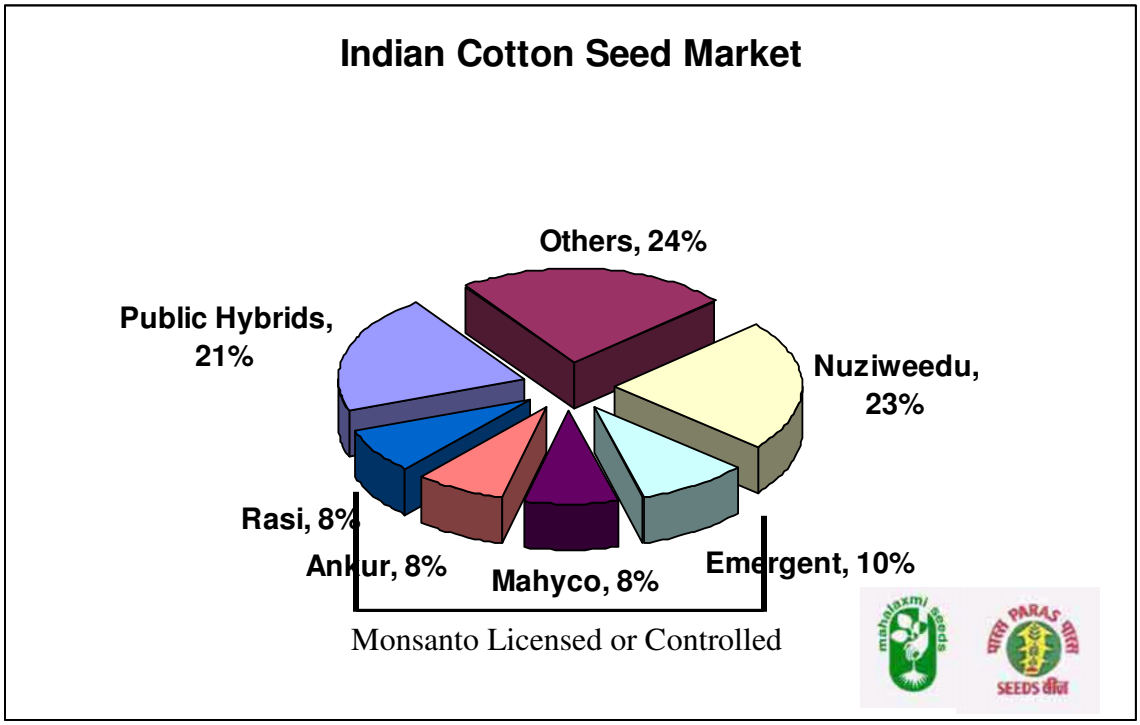
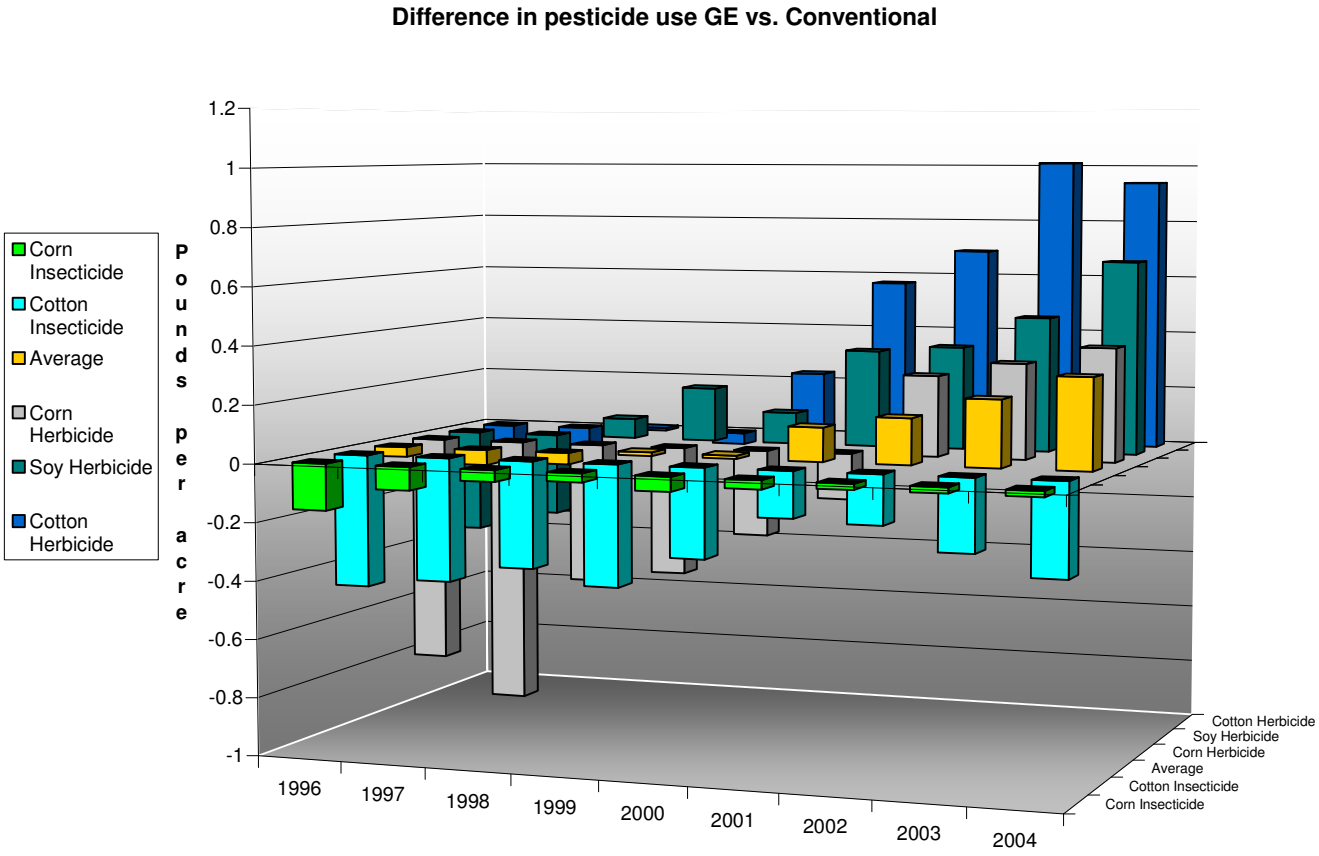
- **In one year Monsanto has gained control of 34% of the Indian seed market.** In 2004, Monsanto only had an agreement with Mahyco to license its Bt cotton seeds. In early 2005 Monsanto bought Emergent Genetics in the US which has holdings in India under the Mahalaxmi and Paras brands. Additional approvals mean that Rasi and Ankur are selling Monsanto Bt as well. In 2004, Monsanto had licenses with 8% of Indian cotton seed producers. In 2005, they either have licenses or own 34% of the Indian cotton seed market.



- **Weeds in India will likely develop Roundup resistance as in the U.S.** The contention that Roundup Ready plants reduce pesticide use appears to be false. In the early years, U.S. farmers did use less herbicide on Roundup crops. However, weed populations adjusted to consistent Roundup use over time. In 2004, U.S. farmers were using more pesticides on their crops than conventional farmers. This trend is particularly pronounced with cotton and soy.



Source: Benbrooke C, Genetically Engineered Crops and Pesticide Use in the United States: The First Nine Years