

Jesus Gavino: Philippines



Major Crops: Corn, rice
Farm Size: 12 hectares
Years Farming: 14+
First Planted Biotech Crops: 2003
Favorite Benefits: Increased income.
 Improved standard of living. Less labor.
Family: Married, five children

“With the help of biotech, we can send our children to school.”



Video Transcript:

I am Jesus Tan Gavino ... When my father stopped farming in 1991, I took over ... and since then I've been farming this land. ...

Of course, we are very happy since having used YieldGard. The reason that we've been hard at work in farming corn is so that we can send our children to school and provide for our families. Especially for farming couples who still have children in school, YieldGard is a big help because it will increase their income as their harvests increase.



... In general, with better incomes, corn farmers are not only able to send their children to school, their overall standard of living has also improved. Also, some of our farmers were able to build an extension for their house. ... So other than just generating income, they are also able to acquire assets that can help them improve their standard of living.

... Since corn farming is no longer as laborious with YieldGard, I now have time to take my wife to school and back. Same thing with my children ... Unlike before when corn farming needed a lot of work and took a lot of time. ... And of course, because I earn more with YieldGard, we've been able to buy some things that we need at home.



... And one more thing, from what we have seen with YieldGard, you can already harvest the corn even when the leaves are still fresh. This way our fellow farmers who own cattle and water buffalo also benefit, because they can feed the leftover cornstalk to their herd. ...

... I can say that right now, after planting YieldGard for two years, I don't see anything to complain about. There's just more and more farmers who want to plant corn. ...