# New Product Opportunities: Future Growth of Crop Biotechnology Biotechnology & Crop Production Agriculture - Background on Sector Impacts

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**Opportunities and Challenges for the Food System** 

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### At the End of the First Decade:

 In 2006, farmers around the world harvested biotech crops for the 11<sup>th</sup> year

- 11 years of commercial experience on over
   1.4 billion acres demonstrates
  - Proven economic and environmental benefits
  - Solid record of safety
  - Promising future benefits from new products

## Biotech Crops Can Help to Address Urgent Global Challenges



Lack of reliable food source, malnutrition



Insufficient fresh water



Limited arable land



Soil degradation



Demand for food, feed and fuel



Biological competition

### Agriculture's Imperatives

 FOOD: Deliver twice as much food in 2050 as is produced today.

ENVIRONMENT: Reduce environmental impacts by getting more from each unit of land, water and energy devoted to crop production.

 CLIMATE CHANGE: Adapt to climate change by improving yield stability in the face of climate stress.

ECONOMIC SUCCESS: Deliver economic benefits for all farmers, small and large.

### The Environmental Challenge: The Role of GM Crops

53rd Brazilian Congress of Genetics, Águas de Lindóia, S.P., Brazil, September 2, 2007

"Producing the food for the world's 6.6 billion people on 20% less land than when the world population was 2.5 billion has, as we have seen, been possible though a combination of selection, breeding, improved irrigation systems, soil conservation, and the judicious application of fertilizers."

"Certainly the more productive the lands devoted to agriculture may be, the less pressure will be felt on the remainder - high agricultural productivity in this sense leads directly to the preservation of biodiversity."

"Rational approaches to agriculture and food technology should lead gradually to the acceptance of GM and other technologies and to their widespread use to help solve the many problems of agriculture."

Peter H. Raven, President, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis peter raven@mobot.org Success will Depend on a Continued Application of Breeding and Biotech Development Pathways



### Future Products from Ag Biotech





### Innovations in Ag Technology Will Continue to Increase Yield Productivity





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Advances Assisting in Protecting and Boosting Yields



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## Driving Yield Higher Depends on Stacking Traits

#### Rain Shelter Trial Corn Plot at A Monsanto Research Site

CB Protection <u>+HT</u> <u>Yield = 113.7 bu/ac</u> Soil-applied RW Protection +CB Protection <u>+HT</u> Yield = 150 bu/ac

RW Protection +CB Protection <u>+HT</u> Yield = 198.1 bu/ac

Roundup Ready® Corn 2

Yield = 94 bu/ac

HT

YieldGard<sup>®</sup> Corn Borer with Roundup Ready Corn 2 YieldGard Corn Borer with Roundup Ready Corn 2 + Force® insecticide YieldGard Plus with Roundup Ready Corn 2 Corn Rootworm Protected Corn is Helping to Maximize Yield Under Drought Conditions

![](_page_11_Picture_1.jpeg)

The drought of 2002 reduced the value of US corn harvest by over \$2 b

Av Yield = 129 bu/AHarvest value § \$10.32 b 2002

2004

June 29, 2004

## Corn Drought Event Offers Visual Evidence of Increased Yield in Stressed Conditions

**DROUGHT-TOLERANT CORN FAMILY: Lead Project** 

COLLABORATION WITH The Chemical Company

- Drought-tolerance family aimed at providing consistent yield and buffering against effects of water limitations
- Targeting 8-10% yield improvement in water-stress environments

SUPERIOR, NE FIELD TRIALS - 2007

CONTROL HYBRID (76 BU/AC)

WITH GENE (94 BU/AC) 2007 FIELD TESTING SHOWS VISUAL PROOF OF YIELD IMPROVEMENT

Water stress exposure during different stages of development can have significant effect on corn yield; Monsanto's lead drought-tolerance trait shows a significant yield advantage compared with controls under drought stress

Discovery

Phase 1 Proof of Concept Phase 2 Early Development Phase 4 Pre-Launch

Launch

## Second-Generation Corn Leads Advancing Rapidly

COLLABORATION Phase 2 Gene Leads Work To Improve Ways Plants Use Water

![](_page_13_Figure_2.jpeg)

BUILDING A FAMILY OF GENES CONVEYING DROUGHT TOLERANCE

**BASE** 

WITH

# Drought Tolerant Cotton is in Early Development

### **Drought Tolerant Cotton**

- Drought leads advancing to greenhouse screens
- First leads in field testing are showing promise
- Up next: Continued evaluation to assess drought performance

![](_page_14_Picture_5.jpeg)

AS PHASE 1 PROJECT, TESTING MULTIPLE GENES FOR IN-FIELD PROOF OF CONCEPT

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## Nitrogen Use Efficiency Leads Show Yield Improvement Under Normal Nitrogen

 Targets ways to use nitrogen more efficiently, exploring potential to boost yield under normal nitrogen conditions or stabilize it in low nitrogen environments

 Under normal nitrogen conditions, lead trait has demonstrated yield advantages in multiple backgrounds over multiple years

![](_page_15_Figure_3.jpeg)

★ Statistically significant @ p≤0.10

Bar color correlates with the specific hybrid background tested. Same bar color in different tests and different years indicates same hybrid was used.

All trials conducted under sufficient nitrogen application levels.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation RR Soybean Offers Yield Advantage

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#### Roundup RReady2Yield<sup>™</sup> Soybeans

- Compared with Roundup Ready<sup>®</sup> soybeans, this new technology along with conventional and molecular breeding is expected to deliver increased yield
- Roundup RReady2Yield<sup>™</sup> soybeans offer 7% - 11% yield advantage based on three years of field comparisons\*
- Four years of data continue to validate 7-11% yield advantage

Phase 1

**Proof of Concept** 

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Roundup RReady2Yield soybeans yield 7 to 11 percent higher than Roundup Ready<sup>®</sup> soybeans based on 73 Monsanto field trials from 2004 to 2007.

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Phase 2 Early Development Phase 3 Adv. Development

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See notes on Roundup RReady2Yield on slide 24.

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Yield estimates based on average yields of 64 bu/a obtained in 2004. Lower yielding environments may not see the same level of yield increase.
\* This range represents a 95% statistical confidence interval. Individual results may vary, and performance may vary from location to location and from year to year.

## Intrinsic Yield Soybeans Aimed at an Additional Yield Boost

#### **Higher-Yielding Soybeans**

- Higher-yielding • soybeans aimed at boosting intrinsic yield potential of soybeans through insertion of key genes
- Trait will be • stacked on top of RR2Y and other soybeanpipeline traits with an additive yield boost

![](_page_17_Figure_4.jpeg)

**COLLABORATION** 

- BASF

The Chemical Compar

More than 60 events were tested at 18 locations, with lead events showing strong yield advantages over conventional controls

| Discovery Phase 1 Proof of Concept Early Development | Phase 3<br>Adv. Development | Phase 4<br>Pre-Launch | Launch |
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### Intrinsic Yield Corn Also Showing Progress

#### **Higher-Yielding Corn**

- In 2006 field testing, lead event shows yield efficacy in different test hybrids
- 3 years of data demonstrate yield increase in multi-location trials with multiple hybrid combinations
- Commercial transformations will be made, with further testing to select for lead events

2006 Field Results Indicate Increased Yield Versus Conventional Checks

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### Second-Generation Bt Corn with Broader Insect Control and Reduced Aflatoxin Benefit

#### YieldGard VT PRO Produces Two New Bt Proteins in Corn

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- Next-generation YieldGard<sup>®</sup> Corn Borer
- Field data demonstrate excellent control of targeted pests
  Outstanding yields, including stacks for rootworm control
  Reduced aflatoxin concentrations
  Undergoing regulatory reviews

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## The Reduction of Fumonisin Mycotoxin with Bt Corn has been Well-Established

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A reduction in fumonisin levels could have important

| COUNTRY   | YEAR    | SITES     | Non Bt | Bt   | <b>Reduction</b> |
|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|------|------------------|
| Italy     | 1997    | 3         | 19.8   | 2.0  | 10 fold          |
| Italy     | 1998    | 4         | 28.3   | 2.1  | 13               |
| Italy     | 1999    | 30        | 2.8    | 0.34 | 8                |
| France    | 1997-99 | 26        | 1.0    | 0.03 | 33               |
| Spain     | 1999    | 2         | 6.0    | 0.25 | 24               |
| US (FACT) | 2000    | <b>49</b> | 2.9    | 1.4  | 2                |
| US (ACAD) | 2000    | 16        | 14.0   | 4.2  | 3.3              |

![](_page_20_Picture_4.jpeg)

Preliminary Results Indicate that 2nd Generation Bt Corn has the Potential to Reduce Aflatoxin

#### **Conventional**

#### YG VT Pro

Conventional version (left) showed significant ear feeding damage and infection by Aspergillus flavus compared to YG VT Pro version (right)
 YG VT Pro resulted in a 72% reduction in aflatoxin averaged across two hybrids

Drs. Gary Odvody and Charles Chilcutt, TAMU-CC; Beeville, TX 2005

### **Third-Generation Herbicide Tolerance in Cotton**

#### Dicamba - Tolerant Cotton

- Provides a new, unique mode of action, designed to provide cotton growers with the most effective weed management system available
- The trait will likely be used in conjunction with a glyphosate-tolerant variety background

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# Biotech is Helping to Address Global Imperatives

### Advances Assisting in Protecting and Boosting Yields and Reducing Environment Impacts

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R & D Efforts Are Focused on Global Imperatives

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