

BE Eggplant Crop Summary

BE Eggplant Events in the Food Supply

BE Event	Trait	Producing Countries	Comments	FDA Review
EE1	insect resistance	Bangladesh		NO

BE Eggplant Production

BE eggplant is commercially produced only in Bangladesh. However, news reports suggest that BE eggplant is also being grown in India (Business Standard, 2014; USDA-FAS, 2017). Farmers in Bangladesh have been producing BE eggplant since 2014. With about 2400 ha of production in 2017, about 5% of the Bangladesh eggplant crop was BE eggplant (ISAAA, 2017).

For phytosanitary reasons, USDA-APHIS does not admit fresh eggplant fruit into the United States from Bangladesh. (USDA-APHIS, 2018).

BE Eggplant Food Safety Reviews

No FDA biotechnology consultations have been completed for BE eggplant.

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