

## **Modernizing the USDA Biotechnology Regulations**

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### **Abstract**

In 2020, the United States Department of Agriculture completed the first major revision of its plant and plant pest biotechnology regulations in nearly two decades. This presentation provides an overview of the how the modernized regulations have functioned over the past two years and how they have enabled safe and sustainable innovation to achieve agricultural and societal goals, and identifies potential opportunities for future refinements to the regulations.

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