International Trade and Policies for Genetically Modified Products

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International Trade and Policies for Genetically Modified Products compiles the presentations from the 8th International Conference of the International Consortium on Agricultural Biotechnology Research (2004) into a study of the numerous issues surrounding agricultural biotechnology, with a specific focus on the implications to US and European markets.

With five sections discussing analytical and empirical studies, trade models, the scope of spill over, and intellectual property rights, each section easily stands alone as a reference. Combined, the book provides a unique look at numerous facets of the agricultural biotechnology industry, providing valuable insight for researchers, policy makers, and biotech companies. Any decision maker in this industry will find useful the varied analysis and studies, drawing on historical case studies including genetically modified (GM) soybeans and Bt cotton. The collection as a whole highlights the benefits of GM products, although the academic source of the material presented ensures that the book is not heavily biased, but has instead reached such conclusions through reasonable methodology.

Although the economics analyses is likely dense for the average layman, anyone with a very specific interest in GM products can find material of note. The combination of extremely detailed chapters on a wide variety of subjects results in a unique resource; for those within the field of agricultural biotechnology, International Trade and Policies for Genetically Modified Products has earned a place on their reference shelf.

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