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Researchers at Plant Genetic Systems N.V. in Belgium said they have developed a genetic engineering technique for creating hybrid plants for a number of key crops n_cf:x-i p:e-u-i named:x-c named:
The researchers said they have isolated a plant gene that prevents the production of pollen q:i-h-h n_of:x-i v_to:e-i-h-i pron:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ v_from:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x
The gene thus can prevent a plant from fertilizing itself . q:i-h-h n:x a:e-h v_modal:e-h v_from:e-i-i-h q:i-h-h n:x _ v:e-i-p pron:x _
                                                                                                                            (ARG3)
Such so-called male-sterile plants can then be fertilized by pollen from another strain of the plant , thereby producing hybrid seed . q:i-h-h a:e-p a:e-p n:x v_modal:e-h a:e-e v:e-i-p n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x a:e-h v:e-i-p n:x n:x .
  PY ARGI of the pollen-producing male part has only been achieved in corm and sorghum feed grains pre-xi q:i-h-h v:e-i-p a:e-p n:x a:e-h v:e-i-p p:e-u-i n:x n:x n:x n:x
    That 's because the male part , the tassel , and the female , the ear , are some distance apart on the corn plant x:x v_nv:e-i-h x:e-h-h q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x _q:i-h-h n:x _ q:i-h-h n:x _ n:x n:x
                                             labor-intensive process , the seed companies cut off the tassels of each plant , making it male sterile h a:e-p n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h n:x n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x _ v_cause:e-i-h pron:x n:x a:e-p
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    They sow a row of male-fertile plants nearby , which then pollinate the male-sterile plants pron:x v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ a:e-p n:x p:e-i _ _ a:e-e v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x
The first hybrid corn seeds produced using this mechanical approach were introduced in the 1930s and they yielded as much as 20 % more corn than naturally pollinated plants q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c n:x n:x n:x v:e-i-p q_dem:i-h-h a:e-p n_to:x-i _ v_to:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h year_range:x-c _ pron:x v:e-i-p _ much-many_a:e-p _ card:i-i-c n_of:x much-many_a:e-i n:x p:e-u-i a_for:e-e v:e-i-p n:x
                                                                                                                                                                                       now is grown from hybrid seeds produced by seed companie
A similar technique is almost impossible to apply to other crops , such as cotton , soybeans and rice . q:i-h-h a_to:e-i n:x _ a:e-h a_for:e-h-i _ v_to:e-i-p-i _ a:e-i n:x _ p:e-u-i p:e-u-i n:x _ n:
  The male part , the anthers of the plant , and the female , the pistils , of the same plant are within a fraction of an inch or even attached to each other .

q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x _ p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x _ p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n.of:x-i _ card:i-i-c n:x _ a:e-e v:e-i-p-h p:e-u-i recip_prox recip_prox _
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