

## Johnny Avellaneda: Argentina



**Major Crops:** Corn, soybeans, cotton  
**Farm Size:** 4,000 hectares  
**Years Farming:** 30+  
**First Planted Biotech Crops:** 1996  
**Favorite Benefits:** Food security for humanity. Higher yields. Innovative technology  
**Family:** Married, five children

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### Video Transcript:

... They call me Johnny Avellaneda. ... I work on a family farm, a big farm. And since the beginning, I was very enthusiastic working in high technology. If we didn't have technology, I wouldn't be working on the farm. ...

... Biotechnology, I think is something very important. ... And, Argentina was one of the countries that accepted this knowledge more rapidly. ...

... 90 percent of our corn is Bt. ... In soybeans, it's extraordinary. ...

... If you do things, the right seed and the right moment, it makes a hell of a difference in yields. ...

... I would say we've had in some small places, the highest yields in the world. ...

... I believe that technology can do a lot of things. ... It will help humanity. ...

... And here, with this kind of technology also, you should use half of the hours of tractors in the field. So someone will be more in his house, I would say, with his family. ...

... That's why I don't see why there are a lot of people that are against this biotechnology. ...

... I think it's important to have your mind open to new things. ... I like investigation. I like farming with new expectations.

