

FARMERS SEEK TECH FROM VARSITIES FOR GOOD YIELD

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The overwhelming success of Bt cotton has got farmers interested in new technologies available in the market. They are flooding agricultural universities with requests for good seeds and better technologies to help them fight pests affecting the crops, said Indian researchers at a seminar on *Global Biosafety Management* by the Cornell University and Sathguru.

The farmers feel their main concern is good output and that concern must be addressed first, said Professor P. Balasubramanian, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

"The money from the harvest goes mostly for repayment of loans... To stop this, technology must be transferred to the farmers in the country," said Dr K. Manorama, professor at the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University