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State Department Outreach Activities on Agricultural Biotechnology



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State Department's Role in Biotechnology

- Covers all trade issues related to biotechnology
- Covers food aid/development issues involving biotechnology



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Interagency Coordination





Biotechnology & Textile Trade Division

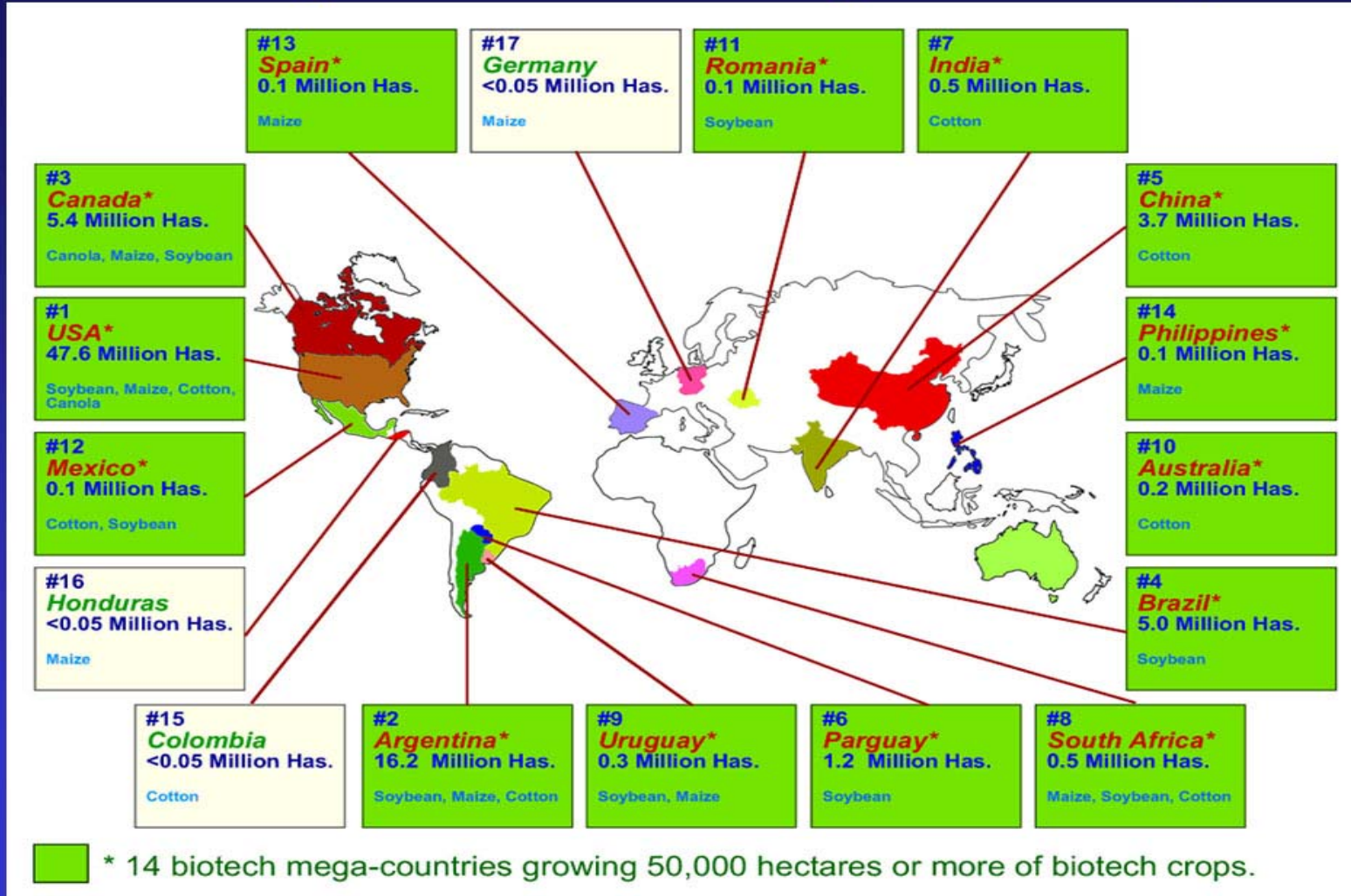
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Biotechnology Today



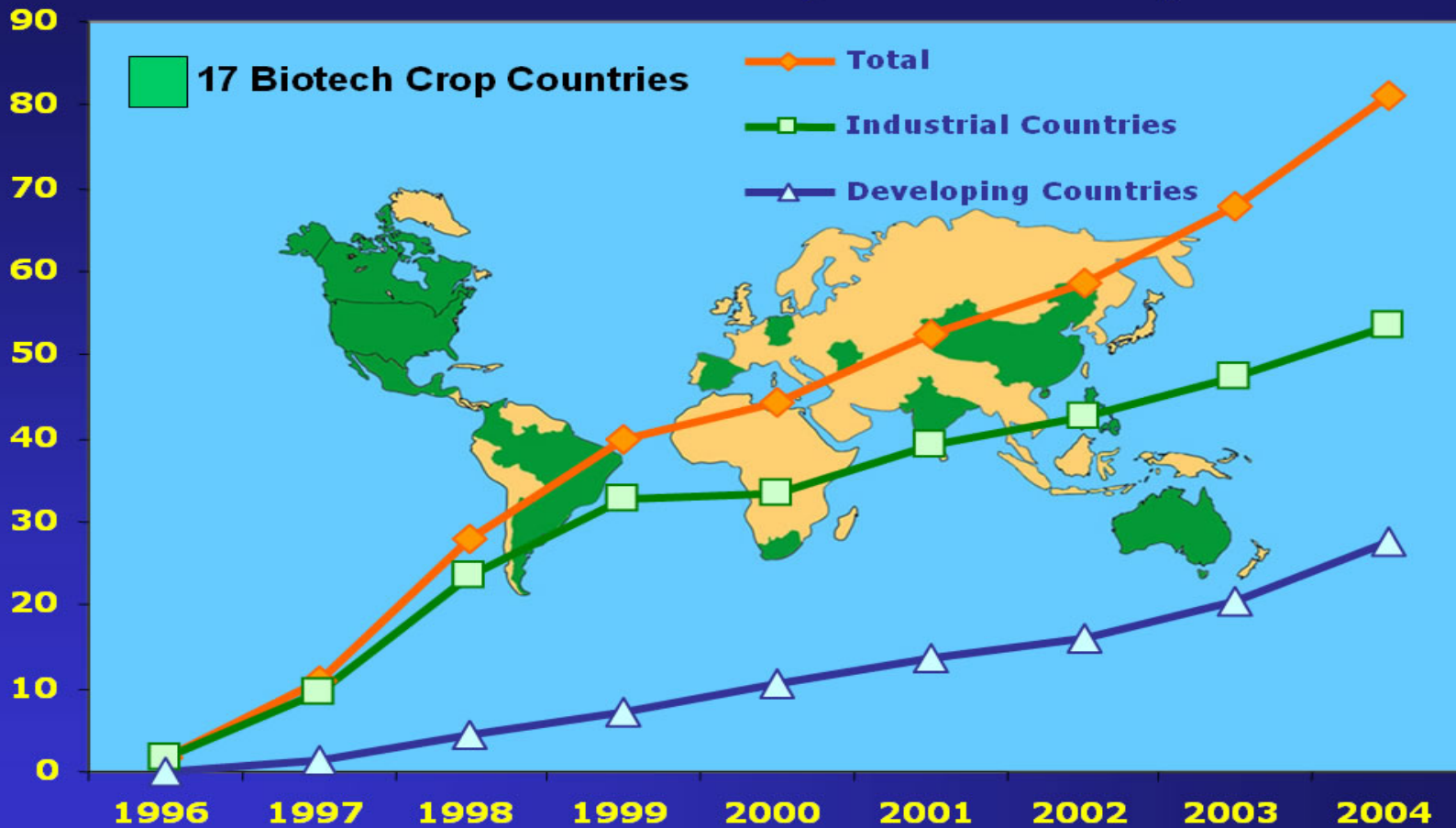
Global Biotech Outlook

Biotech Crop Countries and Mega-Countries*, 2004



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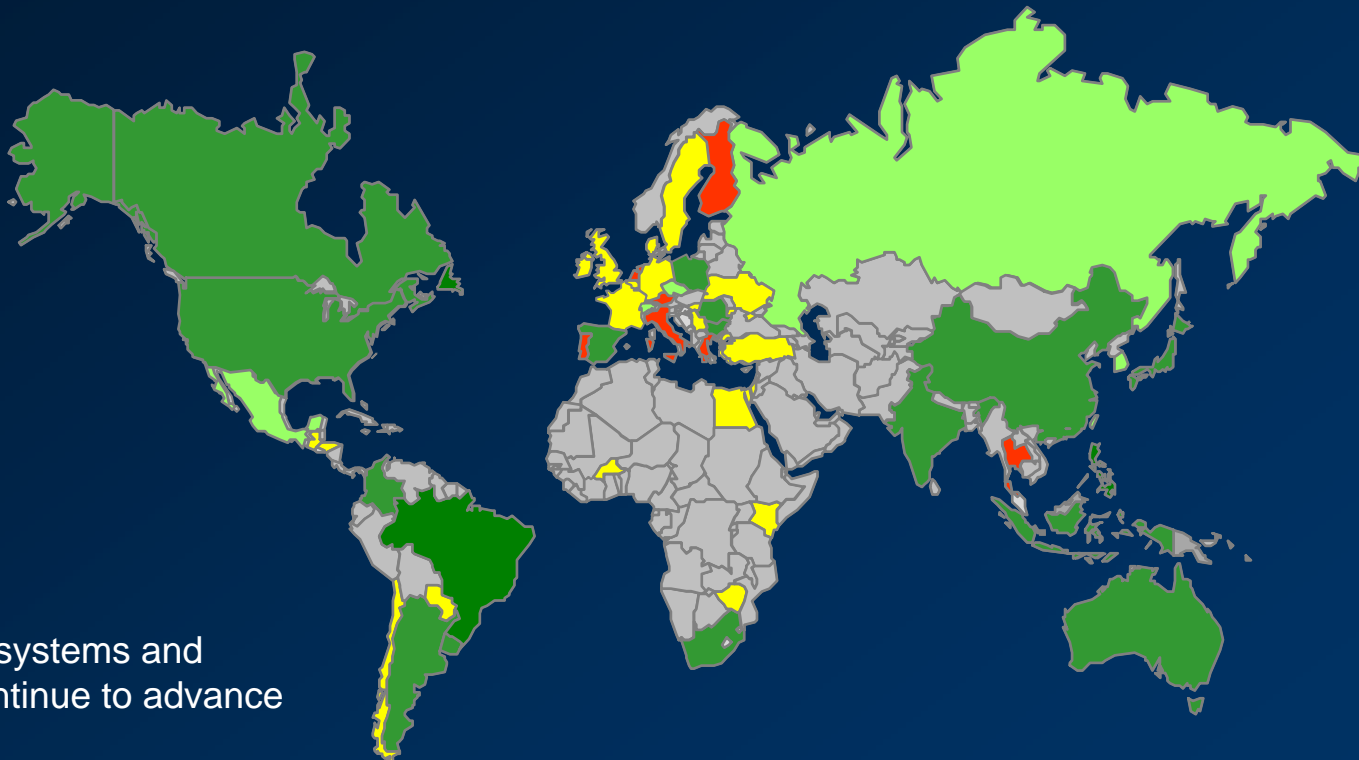
**Global Area of Biotech Crops
Million Hectares (1996 to 2004)**



Increase of 20%, 13.3 million hectares of 32.9 million acres between 2003 and 2004

Source: Clive James, 2004

Commercialization



Regulatory systems and capacity continue to advance

- Granting Production & Import Approvals
- Granting Import Approvals

- Conducting Pre-Commercial Field Trials
- Commercialization Delayed

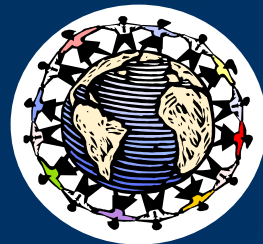


Global Trade and Development Issues



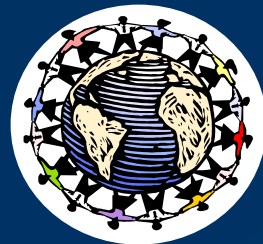
Major Goals

- Promote science-based regulatory systems
- Maintain flow of trade while ensuring health and environmental safety of products
- Reduce hunger and poverty and increase incomes in developing world



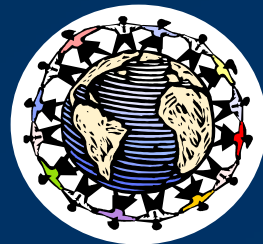
Outreach on Trade and Development

- Codex Alimentarius (CCFL, Biotech Working Group...)
- Biosafety Protocol
- OECD
- FAO and other UN Organizations
- Other Forums



Outreach Activities

- Speaker Programs
- International Visitor Programs
- Voluntary Visitor Programs
- Workshops and conferences
- Editorials and other media
- Dialogue with policymakers, journalists, consumers



Outreach Resources

- EB Travel Budget
- Biotechnology Outreach Funds (\$500,000)
 - Speakers
 - Workshops
 - Translation
 - U.S. Website

