



U.S. Farmers Pay More for Key Crop Inputs

Across multiple input categories, U.S. growers faced higher prices than Brazilian counterparts



Input category		Main finding	Why it matters
	Corn seed	U.S. prices were substantially higher	Seed is one of the largest upfront corn production costs
	Soybean seed	Gaps were smaller but still meaningful	Trait packages differ, but cost differences remain important
	Fungicides	Some of the largest price differentials	Disease management costs affect margins and risk
	Herbicides	U.S. prices were consistently higher	Weed control is a major annual production expense
	Insecticides	Gaps varied but often favored Brazil	Pest management costs differ by crop and production system