TRANSGENIC COTTON DEVELOPMENT: AGRO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND COMPARATIVE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The development of transgenic crop since its first launched to the public in 1995 results in high expectation in order to boost the agricultural productivity, particularly in cotton. Higher yield and higher return are the expectation of cotton growers especially for poor-resource farmers due to low income household. This study provides the evidence of implementing Genetically Modified (GM) cotton based on the meta-data which derived from indvidual studies more than one decade in China, India, USA and Australia as the comparative study. Economic performance is the analysis of economic indicators such as yield gain, seed cost, pesticide cost, management and labor cost, and net return in which the comparison between GM cotton and its counterpart worldwide overtime. Study findings that it is clear that this technology is not superior and still need to be suitable for the given production situation, and also depending on the specific pest pressure and other relevant local condition to optimize per hectare returns. This study results that this merit technology can vary in different ecological environments.

Key Words: Transgenic Cotton, Potential, Economy, Meta-Data, Technology

1. INTRODUCTION

Cotton is important for many developing countries, either as a cash crop and/or as an input into their textile industry. It is receiving more attention of late for two reasons. One is because, thanks to genetic modification using modern biotechnology, new insect-resistant and herbicide-tolerant cotton varieties are emerging that are proving to be more productive than traditional varieties of cotton. [1] Bt cotton, with engineered protection against tobacco budworm, bollworm and pink bollworm, was produced in the late 1980s by Monsanto, one of the world‟s major agrochemical companies. This Bt cotton underwent field trials in the USA in the early 1990s and following approval from the EPA cultivation of Bollgard®, the commercial name for Bt cotton, began in 1996 in the USA and in 1997 in China.

Soon after a further 13 countries approved Bollgard®, including South Africa and in 2002 it was adopted, after regulatory studies which began in 1995, in India These are the major transgenic cotton-producing countries today [2].

Moreover, further commercial products have been developed e.g. RoundupReady® cotton (i.e. with herbicide resistance), which has been commercially available since 1997 and which is grown only in the USA. Bollgard II® is an improved version of the original Bollgard® cotton; it contains two genes from B. thuringiensis which confer resistance to a wider range of insect pests including budworms, bollworms, armyworms and loopers, plus saltmarsh caterpillars and cotton leaf perforators. It was approved in the USA in 2002 and first planted in 2003. Subsequently stacked gene varieties of GM cotton have been develped. These comprise varieties with Bollgard® plus RoundupReady and Bollgard II® plus RoundupReady® Flex cotton (the latter has improved herbicide resistance) with both insect and herbicide resistance [2].

Given the development of genetic modification since the its first launched which has been spread among the farmers worldwide will be driving a question what has been experience so far in terms of the contribution they can bring a large size of economic value for cotton growers. This paper through the meta-data based on the individual studies more than one decade since 1996 provides the data and information in agro-economics of the GM cotton performance as comparative study of the benfit of GM cotton over time.

2. AGRO-ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

Higher yield and higher economic value is the most important thing as the high expectation of cotton grower. Moreover, economic indicators such as seed cost, pesticide cost, management and labor cost should be considered as the whole economic analysis. A significantly higher cotton yield due to the adoption of transgenic cotton can be seen at Table 1 which is indicated in China and India. The estimated yield increase due to the Genetically Modified (GM) cotton ranges from 5.6% in Australia and USA to China (18.4%) and 33% in India. A cross country analysis proof the evidence that seed cost, as the consequences of using transgenic cotton is much higher than its conventional. There were significantly higher seed cost for transgenic cotton than its counterpart in the cases of China, India, and USA. The estimated of mark-up of seed cost for GM cotton ranges from 51.9% (China) to more than 100% in India and more than 200% in USA. Put another way, seed cost in China is the cheapest input compare to any other country.

Table 1. Economic performance indicator of meta-data analysis by country and by Trait

Country	Trait	Economic performance indicator (Average)					
		Yield (Kg/ha)	Seed costs (US$/ha)	Pesticide costs (US$/ha)	Management and labor costs (US$/ha)	Total Cost (US$/Ha)	Net Revenue (US$/ha)
China	Transgenic	3080*** (1.0182)	58.65 (11.8293)	61.3*** (28.9172)	949.79 (308.7673)	1069.74	672.56 (601.8637)
	Non Transgenic	2600 (0.8608)	38.59 (21.7072)	191.5 (162.2929)	1094.9 (292.9018)	1279.99	-41.28 (408.2033)
	% Change	18.4	51.9	-67.9	-13.25		1720.9
India	Transgenic	1920** (0.57920)	76.83 (13.2792)	76.9*** (37.5295)	365.21** (207.6711)	518.94	402.43*** (288.1860)
	Non Transgenic	1440 (0.4468)	27.0 (6.3946)	111.87 (51.3595)	293.99 (105.0056)	432.86	270.64 (151.1514)
	% Change	33.0	184.5	-31.25	24.22		48.69
USA	Transgenic	1250** (0.42599)	108.52 (52.89003)	102.18** (109.260)	192.06 (212.2875)	402.76	1212.0* (570.9904)
	Non Transgenic	1183.3 (0.4369)	34.05 (17.7358)	113.61 (135.6949)	194.68 (198.9211)	342.34	1055.1 (435.56654)
	% Change	5.6	218.7	10.0	1.34		14.87
Australia[1)]	Transgenic	1680** (0.2573)	n.a.	503.73*** (110.8874)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Non Transgenic	1590 (0.4748)	n.a.	643.26 (144.6791)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	% Change	5.66	n.a.	-21.69	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Source : [3]

Note : standard deviation in parentheses

1) Due to the low number of observations, transgenic cotton in Australia are not statistically analyzed

*, **, *** denote significance at the 10, 5 and 1% level respectively (comparison are made by t- test)

Higher yield and higher economic value are the grower expectation by using high technology and needed to proof that cotton biotechnology is positively associated with high income. Transgenic cotton are expected to be used as the novel technology which resistant to insect pest and to be highly beneficial through reducing of pesticide usage despite the high cost of transgenic seed. This sub-chapter provided the comparison information focusing on yield and net return as the noteworthy component in the economic indicators and provides the comprehensive study across country based on the database set which have collected in this study. Meta data found that some of the data from the authors are not available because there is no information from them, and it is difficult to investigate it. It is compelling that comparative study wants to show the data and the information from the authors in terms of the differences of yield and net return between transgenic and non transgenic cotton over time.

3. COMPARATIVE STUDY

China is a great country in terms of transgenic cotton technology, since the first year commercialization in 1999, this technology had rapidly adopted. For example, in Shandong farmers had converted the conventional cotton since 2002. In the other word, there were no conventional seeds in Shandong province in 2002. Only two years needed China had successfully spread this technology at that time, spill over among the farmers. Figure 1 represents the Bt cotton adoption in China.

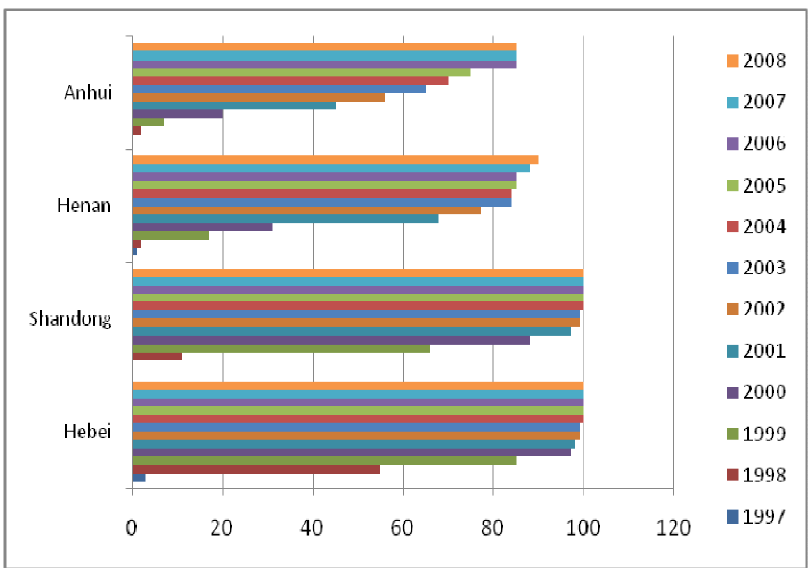


Figure 1. Bt cotton adoption (%) in China and Samples Provinces, 1997–2008. Source: [4]

Figure 1 depicts the percentage of Bt cotton adoption between 1997 and 2008 in China with 4 sample provinces. This reveals that since 1997 Bt cotton has been adopted by the farmers in Hebei and Henan then has been spread widely in Anhui and Shandong. In the subsequent years we found that Bt cotton adoption was increased sharply 100% between 2000 and 2002 in Shandong, whilst in Hebei rose dramatically between 2000 and 2004. Moreover, in Anhui and Henan Bt cotton adoption has been adopted widely in 2008 by 90% and 85%, respectively. Indeed, the cultivation of Bt cotton has steadily expanded outside of the study areas to more southern provinces, e.g. Jiangsu and Hubei [4]. This is indicates that since 2001 conventional cotton was disappeared in Shandong and Hebei, whilst in Anhui and Henan conventional cotton was not available in 2008. Therefore, study findings about the comparison between Bt cotton and non-cotton in China has been not provided since 2004 particularly in Shandong, Hebei and also in Henan and Anhui in 2008. To sum up, the area planted in Bt cotton has increased sharply since its commercialization in 1996, and therefore conventional cotton was disappeared in some regions dramatically.

Moreover, we presented the data which can be seen at Table 2 about yield gain and net revenue using Bt cotton over its conventional over time in China. The data which derived between 1999 and 2001 indicated that Bt cotton yield was higher than its conventional even it is not actually greater [5]. The differences between Bt cotton and its counterpart from 1999 to 2001 in some different regions (Mostly data collected in Shandong, Hebei, Henan, Anhui and Jiangsu) in China ranged between 29 q/h and 34 q/ha for Bt cotton and non Bt cotton ranged between 19 q/ha and 32 q/ha. [4] One study found that the adoption of Bt cotton had a minor impact on yield gain compare to its conventional based on the farmer's survey in Shandong, Hebei and Jiangsu between 2001 and 2002, respectively. Moreover, [6] another study finding in 1999 shows that there is no significant different between Bt cotton and its counterpart in Shandong (33 q/ha and 32 q/ha, respectively).

Study of the commercial growing of different varieties of *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) cotton compares the performance of growing conventional across the regions in China suggest that overall Bt cotton are higher than its conventional but are not highly different, yet its yield performance is little better than non-Bt cotton (Figure 2). In terms of net return we can see at Figure 7,overall, it can be stated that Bt cotton had significantly higher than non Bt cotton which ranged between USD 1,558/ha and USD -310/ha. The data derived from different authors, looking not simply at differences between transgenic cotton and its counterpart in terms of economic performance. This study ignore how to measure net returns among the authors, even the meta data found that some of the authors could not figure out the net returns precisely and although it is debatable there is no space here to discuss it.

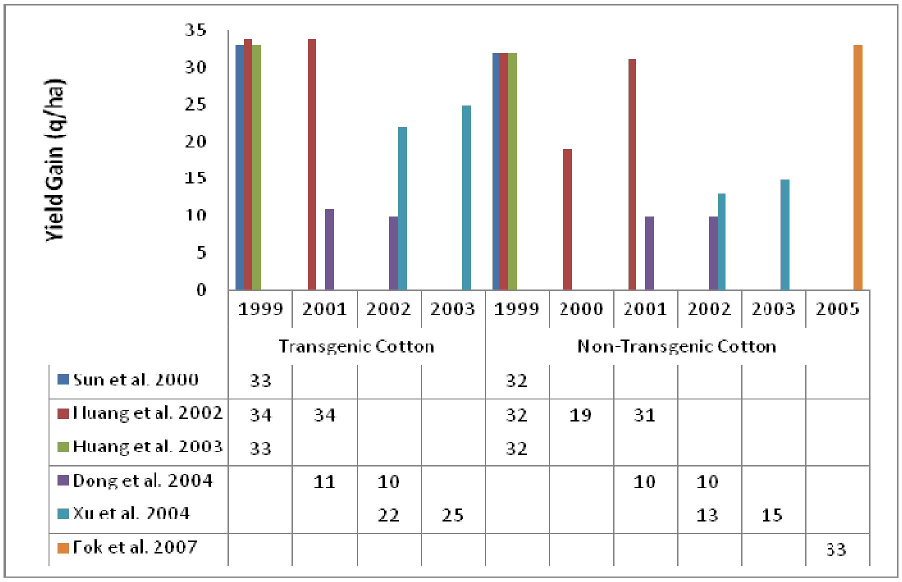


Figure 2. Yield Gain of Bt cotton over its counterpart across regions over time in China

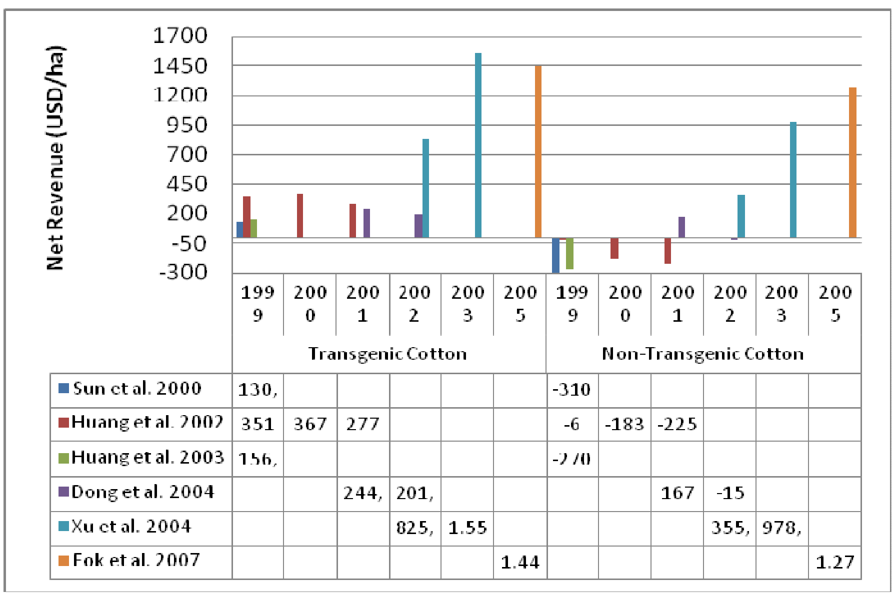


Figure 3. Economic performance of Bt cotton over its counterpart across regions over time in China

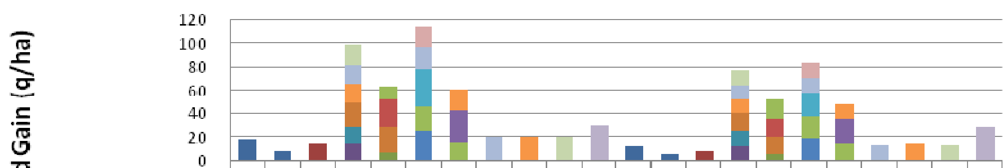
Figure 3 reports that all of non-Bt cotton varieties across the regions in China between 1999 and 2002 which rely on the individual studies resulting in negative value, whilst the transgenic cotton had the positive value. Study also found negative net return [6] in Shandong province by the year of 1999 (USD -310/ha) and [7] data from Hebei and Shandong in 1999 (USD-270/ha). This result is consequential. Therefore, China became a great country which rapidly adopted transgenic cotton.

This data automatically answer that farmers in china preferred to choose Bt seed converted their growing area of cotton. Consequently, nowadays it is difficult to find out non transgenic seed among the farmers across the regions in China. Thus the data of non Bt cotton since 2005 was not available in this study. Surprisingly (see Table 2), [8] from the field trials in 2003 shows highest net return (USD 1,558) of Bt cotton compare to any other study. [9] Study from the survey in Jiangsu in 2005 shows the highest value of non Bt cotton by USD 1,271 among conventional cotton.

In assessing the empirics of Bt cotton, there are two nested but separable question, one agronomic, one economic. Yield measured is the one of agronomic aspects, and net return is the one of economic indicators. Meta data study in India found a group of researcher and industry writers have constructed a narrative of technology merit for Bt cotton, based on an empirical record of superior performance compared to conventional seed. Mostly, data sourced from the industry journal authentication system which creates pro-GM facts through the interaction of a different set of interested parties. Study found that not only the proponents but also the opponents staked out their position during the field trials. Table 3 shows the proponents and opponents of this technology and see the differences between transgenic cotton and its counterpart in terms of yield and net returns.

Table 3 reports counterfactual study in India between transgenic cotton and its counterpart based on the different authors which have conducted their study from 1998 to 2009. Yield difference between transgenic cotton and non transgenic cotton is fully vary across the regions in India. For example, in some regions such as in Gujarat and Karnataka Bt cotton somewhat higher than non-Bt cotton, whilst in other regions Bt cotton is significantly higher than its conventional. However, meta data also found that transgenic cotton production is lower than its counterpart in Andhra Pradesh. In the case of net returns based on the database shows that in some regions Bt cotton has strongly positive net impacts, although this study found that Bt cotton has negative net impacts in Gujarat, and also shows that conventional varieties gained higher profit than Bt cotton in Andhra Pradesh.

Figure 4 and 5 reveals the differences of yield gain and net return based on the peer-reviewed and non peer- reviewed across the regions in India. [10] Studied in Tamil Nadu in the year of 2004-2005 reported that Bt cotton yield was definitely much higher than its conventional and also was the highest yield than any other transgenic varieties. This graph illustrates that Bt cotton yield has a stable pattern over time across the regions in India. Several studies based on the meta data suggest that Bt cotton provide the evidence that its performance gain high yield advantage compare to its conventional.



	Transgenic Cotton											Non Transgenic Cotton										
	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Gaurav, et al. 2012											30											29
Kathage, et al. 2011				17						20					13						14	
Subramanian, et al. 2010						18											13					
Sadashivappa, et al. 2009				16		18		20							12		13		14			
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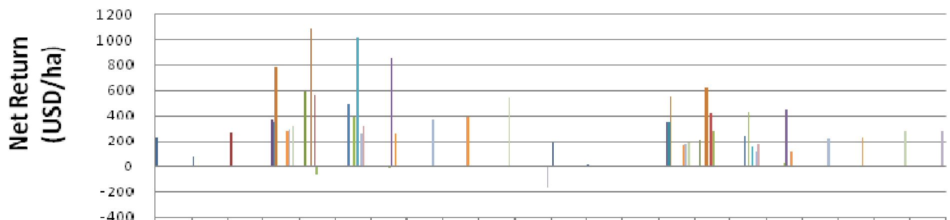
Loganathan, et al. 2009						33											20					
Patil, et al. 2007							27											21				
Qayum, et al. 2006					11	20	16									17	19	15				
Narayamoorthy, et al. 2006					24											16						
Gandhi, et al. 2006						26											19					
Morse, et al. 2005				21	22										15	14						
Pemsl, et al. 2004				14											13							
Orphal, J. 2005				15											13							
Bennet, et al. 2005					7											6						
Qaim, M. 2003			15											8								
Naik, G. 2001	18	8										13	6									

Figure 4. Agronomic performance of Bt cotton over its counterpart across regions over time in India

Figure 4 depicts that overall results transgenic cotton in yield gain is relatively higher than its conventional. A little bit surprisingly [11], we found lower yield of transgenic cotton over non transgenic cotton assessed in 2003, and slightly different by scientists [12,13,14,15]. Therefore, study findings suggest that the outstanding lesson from the studies published to date is that the performance of transgenic cotton has varied widely, across farms and farmers, parental varieties, regions and seasons.

Another scientist who studied about farmers perception in Northern China found that farmers' main reasons for adopting Bt cotton was to save labor (97%), reduce pesticide application (91%), get high yield (88%) and grow cotton more profitably (85%) [16]. Whilst, [17] farmers opined in Karnataka found that there was a positive and significant impact of Bt cotton on their farm income by 94% and yield enhancement by 80% based on the farmers survey between 2007 and 2008. That is income gain is the main reason of farmers who willing to adopt transgenic cotton. Figure 5 reveals that the net return of Bt cotton is significantly different over non Bt cotton in India event its trend was not stable over time.



	Transgenic Cotton											Non-Transgenic Cotton										
	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Naik, G. 2001	236	76										181,	19									
Qaim, M. 2003			272											15,7								
Bennet, et al. 2005					596,											210,						
Orphal, J. 2005				372,											348,							
Pemsl, et al. 2004				350,											349							
Morse, et al. 2005				784,	1.08										547,	626						
Gandhi, et al. 2006						493,											243,					
Narayamoorthy, et al. 2006					566,											420,						
Qayum, et al. 2006					-67	398,	-13,									279,	437,	32,5				
Patil, et al. 2007							851,											456,				
Loganathan, et al. 2009						1.01											151,					
Sadashivappa, et al. 2009				278,			258,		399,						164,			113,		234,		
Sadashivappa, et al. 2009				288,		262,		379,							170,		114,		222,			
Subramanian, et al. 2010						322,											175,					
Kathage, et al. 2011				322,						542,					188,						278,	
Gaurav, et al. 2012											-165											280

Figure 5. Net returns of Bt cotton over its counterpart across regions over time in India

Figure 5 reveals the highest net return in the year of 2004 (USD 1,014.7/ha) [9], and the lowest has been founded (USD -164.9/ha) in 2009 [12]. Whilst non Bt cotton counterparts ranged between USD 19/ha and USD 626/ha. To date, study findings that the results of large number studies seem to indicate that net return of Bt cotton is higher than non Bt cotton except study in Karnataka [14], [11] in Andhra Pradesh and [12] in Gujarat. Another found that higher profitability was the top most reason for choosing to grow Bt cotton [10]. In this regard, study suggests that it is clearly shows that the profit realized from Bt cotton is substantially higher than that of non Bt cotton.

The goal of state variety testing in the United States of America is to compare not only agronomic potential but also economic potential of commercially available cotton cultivars. Nowadays, in USA transgenic cotton cultivars have been developed and have been widely spread to provide growers with additional options for weed and insect control. Table 4 illustrates the economic indicator in terms of yield and net returns based on the database in comparison of using transgenic cotton cultivars including single gene and/or two gene cottons (B, B2R, B2RF, B2LL, W, WR, and WRF) and non-Bt cotton (R/RR, F/RF, LL and conventional variety).

Table 4 summarizes [18,19,20] reveal that non transgenic cotton was higher than transgenic cotton. In contrast, some of the authors through their study claimed that transgenic cotton is higher than its conventional. Study found that transgenic cotton was highly significant [21,22] suggest by using meta data, per-hectare returns obtained from transgenic cotton were found to be slightly higher than those obtained from non transgenic cotton. This is an high contrast [18,19,20] per-hectare non transgenic cotton was found to be generally higher than the returns per hectare from transgenic cotton. This meta data study provide the evidence of economic benefits which show that the economic value both transgenic and non transgenic cotton had varied across the regions in USA based on the field trials. Therefore, it is clear that this technology is not superior and still need to be suitable for the given production situation and also another factor that associated with market condition. And, also depending on the specific pest pressure and other relevant local condition to optimize per hectare returns. This study results that this merit technology can vary in different ecological environments.

Figure 6 illustrates the yield gains by using transgenic cotton and conventional cotton in USA over time. There was a significant yield by cultivating transgenic cotton as the highest yield gain [21] who had studied in the North Alabama during the period 2008-2009. Particularly in North Alabama and Alabama transgenic cotton yield was significantly different compare to its counterpart and also much higher compare to any other transgenic cotton among the regions in USA. However, [22] reported that transgenic cotton was slightly different compare to its conventional in any other county in Alabama.

Table 2. Meta data of yield gains and net returns based on the authors of database in China

No.	Authors	Yield Gain (q/ha) Data Collection (Year)		Net Return (USD/ha) Data Collection (Year)		Location
1.	Sun, J., Huang, Qiao, F. 2000.	**Trangenic**	**Non Transgenic**	**Trangenic**	**Non Transgenic**	Shandong
		1999	1999	1999	1999	
		33	32	130.2	-310.4	
2.	Huang, J., Hu, R., Fan, C., Pray., Rozelle. 2002.	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	**Transgenic**	**Non transgenic**	Hebei, Shandong, Henan, Anhui, and Jiangsu
		1999 2000 2001	1999 2000 2001	1999 2000 20001	1999 2000 2001	
		34 29 34	32 19 31	351 367 277	-6 -183 -225	
3.	Huang, J.,Hu, R., Pray, C., Qiao, F., Rozelle, S. 2003.	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	Hebei and Shandong
		1999	1999	1999	1999	
		33	32	156.2	-270	
4.	Dong, H., Li, W., Tang, W., Zhang, D. 2004	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	Shandong, Hebei, and Jiangsu
		2001 2002	2001 2002	2001 2002	2001 2002	
		1.08 1.06	1.02 1.0	244.3 201.13	167 -15	
5.	Xu, J.X, You, Z.B, Wang, W.Q, Yang, Y.Z. 2004	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	Hebei
		2002 2003	2002 2003	2002 2003	2002 2003	
		22 25	13 15	825.5 1,558.5	355.9 978.8	
6.	Fok, A.C.M., Xu, N. 2007	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	**Transgenic**	**Non Transgenic**	Jiangsu
		2005	2005	2005	2005	
		38	33	1,446.1	1,271.2	

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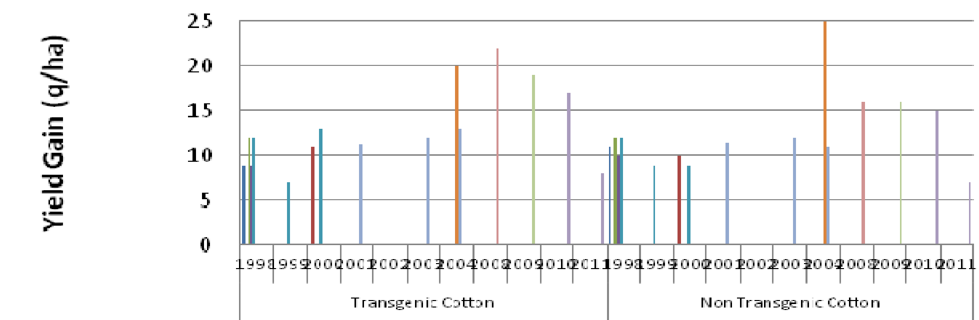
10.	Patil, B.V., M. Bheemanna, Hanchinal, S.G. 2007	**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			Not available
		2005			2005			2005			2005			
		27			21			851.1			456.8			
11.	Loganathan, R., Balasubramanian, R., Mani, K., Gurunathan, S. 2009	**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			Tamil Nadu
		2004			2004			2004			2004			
		33			20			1,014.7			151.7			
12.	Sadashivappa, P., Qaim, M. 2009a.	**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu
		2002	2005	2007	2002	2005	2007	2002	2005	2007	2002	2005	2007	
		16	18	20	12	13	15	278.2	258.6	399.7	164.6	113.1	234.7	
13.	Sadashivappa, P., Qaim, M. 2009b.	**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu
		2002	2004	2006	2002	2004	2006	2002	2004	2006	2002	2004	2006	
		16	18	20	12	13	14	288.2	262.1	379.2	170.6	114.6	222.6	
14.	Subramanian, A., Qaim, M. 2010	**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			Kanzara
		2004			2004			2004			2004			
		18			13			322.1			175.8			
15.	Kathage, J., Qaim, M. 2011	**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			Central and Southern India, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu
		2002	2008		2002	2008		2002	2008		2002	2008		
		17	20		13	14		322.8	542.3		188.9	278.9		
16.	Gaurav, S., Mishra, S. 2012..	**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			**Transgenic**			**Non Transgenic**			Gujarat
		2009			2009			2009			2009			
		30			29			-164.9			280			

Table 4. Meta data of yield gains and net returns based on the authors of database in USA

No.	Authors	Yield Gain (q/ha) Data Collection (Year) Transgenic			Yield Gain (q/ha) Data Collection (Year) Non Transgenic			Net Return (USD/ha) Data Collection (Year) Trangenic			Net Return (USD/ha) Data Collection (Year) Non Transgenic			Location
1.	Allen, T.C., Kharboutly, S.M., Bryant, K.J., Bourland, F.M., Earnest, L., Capps, C., Palmer G. 1999.	1998			1998			1998			1998			Arkansas
		9			11			1,067.2			1,267.5			
2.	Tingle, C., Studebaker, G., Greene, J., Bryant, K., Smith, K.L. 2001	2000			2000			2000			2000			Arkansas
		11			10			860.8			803.6			
3.	Ward, C.W., White, F.C., Isengildina, O. 2001	1998			1998			1998			1998			Georgia
		12			12			142.4			146.4			
4.	Bryant, et al 2002.	1998			1998			1998			1998			Arkansas
		9			10			780			929			
5.	Johnson, P.N., Blackshear, J. 2004.	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	Texas
		12	7	13	12	9	9	142.4	146	145.7	146.4	102.5	60.8	
6.	Boman, R., Kelley, M., stelter, M., 2005.	2004			2004			2004			2004			Texas
		20			26			736.9			1,150			
7.	Jost, P., Shurley, D., Culpepper, S., Roberts, P., Nochols, R., Reeves, J., Anthony, S. 2008	2001	2003	2004	2001	2003	2004	2001	2003	2004	2001	2003	2004	Georgia
		11.3	12	13	11.5	12	11	1,402	1,885.1	1,710	1,478.5	1,730.1	1,274.8	
8.	Reed, T., Burmester, C.H., Monks, C.D. 2009	2008			2008			2008			2008			Alabama
		22			16			2,165.3			1,556.1			
9.	Reed, T., Burmester, C.H., Schavey, E. 2010	2009			2009			2009			2009			Alabama
		19			16			2,005.6			687.4			
10.	Patterson, M.G., Birdsong, W.C., Dillard, B.A., Mongks, C.D. 2012	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011		Alabama
		17	8		15	7		1,073	1,078		949.2	736		

Table 5. Meta data of yield gains and net returns based on the authors of database in Australia

No.	Authors	Yield Gain (q/ha) Data Collection (Year)										Net Return (USD/ha) Data Collection (Year)										Location
		Transgenic					Non Transgenic					Trangenic					Non Transgenic					
1.	Fitt, G. 2003	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	Northern Australia
		19	15	18	17	20	19	15	18	16	19											
2.	Pyke, B	1998					1998					1998					1998					Australia
		15					16															
3.	Doyle, et al. 2002	2001					2001					2001					2001					New South Wales
		20					19															
4.	Hoque, et al 2000.	1999					1999					1999					1999					New South Wales
		18					17					2,023					1,800.3					
5.	Richards, D et al. 2007	2004		2005			2004		2005			2004		2005			2004		2005			New South Wales
		18		17			19		17													
6.	Strickland, et al. 2005	2002					2002					2002					2002					Not Available
		11					3					11					3					

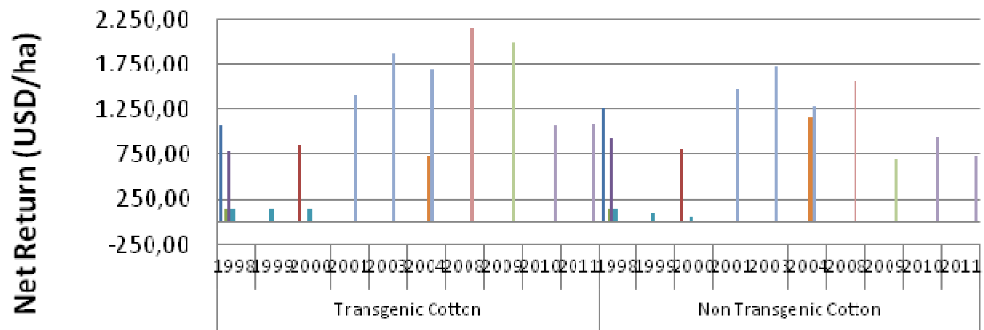


	Transgenic Cotton											Non Transgenic Cotton										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2008	2009	2010	2011	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2008	2009	2010	2011
Allen, et al. 1999	9											11										
Tingle, et al. 2001			11											10								
Ward, et al. 2001	12											12										
Bryant, et al. 2003	9											10										
Johnson, et al. 2004	12	7	13									12	9	9								
Boman, et al. 2005							20											26				
Jost, et al. 2008				11		12	13								12		12	11				
Reed, et al. 2009								22											16			
Reed, et al. 2010									19											16		
Patterson, et al. 2012										17	8										15	7

Figure 6. Yield Comparison between transgenic cotton and non-transgenic cotton in USA

Basically, Meta data found that yield comparison between transgenic and non transgenic cotton was not significantly different among the authors in USA except demonstrated by [21,23]. This is relevant that all varieties of transgenic cotton do not provide the same level of pest control [24]. Income gain is affected by seed cost, pesticide and herbicide cost, fertilizer, irrigation cost, labor and management cost and the other cost that affect income gain directly [24].

Figure 7, in summary, study suggests that profit gain of the transgenic usage is not stable among the regions in USA. Some of regions provided that transgenic return was higher, whilst data represent that this technology had lower income than its counterpart. Specifically, conventional cotton still have good income in specific regions. Numerous studies of transgenic cotton performance are now available and mostly showing positive results. Many scientists through their publication claimed and promoted that transgenic cotton contribute to the economic gains. Counterfactual between transgenic cotton and its conventional provide the evidence whether both of them are stable or not over time. Given the comparison it is notable that the yields and economic benefit should have gain consistently. Higher yields and crop revenues are the main reason for the significant gains in cotton profits. It should be borne in mind that there are several methodological differences in the analysis of economic impact which could explain the spectrum of conclusions in the debate. Meta data presents the yield gain both Bt cotton and non-Bt cotton in any regions in Australia derived from many authors in Table 5.



	Transgenic Cotton										Non Transgenic Cotton									
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2003	2004	2008	2009	2010	2011	1998	1999	2000	2001	2003	2004	2008	2009	2010	2011
Allen, et al. 1999	1.0										1.2									
Tingle, et al. 2001			861										804							
Ward, et al. 2001	142										146									
Bryant, et al. 2003	780										929									
Johnson, et al. 2004	142	146	146								146	103	60,							
Boman, et al. 2005						737										1.1				
Jost, et al. 2008				1.4	1.8	1.7								1.4	1.7	1.2				
Reed, et al. 2009							2.1										1.5			
Reed, et al. 2010								2.0										687		
Patterson, et al. 2012									1.0	1.0									949	736

Figure 7. Yield Comparison between transgenic cotton and non-transgenic cotton in USA

Table 5 provides comprehensive details of all the data from different authors who had applied this technology in the field trials in some regions in Australia. Transgenic planting is generally higher than its conventional but it is not highly different. Some studies found that transgenic cotton is slightly higher [25,26,27,28] and another found that this transgenic cotton is lower than its counterpart [29]. However, [30] reported that Bt cotton was not different compare to its counterpart.

To sum up, the yield comparison between GM cotton and its counterpart was not significantly different based among the regions in Australia. This trends indicated that GM cotton production were fluctuating. This study suggest that transgenic cotton must be produced with best practice across a range of focus areas: land and water use, chemical use and integrated pest management, soil health, biodiversity, climate change and energy, technology and human resources.

4. CONCLUSION

Apart of this, a major effect of transgenic cotton in this study is a positive trend in yield advantage terms due to lower crop losses, reducing pesticide cost, and income gain. Thus, explain the adoption of transgenic cotton. But the study also underlines, through meta data analysis with the various results and reasons above, that such outcomes cannot be generalized across the countries in the global area.

COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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