This presentation will survey an array of sustainability standards and regulatory barriers to exports in agricultural biotechnology, discussing the expectations emerging in the marketplace for greater efficiency in energy, water, waste, social responsibility and other factors. Crops not meeting such standards can be turned away, leading to costly trade disruption. This disruption can lead to liability for producers and seed companies. In addition to regulatory approval delays, sustainability standards that continue to discriminate against emerging technology will be scrutinized, including the EU’s Global GAP and the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, which both have EU influences that make them impose unreasonable “prevent migration” standard on biotech growers.

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