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### **Korea Approves Several Biotech Events**

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**Report Highlights:**

Korea has completed the two-part approval process for two single and three stacked biotech events this year. Several additional approvals are expected before year's end. The approval of these and other pending events pave the way for the smooth flow of more than \$2 billion worth of U.S. grain exports to Korea.

**General Information:**

As of October 19, 2011, Korea has approved two single trait events and three stacked events. The approved crops include both corn and soybeans events. See table below for details. Several additional events are expected to be approved before the end of the year. The timeliness of these and future approvals is critical in ensuring that more than \$2 billion worth of U.S. grain exports, most of which is derived from biotechnology, continues flowing to Korea without interruption.

The approval process has two parts. The Korea Food & Drug Administration conducts the food safety assessment. The Rural Development Administration performs an environmental review, which is sometimes referred to as a feed review, in consultation with several supporting agencies.

Please refer to our [Korea Biotech Annual Report](#) for more information on the current regulatory situation and for a complete list of approved biotech events.

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Trait</b>	<b>Food &amp; Feed (ERA) 1/</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
Corn	NK603 X T25	Monsanto	HT	Food & Feed	2010 & 2011
Corn	Mon89034 X TC1507 X Nk603	Monsanto/ Dow	HT, IR	Food & Feed	2010 & 2011
Corn	Bt11 X MIR162 X MIR604 XGA21	Syngenta	HT, IR	Food & Feed	2010 & 2011
Corn	Event3272	Syngenta	Functional	Food & Feed	2011
Soy	LLSoy	Bayer	HT	Food & Feed	2011

1/ Note: Biotechnology crops are required to undergo a food safety assessment and environmental risk assessment (ERA). Of note, the ERA is sometimes referred to as a feed approval, though the review is largely focused on the impact to the environment, not animal health.