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USDA Seeks Public Comment on Petition To Deregulate Insect-Resistant Corn Developed Using Genetic Engineering



The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) invites public comment on a petition from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. to deregulate an insect-resistant corn (COR-00121-4) developed using genetic engineering. The insect-resistant corn variety provides protection against certain lepidopteran pests.

The public will have 60 days to review and comment on the petition and draft Plant Pest Risk Assessment (PPRA). APHIS encourages submission of scientific data, studies, or research in support of comments.

Beginning November 9, 2026, members of the public can submit comments through January 8, 2027, on the petition and draft PPRA by going to www.regulations.gov and entering “APHIS-2026-1288” into the Search field.

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