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Matt is Managing Director for Food and Agriculture at the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), with responsibility leading industry's international advocacy priorities for agricultural biotechnology with the U.S. government. In addition, Matt led the development of the AgAccord, a private sector mechanism to address patent expiration for agricultural biotechnology events.

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BIO represents more than 1,100 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations. BIO members are involved in the research and development of innovative healthcare, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology technologies.