



## Supreme Court Hears Oral Argument in Ag Biotech Patent Case

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On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in what could be a landmark intellectual property law case involving patented seeds – [Bowman v. Monsanto](#). A prior [farmdoc daily posting](#) provided background information on this case that has been making its way through the federal courts. Although it may be several months until the Supreme Court issues its decision, a copy of the transcripts from the [oral argument](#) is available here, as well as a [link](#) to the written briefs filed by the parties and other groups with an interest in this case. Groups filing briefs in advance of oral argument in support of Bowman included: the Center for Food Safety, National Farmers Union, American Antitrust Institute, and the Public Patent Foundation, among others. Groups filing briefs in support of Monsanto included: among others, the American Soybean Association, Illinois Soybean Association, the Software Alliance, and Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc.

**A brief audio discussion of the case with Bryan Endres and Todd Gleason is also available**

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