

Bananas!*

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Directed by	Fredrik Gertten
Produced by	Lars Bildt Jade Fox Fredrik Gertten Marta Clarissa Hernandez Margarete Jangård Lise Lense-Møller Bart Simpson
Starring	<i>See below</i>
Music by	Nathan Larson
Cinematography	Joseph Aguirre Frank Pineda
Editing by	Jesper Osmund
Release date(s)	20 June 2009
Running time	87 minutes
Country	Sweden
Language	English

*Bananas!** is a 2009 Swedish documentary directed by Fredrik Gertten about a conflict between the Dole Food Company and banana plantation workers in Nicaragua over alleged cases of sterility caused by the pesticide DBCP.

The film was criticized by Dole for containing "patent falsehoods", something which they have been unable to prove. After a screening at the Los Angeles Film Festival in June 2009, Gertten was sued for defamation by Dole on July 8. The lawsuit was preceded by threats of legal action from Dole aimed against the LA Film Festival, which resulted in sponsors pulling support and that the film was removed from competition. Dole dropped their lawsuit against Fredrik Gertten and *Bananas!*, on the 15th of October 2009.

In September 2009, the Swedish parliament members Mats Johansson (M) and Luciano Astudillo (S) took the initiative of displaying the movie in the Parliament of Sweden, this being its premiere in Sweden.

In late 2010 a court in Los Angeles decided in favor of the movie crew, making it possible to release the film in the USA.^[1]^[2] A judge awarded the filmmakers nearly \$200,000 in fees and costs.^[3]

Cast

- Byron Rosales Romero as Himself
- Juan J. Dominguez as Himself
- Duane Miller as Himself
- Rick McKnight as Himself
- David Delorenzo as Himself
- Mercedes Del Carmen Romero as Herself

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External links

- Official website (<http://http://www.bananasthemovie.com/>)
 - *Bananas!** (<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1452291/>) at the Internet Movie Database
 - *Bananas!** (<http://www.sfi.se/en-gb/Swedish-film-database/Item/?type=MOVIE&itemid=66948>) at the Swedish Film Database
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