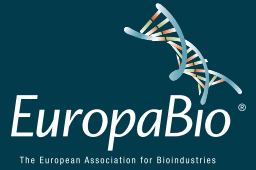


# EU MEMBER STATES AND GMOS

## WHAT THEY SAY AND WHAT THEY DO



*To vote  
with science  
or not to vote?  
That is the  
question...*



### EU FARMS RELY ON TRADE

Almost all soya is provided by South and North American countries, where GM technology adoption is over 90%. In total, the EU imports approximately 35 million tonnes (MT) per year or over 60 kg of soya bean products per citizen (including crushed soya meal). Soya beans primarily feed our cows, pigs and chickens, helping EU livestock farms prosper which drives EU exports, jobs and growth.



### TRADE AND POLITICS

Food and feed trade is unevenly distributed between the Member States who also take different political positions on genetic modification (GM). Despite ample evidence that GM foods are as safe as conventional foods, some EU countries regularly vote against scientific advice in the product approval process, which each GMO has to complete before being placed on the EU market.



### IS THERE A CORRELATION BETWEEN TRADE VOLUME AND VOTING BEHAVIOR?

Big importers  
**voting against science:**  
Slovenia, Cyprus



Big importers **voting with science:**  
Netherlands, Spain,  
Ireland



Big importers with **variable  
voting records:** Germany,  
Denmark, Belgium



**There is no clear correlation between trade volume and voting behaviour.**  
The latter is politically determined and often does not follow science nor farmers' needs.

EU COUNTRY <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL IMPORT OF SOYA BEANS & MEAL <sup>2</sup>	IMPORTS PER CITIZEN PER YEAR	DID VOTING FOLLOW SCIENCE IN 2016?
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AUSTRIA	0.5 MT	56 KG per Austrian per year	
BELGIUM			
LUXEMBOURG	1.6 MT <sup>3</sup>	135 KG per citizen per year	
BULGARIA	0.1 MT	14 KG per Bulgarian per year	
CYPRUS	0.04 MT	36 KG per Cypriot per year	
CZECH REPUBLIC	0.4 MT	38 KG per Czech per year	
CROATIA	0.2 MT	47 KG per Croat per year	
DENMARK	1.6 MT	285 KG per Dane per year	
ESTONIA	0.02 MT	15 KG per Estonian per year	
FINLAND	0.2 MT	37 KG per Fin per year	
FRANCE	4.1 MT	60 KG per Frenchman per year	
GERMANY	6.6 MT	80 KG per German per year	
GREECE	0.6 MT	54 KG per Greek per year	
HUNGARY	0.4 MT	40 KG per Hungarian per year	
IRELAND	0.5 MT	100 KG per Irish per year	
ITALY	3.4 MT	57 KG per Italian per year	
LATVIA	0.1 MT	50 KG per Latvian per year	
LITHUANIA	0.1 MT	34 KG per Lithuanian per year	
MALTA	0.01 MT	25 KG per Maltese per year	
NETHERLANDS	8.1 MT	470 KG per Dutch per year	
POLAND	2.3 MT	58 KG per Pole per year	
PORTUGAL	0.9 MT	86 kg per Portuguese per year	
ROMANIA	0.5 MT	25 KG per Romanian per year	
SLOVAKIA	0.1 MT	18 KG per Slovak per year	
SLOVENIA	0.9 MT	300 KG per Slovenian per year	
SPAIN	5.5 MT	117 KG per Spaniard per year	
SWEDEN	0.2 MT	21 KG per Swede per year	
UNITED KINGDOM	2.8 MT	43 KG per Brit per year	

<sup>1</sup> Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain are the main entry points of GM imports from third countries. An important part of their imports and the imports from other Member States, such as Slovenia, is later exported to other EU Member States.

<sup>2</sup> Including intra-EU trade  
<sup>3</sup> Common data for Belgium and Luxembourg