



The Agricultural Biotechnology Stewardship Technical Committee (ABSTC), established in 2000, is a consortium of companies involved in the research, development, commercialization, and stewardship of insect-resistant *Bacillus thuringiensis* (*Bt*) corn and cotton products. ABSTC and its member companies are committed to prolonging *Bt* trait durability and work with the U.S. EPA, the scientific community, and growers to develop and implement science-based, practical resistance-management programs that effectively support the durability of the *Bt* traits for management of key pests in corn and cotton.

The ABSTC develops research, stewardship, and educational programs that promote responsible use of *Bt* products in order to maximize and preserve their full value for all stakeholders, promotes registrant compliance with the terms and conditions of U.S. EPA registrations, and works with growers and other key stakeholders to promote adherence with EPA-mandated insect resistance management (IRM) requirements. In addition, ABSTC helps coordinate and support research into and communication of non-target organism (NTO) risk assessment of *Bt* crops. The ABSTC members also work collectively to respond to data requests and regulatory requirements from EPA and other regulatory authorities; to respond to inquiries, research results, and reports concerning *Bt* corn and cotton products; and to support and promote the stewardship and acceptance of these technologies.