

# Corporate Control

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Sharratt<info@cban.ca><p>**TheWorld'sTop10SeedCompanies**</p></p><p>Thetop10seedcompaniesaccountfor\$14,785million-ortwo-

thirds(67%)oftheglobalproprietaryseedmarket.</p><p>Company-2007seedsales(US\$millions)-%ofglobalproprietaryseedmarket:</p><divclass="object-right"><divclass="content-view-

embeddedmedia"><divclass="class-image"><divclass="attribute-image"><p><a href="/Resources/Topics/Monsanto" target="\_self"></a></p></div></div></div></div><p><br/>1.Monsanto(US)-\$4,964m-

23%<br/>2.DuPont(US)-\$3,300m-15%<br/>3.Syngenta(Switzerland)-\$2,018m-

9%<br/>4.GroupeLimagrain(France)-\$1,226m-6%<br/>5.LandO'Lakes(US)-\$917m-

4%<br/>6.KWSAG(Germany)-\$702m-3%<br/>7.BayerCropScience(Germany)-\$524m-

2%<br/>8.Sakai(Japan)-\$396m-<2%<br/>9.DLF-Trifolium(Denmark)-\$391m-

<2%<br/>10.Takii(Japan)-\$347m-<2%<br/>Top10Total-\$14,785m-

67%[ofglobalproprietaryseedmarket]<br/>Source:<a href="http://www.etcgroup.org/" target="\_self">ETCGroup</a><br/><br/>Theworld'slargestseedcompany,Monsanto,accountsforalmostone-

quarter(23%)oftheglobalproprietaryseedmarket.<br/><br/>Thetop3companies(Monsanto,DuPont,Syngenta)togetheraccountfor\$10,282million,or47%oftheworldwideproprietaryseedmarket.<br/><br/>ETCGroupconservativelyestimates thatthetop3seedcompaniescontrol65%oftheproprietarymaize-

seedmarketworldwide,andoverhalfoftheproprietarysoybeanseedmarket.</p><p><a href="/Resources/Topics/Monsanto" target="\_self">Monsanto</a>-theworld'slargestseedcompany-

accountsformorethanone-fifthoftheglobalproprietaryseedmarket.Clickheretosee<a href="/Resources/Topics/Monsanto" target="\_self">moreinformationaboutMonsanto</a>includingthenewdocumentary"TheWorldAccord-

ingtoMonsanto."</p><divclass="object-right"><divclass="content-view-embeddedmedia"><divclass="class-image"><divclass="attribute-

image"><p></p></div></div></div></div><aname="eztoc563\_1" id="eztoc563\_1"></a><h2>Reports</h2><p>**ETCGroup,December2011:**<a href="http://www.etcgroup.org/en/node/5296" target="\_self">WhoWillControltheGreenEconomy?</a>The60-

pagereportconnectsthe dotsbetween theclimateand oilcrises,newtechnologiesand corporatepower.Thereportwarnsthattheworld'slargestcompaniesareridingthecoattailsofthe?GreenEconomy?whilegea-

ringupfortheirboldestcoupto-

date?notjustbymakingstrategicacquisitionsandtappingnewmarkets,butalsobypenetratingnewindustrialsectors.DuPont,forexample,alreadytheworld'ssecondlargestseedcompanyandsixthlargestcomp-

anyinbothpesticidesandchemicals,isinowapowerhouseinplant-basedmaterials,energyandfoodingredients.OthermajorplayerslikeMonsanto,Syngenta,Dow,BASFandUnileveraremakingstrategicinvestmentsinriskytechnologiesinhopesofturningplantbiomassintopro-

ductsandprofit.</p><p>**ETCGroup,October2010:**<a href="http://www.etcgroup.org/en/node/5221" target="\_self">GeneGiantsStockpilePatentson?Climate-

Ready?CropsinBidtoBecomeBiomasssters:PatentGrabThreatensBiodiversity,FoodSovereignty.</a>Undertheguiseofdeveloping?climate-

ready?crops,theworld'slargestseedandagrochemicalcorporationsarefilinghundredsofsweeping,multi-

genomepatentsinabidtocontroltheworld'splantbiomass.ETCGroupidentifiesover262patentfamilies,subsuming1663patentdocumentspublishedworldwide(bothapplicationsandissuedpatents)thatmake

specificclaimsonenvironmentalstresstoleranceinplants(suchasdrought,heat,flood,cold,salttolerance).

DuPont,Monsanto,BASF,Bayer,Syngentaandtheirbiotechpartnersaccountforthree-quarters(77%)ofthepatentfamiliesidentified.Justthreecompanies?DuPont,BASF,Monsanto?account

forovertwo-thirds ofthetotal.Publicsectorresearchersholdonly10%.</p><aname="eztoc563\_2" id="eztoc563\_2"></a><h2>OtherResources</h2><p><a href="http://www.etcgroup.org/en/issues/corporate\_concentration.html" target="\_self">ETCGroup</a>publishesreports onmajortrends in corporateagenda tocon-

control nature including new patent grabs.

[GMWatch profiles](http://www.gmwatch.eu) of corporate front groups and business associations

[Corporate Watch UK profiles](http://www.corporatewatch.org.uk/?lid=207) of the major bio technology companies

[Corp Watch US news](http://www.corporatewatch.org.uk/?lid=207) on corporate control in food and agriculture