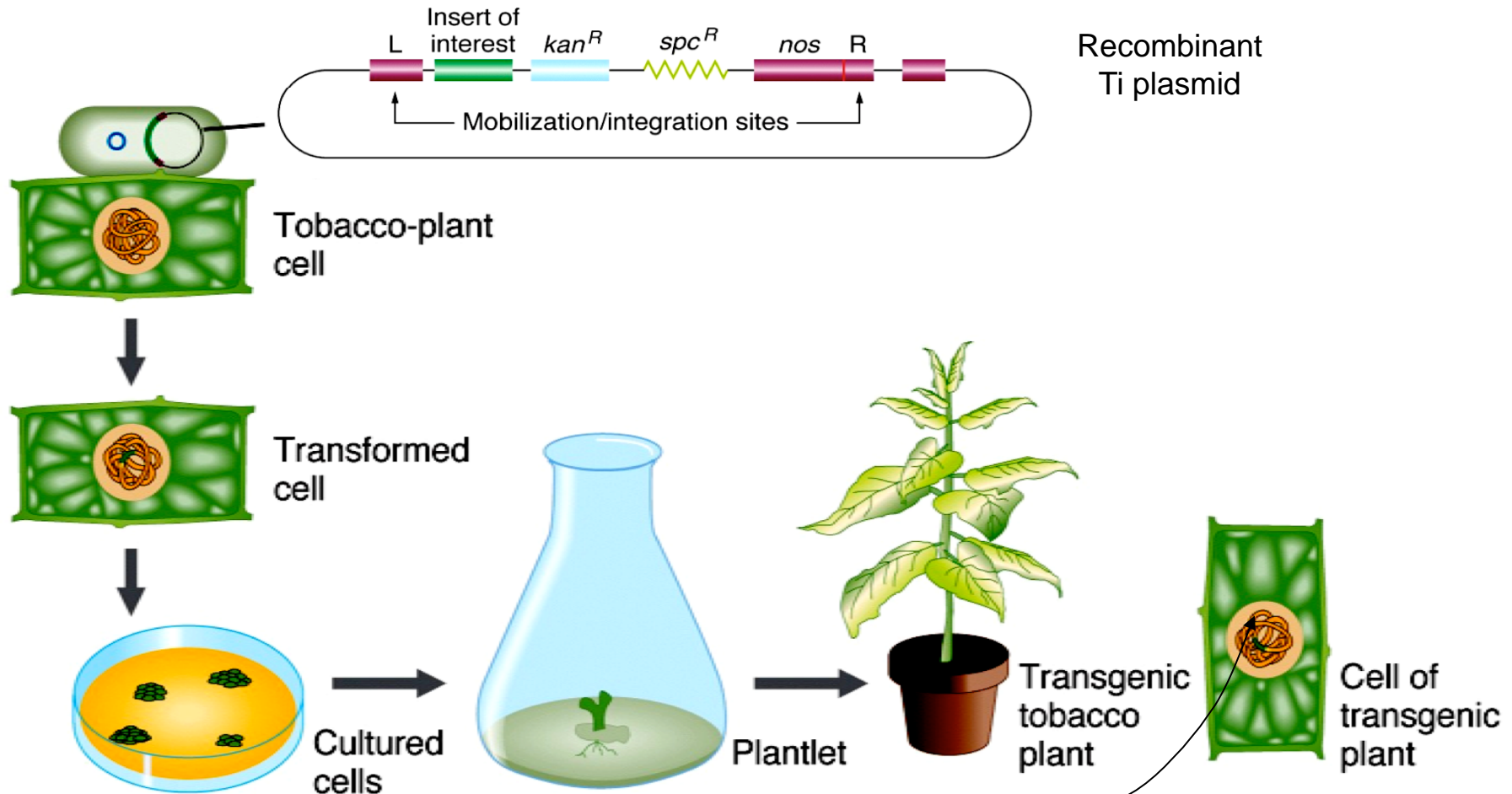




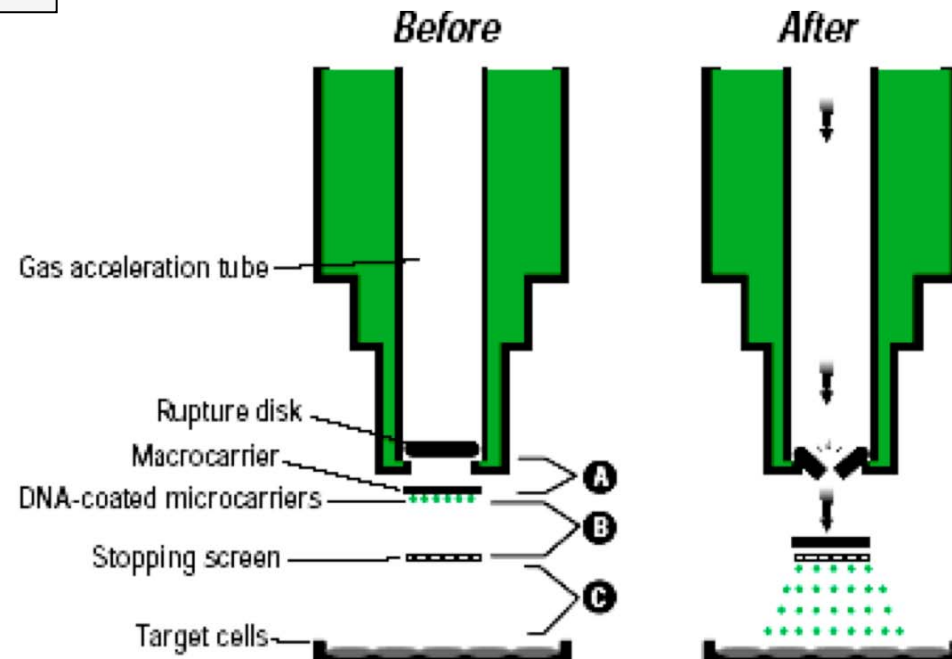
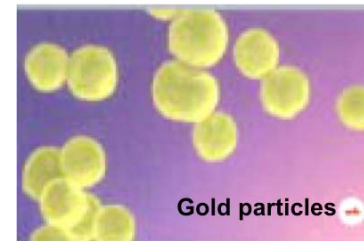
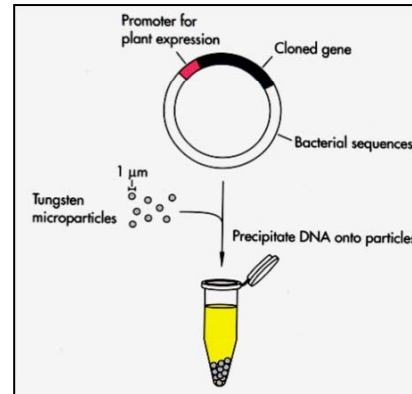


Engineered  
Ti-Plasmid

# Generació de plantes transgèniques mitjançant *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*

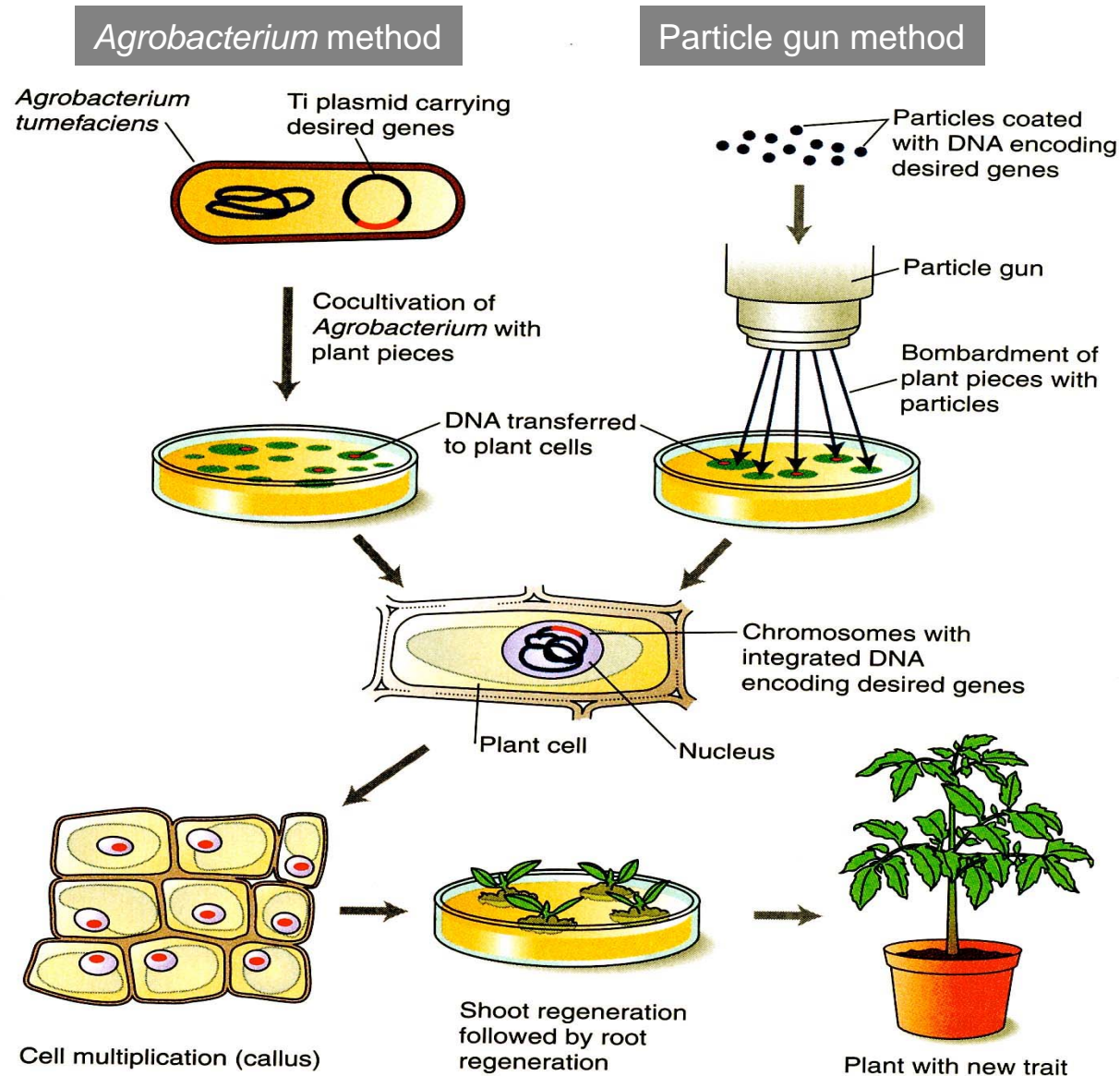


# Transformació mitjançant micro-bombardeig: una alternativa a *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*





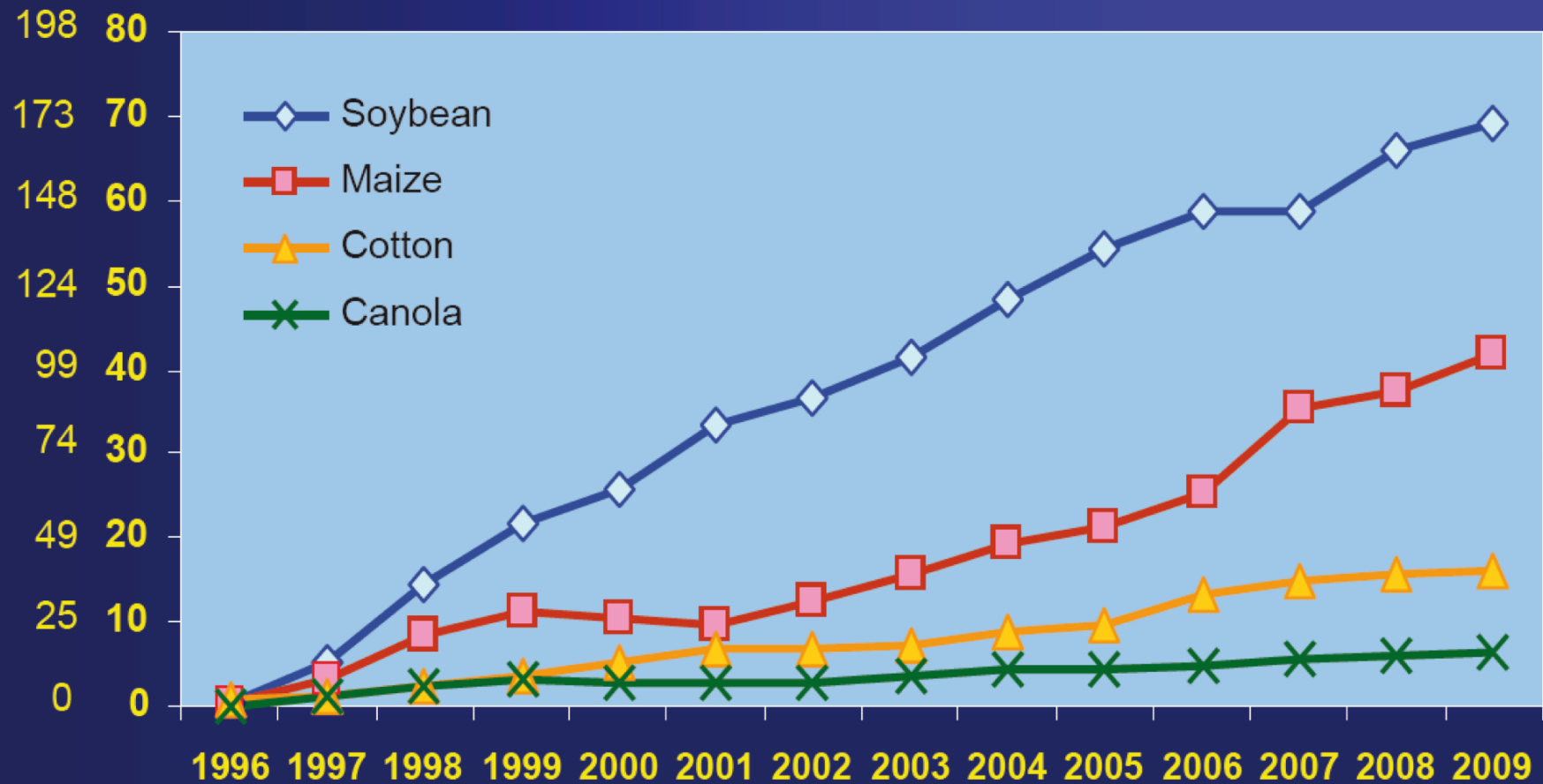
# Generació de plantes transgèniques



# Global Area of Biotech Crops, 1996 to 2009: By Crop (Million Hectares, Million Acres)



M Acres

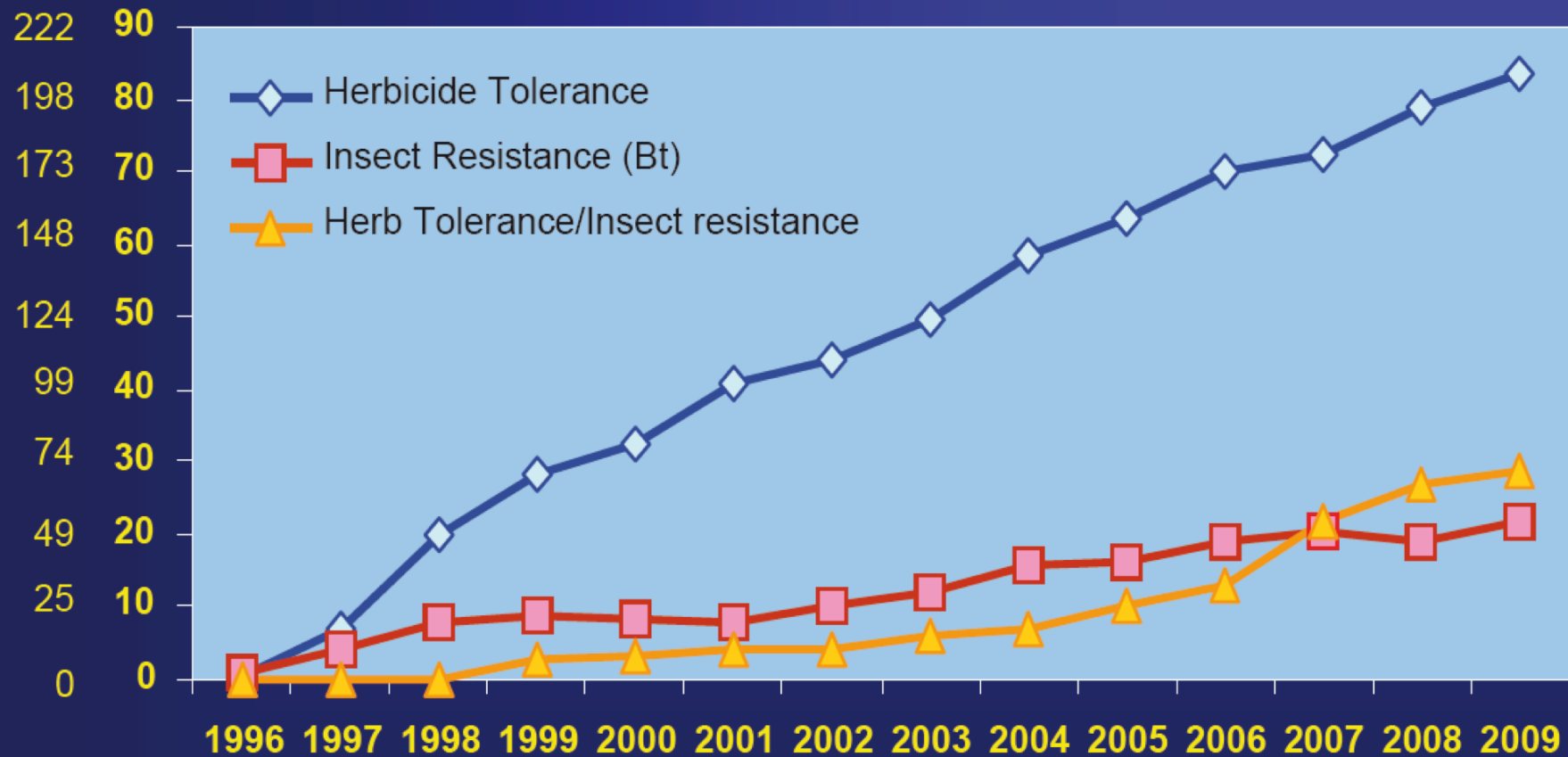


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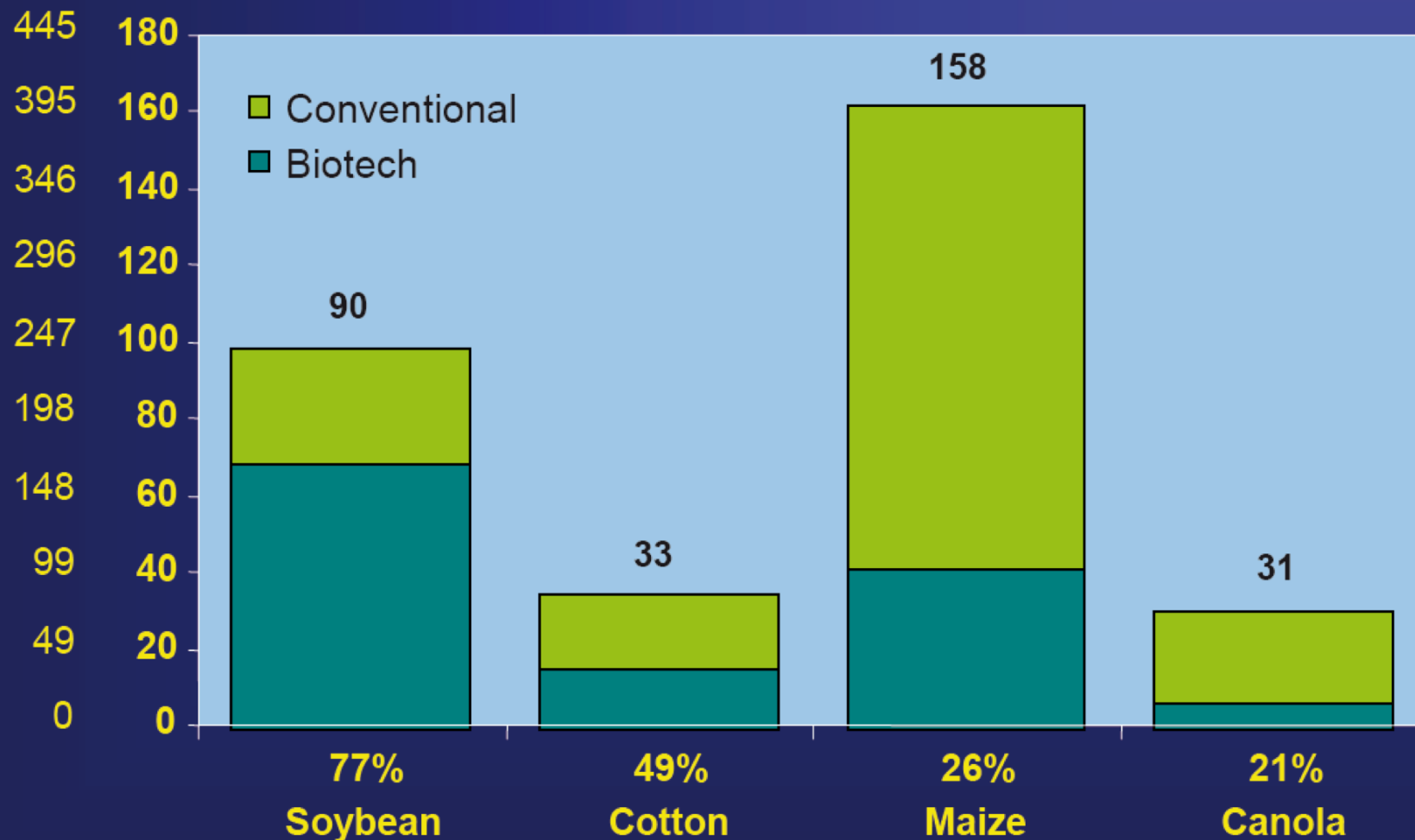


Source: Clive James, 2010

# Global Adoption Rates (%) for Principal Biotech Crops (Million Hectares, Million Acres), 2009



M Acres



Source: Clive James, 2010

# Espècies amb varietats transgèniques comercials



Blat de moro



Cotó



Colza



Soja



Alfals



Arròs



Patata



Remolatxa



Carbassó



Pruna



Llí



Tomàquet



Papaya



Radiccio



Blat

## Herbicide Resistance

Several crop varieties have been engineered to be resistant to the application of an herbicide, simplifying weed management.



## *Bt*-based Insect Resistance

Several crop species have been engineered to produce their own insecticide, *Bt-toxin*, making them resistant to certain insects.



## Delayed Fruit Ripening

Several varieties of tomatoes have been engineered to ripen more slowly, making them last longer in shipment and on consumers' shelves. None are currently marketed.



What traits  
have been  
engineered?

## Virus Resistance

Commercial varieties of three crop species have been genetically engineered to be resistant to plant viral diseases: squash, papaya, and potato.



## Altered Oil Content

Varieties of both canola and soybean have been genetically engineered to produce oils with improved nutritional or cooking properties.



## Pollen Control for Hybrid Production

Two crops have been genetically engineered with a trait that makes hybrid-production easier.



## Tomàquets FlavRSavR<sup>®</sup>, el primer aliment transgènic comercialitzat (any 1994)

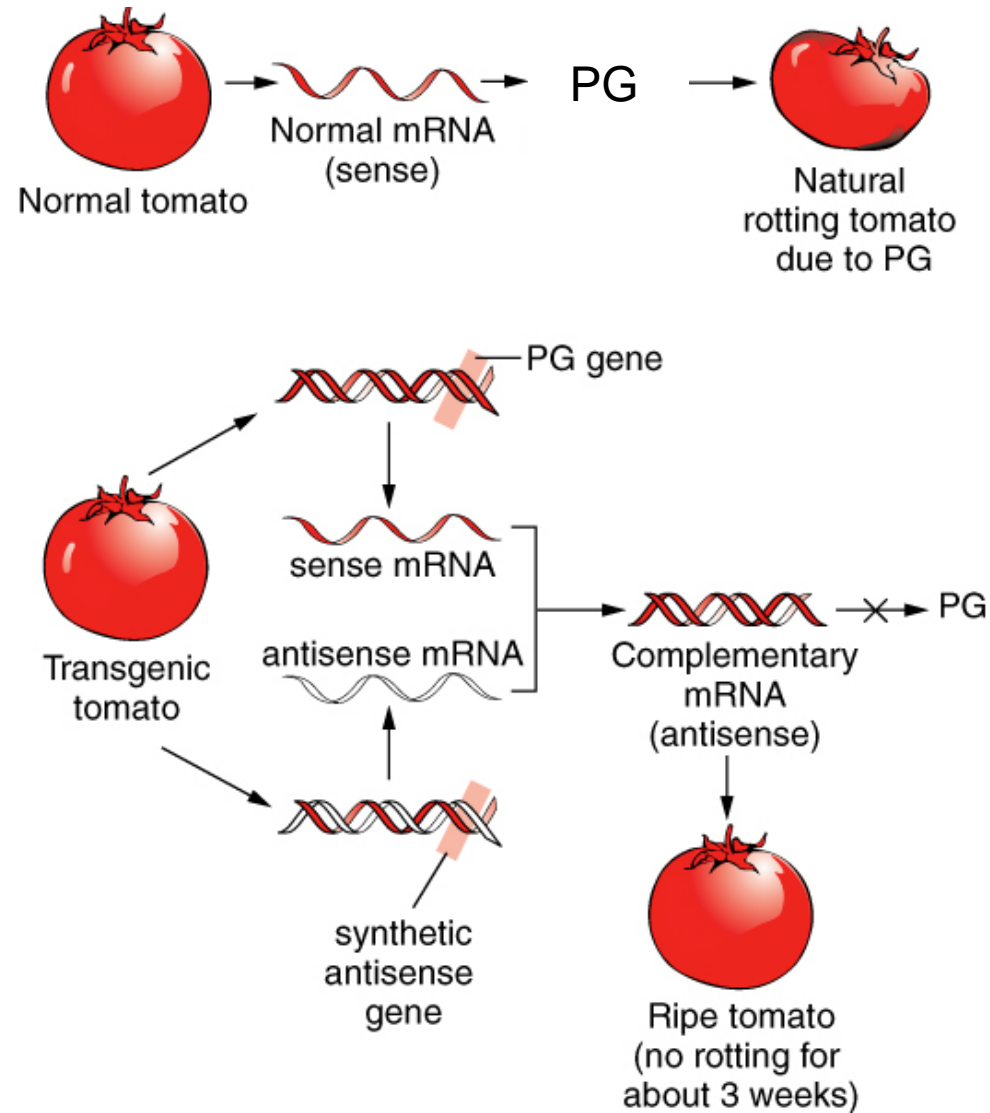


Fruits amb maduració retardada

Inhibició de l'enzim poligalacturonasa utilitzant la tecnologia de l'RNA antisentit

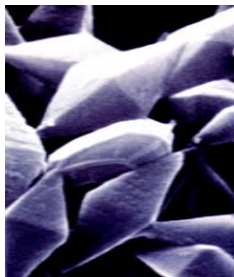
# El tomàquet Flavr Savr™

Inhibició antisentit de la poligalacturonasa (PG)





# Blat de moro transgènic BT resistent a l'atac d'insectes



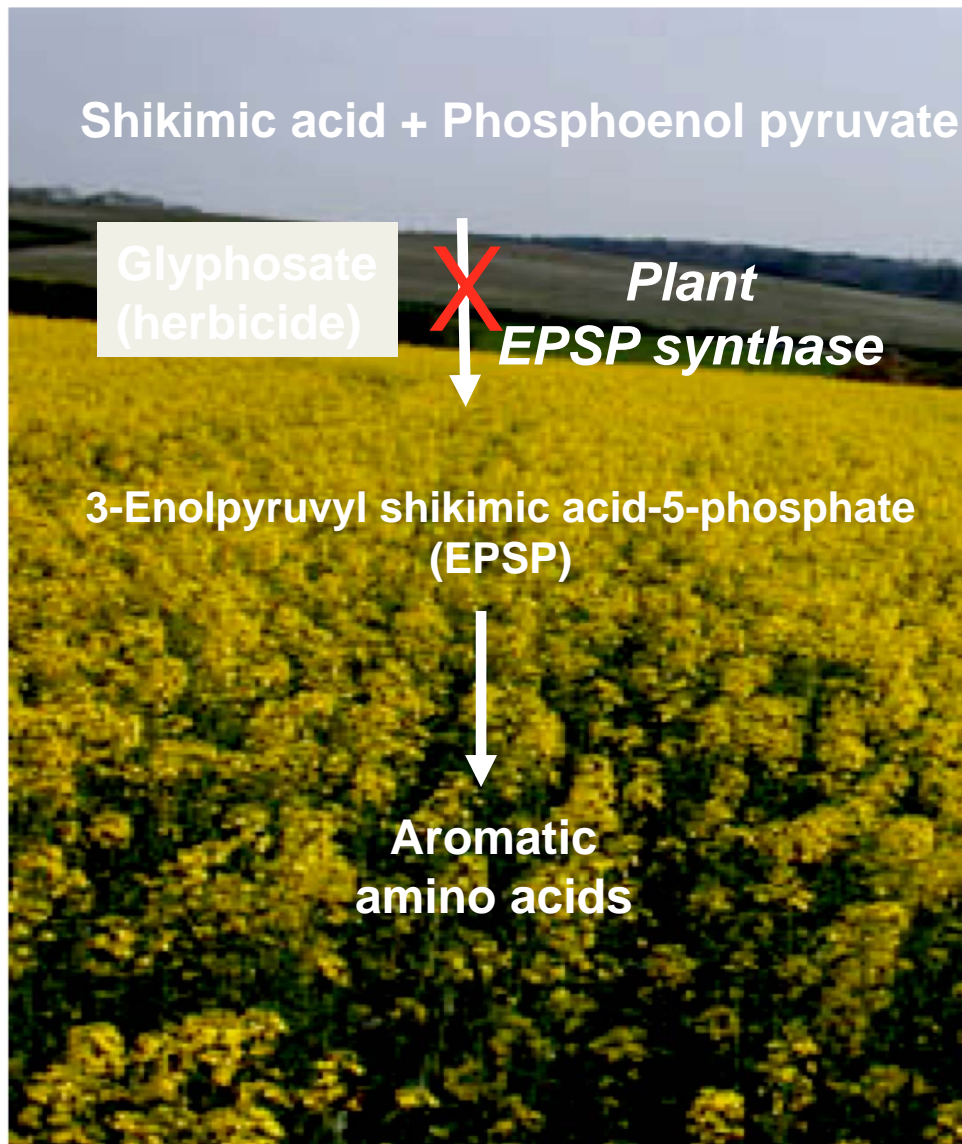
Bt crystals

El bacteri *Bacillus thuringiensis* produeix proteïnes amb activitat insecticida

## Resistència a herbicides



Glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup Ready, is a broad-spectrum herbicide



# Plantes resistentes al Roundup (Glyphosate)



Shikimic acid + Phosphoenol pyruvate

+ Glyphosate

*Bacterial  
EPSP synthase*



RoundUp has no effect;  
EPSP synthase enzyme is resistant to the  
herbicide

3-enolpyruvyl shikimic acid-5-phosphate  
(EPSP)



Aromatic  
amino acids



**Non-transgenics**



**Transgenics**

# Plantes transgèniques de segona generació



*Arròs daurat (Golden Rice):*  
acumula b-caroté (provitamina A)

*transgen = tres gens de la biosíntesi de carotenoides (plantes i micrororganismes)*

Una insuficiència en (pro)vitamina A resulta en símptomes clínics severs

5 milions de nens desenvolupen xeroftalmia cada any, dels quals uns 250.000 acaben cecs.

La deficiència en vitamina A incrementa la susceptibilitat d'altres malalties greus (diarrees, malalties respiratòries, etc.)

Una nutrició millorada en provitamina A podria prevenir de 1-2 milions de mort infantils (nens d'entre 1 i 4 anys)

En els humans, els carotenoides (b-caroté) actuen com a provitamina A

El b-caroté és més efectiu i segur que la vitamina A

# **Llavors, fruits i hortalisses amb propietats nutricionals millorades**

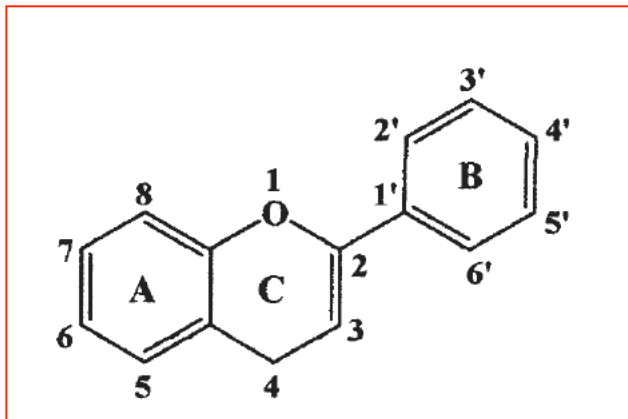


Aminoàcids essencials, vitamines, carotenoides, flavonols,  
fitoesterols, àcids grassos  $\omega 3$

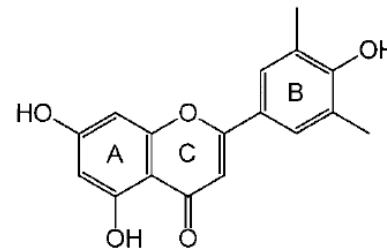
# Efectes dels flavonoides en la salut

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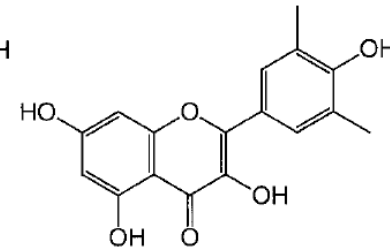
Malalties cardiovasculars  
Malalties cerebrovasculars  
Càncer  
Malalties cròniques



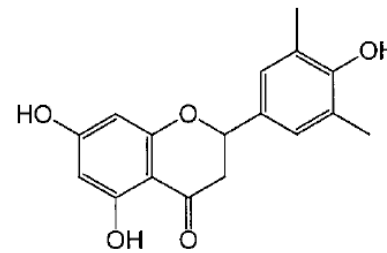
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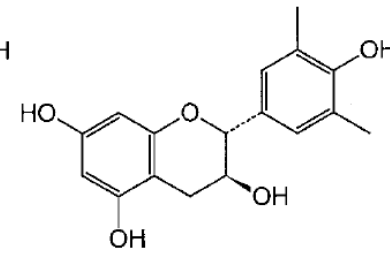
Flavones



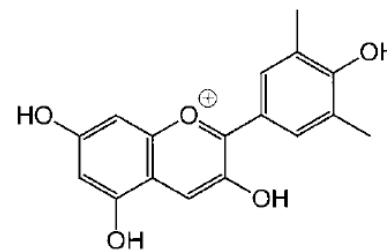
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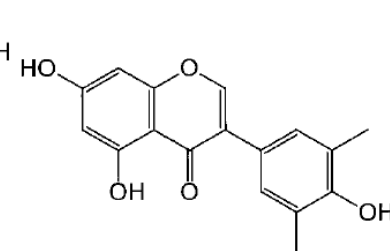
Flavanones



Catechins



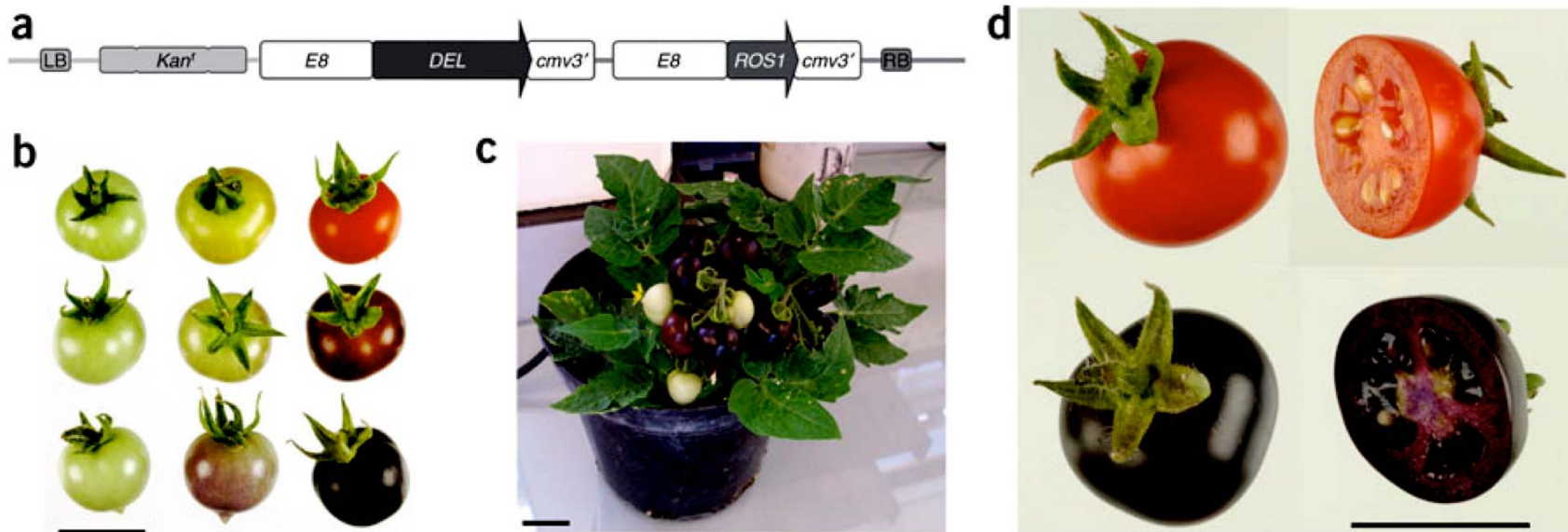
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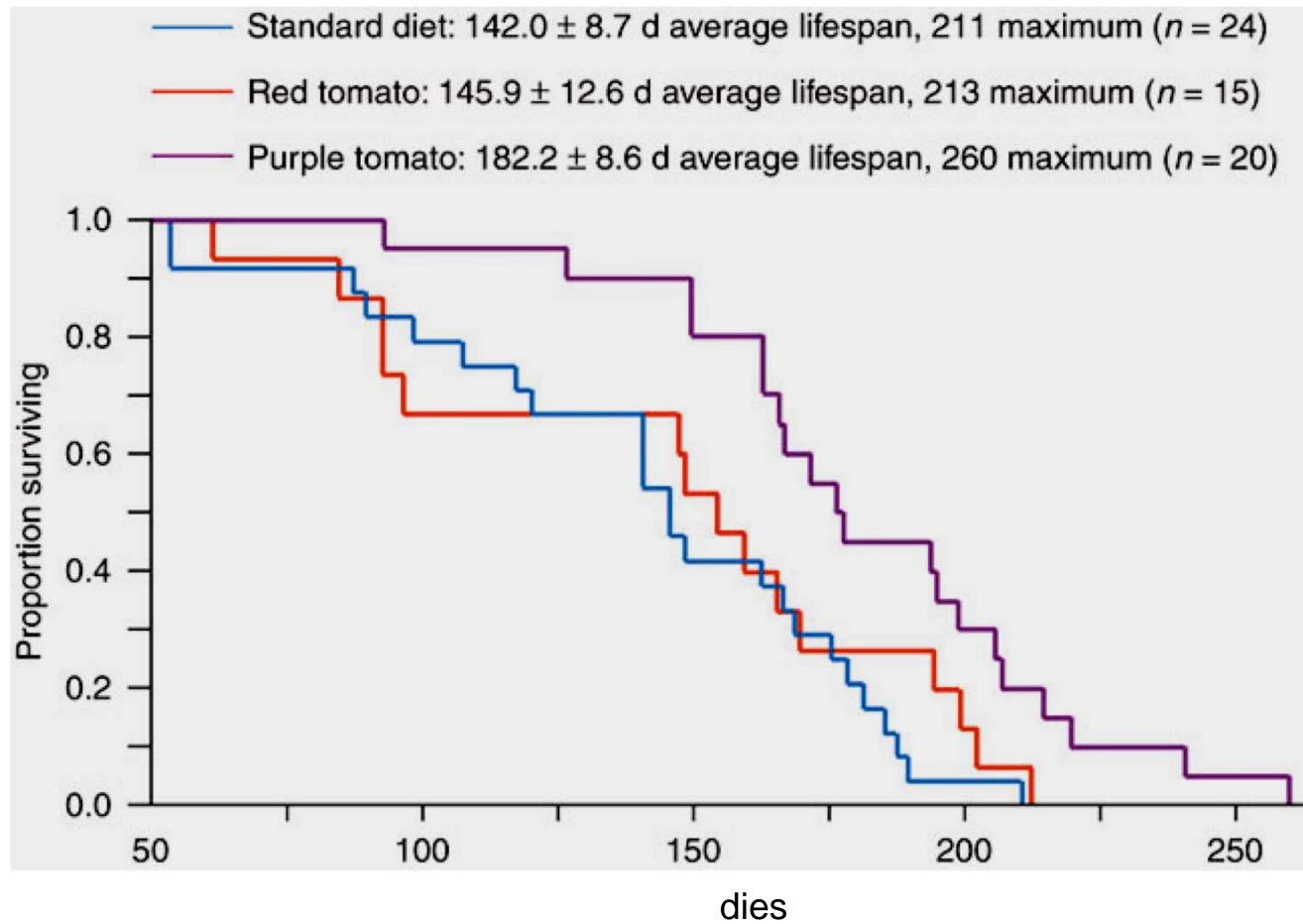
Isoflavones

## Enrichment of tomato fruit with health-promoting anthocyanins by expression of select transcription factors

Butelli *et al.*



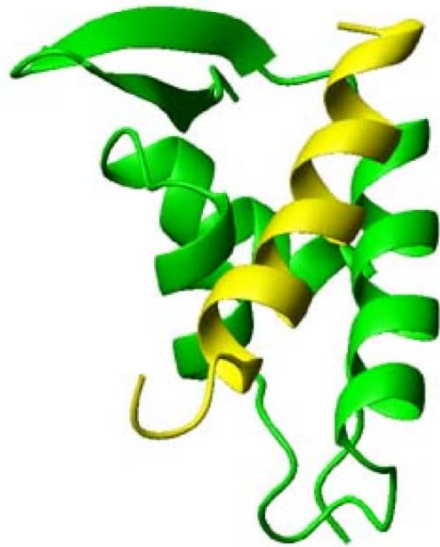
Viabilitat de ratolins  $\text{Trp53}^{-/-}$  alimentats amb dieta estàndard o amb dietes suplementades amb extracte sec (10%) de tomàquets vermells o púrpures





# “Molecular farming”

**Utilització de plantes transgèniques com a factories per a la producció de proteïnes recombinants d'interès industrial o farmacèutic.**



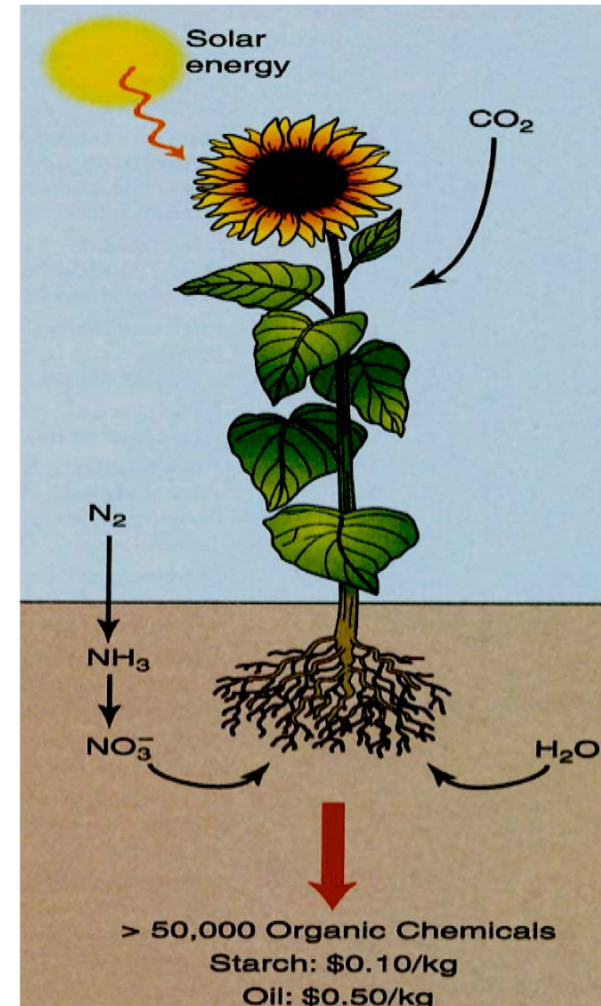
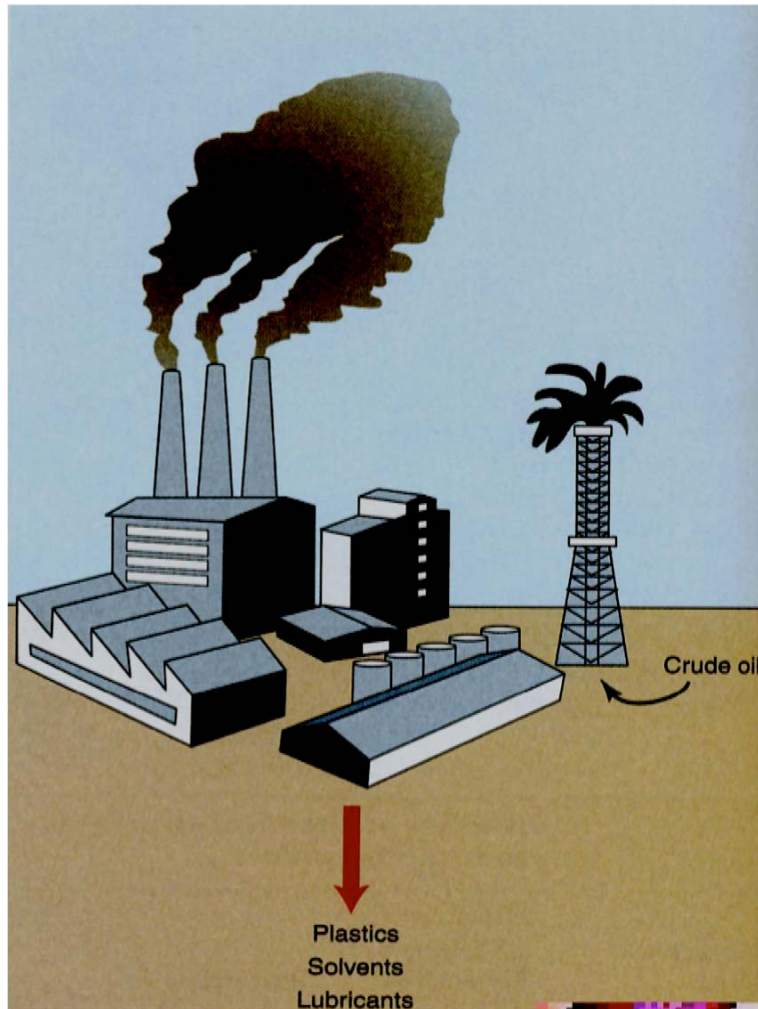
# Vacunes orals

*Expressió de proteïnes recombinants antigèniques en parts comestibles de la planta (llavor, fruit)*

- Works like any vaccine
- A transgenic plant with a pathogen protein gene is developed
- Potato, banana, and tomato are targets
- Humans eat the plant
- The body produces antibodies against pathogen protein
- Humans are **“immunized”** against the pathogen
- Examples:
  - ✓ Diarrhea
  - ✓ Hepatitis B
  - ✓ Measles

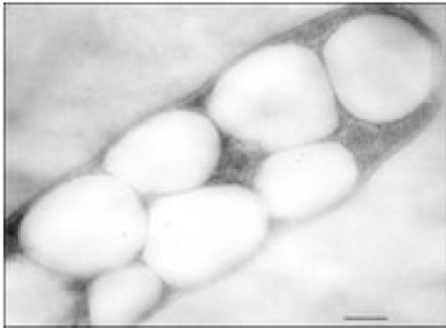


# Poden les plantes reemplaçar les plantes químiques?

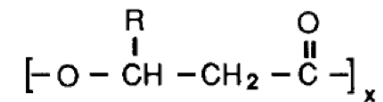


Biocombustibles, plàstics, olis industrials, etc.

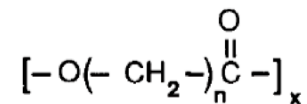
# Producció de plàstics biodegradables en plantes



## Polihidroxicanoats



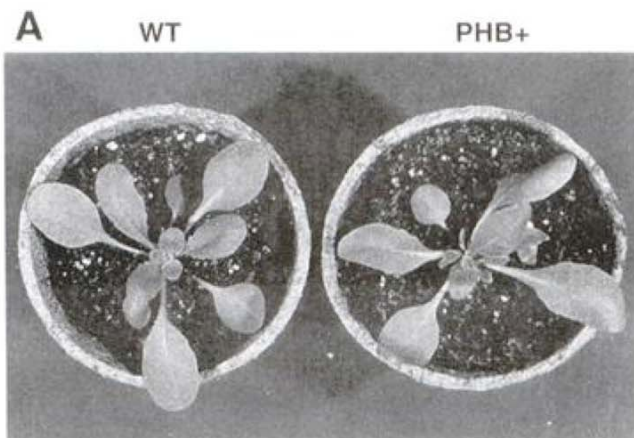
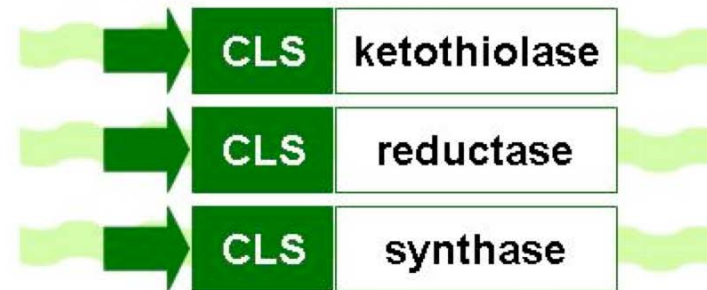
R = hydrogen	3-hydroxypropionate	(3HP)
R = methyl	3-hydroxybutyrate	(3HB)
R = ethyl	3-hydroxyvalerate	(3HV)
R = propyl	3-hydroxycaproate	(3HC)
R = butyl	3-hydroxyheptanoate	(3HH)
R = pentyl	3-hydroxyoctanoate	(3HO)
R = hexyl	3-hydroxynonanoate	(3HN)
R = heptyl	3-hydroxydecanoate	(3HD)
R = octyl	3-hydroxyundecanoate	(3HUD)
R = nonyl	3-hydroxydodecanoate	(3HDD)



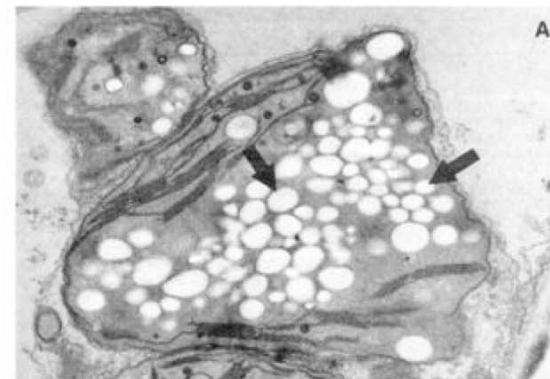
n = 3	4-hydroxybutyrate	(4HB)
n = 4	5-hydroxyvalerate	(5HV)

## Producció de plàstics biodegradable en plantes: síntesis de PHB in els cloroplastes

Chloroplast Localisation Signal (CLS) added to target each enzyme to chloroplasts



normal vigour



PHB = 14% (dry wt)

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## Latest News

### ▶ USA: Further high degree of cultivation of GM plants in 2009

01 July 2009

### ▶ Renewed approval of GM maize MON810: EFSA has no reservations

01 July 2009

### ▶ EU countries should be able to ban genetically modified plants

25 June 2009

### ▶ Wheat field trial destruction: GM opponents must pay

12 June 2009

### ▶ New EFSA Opinion: BASF now calls for approval the Amflora potato

11 June 2009

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### Online Discourse Co-existence

What lies in the future for GM crops in Europe?

Take a look at the open discussion carried out with co-operation of experts from the field last autumn.

[▶ More details here](#)



### Animation: The Authorisation Process in Motion!

Applying, consulting, and making a decision: The long and winding road to GMO authorisation in the EU

[▶ start animation](#)




## Stories

### An overview of European consumer polls on attitudes to GMOs


In the field and on the plate, gene technology is seen as controversial, particularly in Europe. The European Commission, as well as national institutes and agencies, regularly conduct polls in order to assay the general tendencies of consumers.


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**Plants**

- Adzuki bean
- Alfalfa
- Apple
- Apricot
- Aubergine
- Avocado
- Banana
- Barley
- Bean
- Blueberry
- Broad bean
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrot
- Cassava
- Cauliflower
- Cherry
- Chestnut
- Chick peas
- Chicory
- Citrus fruits
- Cocoa



**Lettuce**



<b>Research</b>	Tolerance to herbicides, ageing processes, resistance to fungi and insects
<b>Field trials</b>	EU 8 USA 79, Japan
<b>Approval</b>	none
<b>Perspectives</b>	At present no commercial utilisation of GM lettuce is expected.

**Cultivation**

Several types of lettuce including butterhead, iceberg and cos lettuces belong to the *Lactuca sativa*. This type of lettuce grows worldwide in regions with moderate climate and need a lot of water and light. The main producing areas in the EU are in Spain, Italy and France; worldwide the main lettuce producers are China and the USA.

Endive, lamb's lettuce, chicory and radicchio belong to other types of lettuce.


**Utilisation**

Lettuce is mainly consumed raw.

**Gene technology: aims of research and development**

**Agronomic traits**

Weed control

 [Herbicide tolerance](#)

## GE and Food Allergies

### Impact of Bt-corn on monarch butterflies

*A milkweed plant (foreground, left)– the sole food source of monarch butterfly larvae-- grows in a ditch next to a corn field.*



**Genetic engineering usually introduces a new protein into a plant. Could the new protein cause allergic reactions?**



*Photo: USDA*  
*Peanuts, one of the more common food allergens, can cause many people to have severe allergic reactions.*

### GE and Pesticide Use

**Proponents of genetic engineering argue that GE plants could reduce pesticide use. Do they?**



### GE and Antibiotic resistance

**The rise of antibiotic resistant bacteria is a serious human health problem. Could genetic engineering make it worse?**



# Risks and concerns

### Horizontal Gene Transfer

*The tassel atop a corn plant sheds gene-carrying pollen into the wind.*



**In the plant world, genes don't "stay put." Genes from GE plants could move to other non-GE varieties of the same crop or to other wild relatives.**

### Plant Toxins and Antinutrients

**Most plants--including food plants we eat--contain low levels of natural plant toxins. Could genetic engineering inadvertently elevate the levels of these toxins?**



*A chemist measures the levels of toxins in plant tissues to evaluate their safety for animal feed.*

### Increased Weediness

*A researcher inspects a cypress forest that has been swamped by an invasive climbing fern.*



**If genetic engineering significantly alters how a plant grows and reproduces, could normal crop plants become more "weedy" or invasive?**

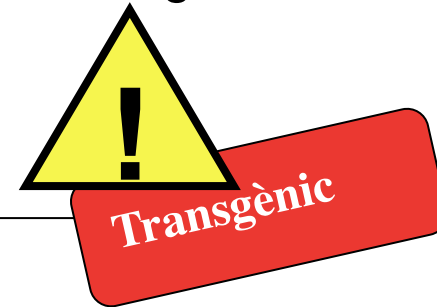
### Experimental Corn Contaminates Soybeans

**A biotech company is currently being investigated by federal authorities after a soybean field was found to be contaminated with one of the company's experimental corn varieties. None of the contaminated soybeans entered the food supply.**

ProdiGene Inc. of College Station, TX, is developing several varieties of genetically engineered corn that produce pharmaceutical and industrial-related compounds. Among them are corn plants that produce trypsin (a protein used in the processing of insulin and in other research applications), oral vaccines, antibodies, and other enzymes for industrial uses. Most of these crops are experimental and not yet grown commercially, but ProdiGene does have trial fields of some of these crops in several states.



# Normativa europea sobre l'etiquetat de productes transgènics (Març de 2004)



## S'han d'etiquetar

- 1) tots els OMG agraris i ramaders de consum humà
- 2) Els productes elaborats que continguin algún ingredient derivat d'OMG > 0,9% (encara que no sigui detectable en una anàlisi final d'ADN)

### Exemples:

- Aliments elaborats amb additius transgènics (farines, dextroses, olis, midons)
- Productes a granel (fruites i verdures)
- Pinsos fets de cereals transgènics



## No s'ha d'etiquetar

- 1) Carn, llet o greix d'animals alimentats amb pinsos transgènics
- 2) Ous d'aus alimentats amb pinsos transgènics

Informació visible i sense termes confusos