

# The Benefits of Biotechnology

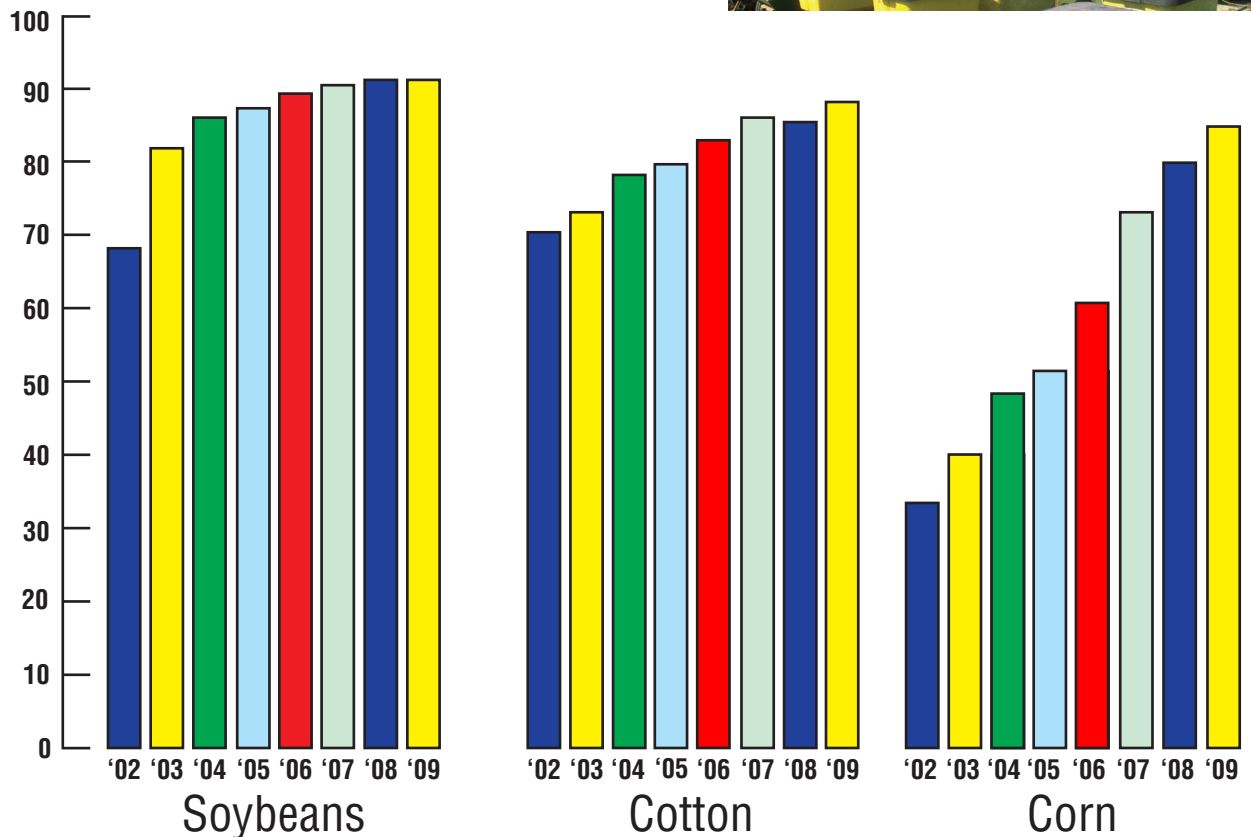
In 2006, U.S. biotech planted crops produced an additional 7.7 billion pounds of food and fiber, increased farm income \$2.6 billion, and reduced use of pesticides by 110 million pounds.

Biotech corn and soybeans increased Illinois food production by more than 1.2 billion pounds, improved farm income by more than \$326 million and reduced pesticide use by more than 12.5 million pounds annually.

Source: National Center for Food & Agricultural Policy

## Biotech crops

Percent of Plantings in the U.S.



Source: NASS/Acreage June 2009