

## Roman Bernal: Philippines



**Major Crops:** Corn, rice  
**Farm Size:** 3 hectares  
**Years Farming:** 45  
**First Planted Biotech Crops:** 2003  
**Favorite Benefits:** Better insect control. Increased yields. Less pesticide spraying.  
**Family:** Married, with 8 children and 17 grandchildren

“We helped pay for the house with our income from corn farming.”



### Video Transcript:

*Roman Bernal*

I've been a farmer since we got married in 1960. ...

... the old house we had – which was torn down – whenever it rained, there were lots of basins scattered around to catch the dripping water. ... What we earn from our corn harvest, that is what we are using to have this house built.

*Adelaida Bernal*

I was so happy! That is what I felt in my bones – so happy ... because when it rains, we don't get wet anymore. ...



*Roman Bernal*

With YieldGard, all I am paying for is fertilizer and water. So it's pretty easy compared to when you have ordinary corn and you have to spend for pesticides. You have to spend for many other things just to control the pests. ... There are no problems. You don't even need to check your corn to see if there's worms. And you don't have to buy pesticide for spraying. You also had to worry about the money to buy the spray before. But now, there are no problems like that anymore. ...



... Before I planted YieldGard, I'd be so tired I could not even bring myself to give her a hug, especially after spraying. Now, there's no problem like that ... I can even kiss her now. ...

If there is no supply of YieldGard anymore, we might not see this house completed. We will not be planting other corn. It would be a waste of money.

*Adelaida Bernal*

I thought it was impossible to build a big house. But with biotech, we got what we have been dreaming for – for so long.

*Roman Bernal*

So ... my grandchildren can proudly say I left them a legacy from my corn farming. That is my dream.