

## Pedro Lerín: Spain



**Major Crops:** Corn  
**Farm Size:** 500 hectares  
**Years Farming:** 25+  
**First Planted Biotech Crops:** 1998  
**Favorite Benefits:** More time with family. Less pesticide spraying.  
**Family:** Married, two children

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### Video Transcript:

My name is Pedro Lerín. I've been in farming since I was 14 years old. ... This is something I've always liked to do. My parents were farmers, and I have always liked this line of work. Naturally, if you like what you do, then the outcome is better for the future. ...

The difference in my business between now and the way it used to be 10 years ago is huge. It has changed completely. ...

... By planting a transgenic corn, for example, we have a better yield, cleaner grain and a better quality. The feed manufacturers appreciate it much more. Truly it is very beneficial – a very big advantage. ...



... And through these tests that we have performed during the past years, we can see that it is something very interesting, which provides benefits – which in one word are very healthy. ...

Biotechnology helps the environment very much. It helps in avoiding to apply so much insecticide and fungicide treatments of all kinds. It creates better grain – much healthier without diseases. It prevents many infestations. It is very beneficial. ...



... To the people that don't want to use biotechnology, I tell them not to be afraid, to open up, to listen, to see what happens with biotechnology – the progress that it means. And, not to let themselves be influenced by things that are not true. ...

... There are some people who have heard much weird news in the press. Those whom, at the beginning, were a little bit leery about these types of crops. But as time goes by, through looking at the results, they are becoming more convinced and feeling safe...

Biotechnology means a lot to me and my family. ... It saves us from having to apply two or three treatments to the corn, which means many, many hours of work. This extra amount of time is time I can spend with my wife and my children. It takes much less worrying. ... And this way, we have a lot of peace and tranquility.