Grow Canada: Grow Fuel - A View from the Plant Science Industry -

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The miracles of science



















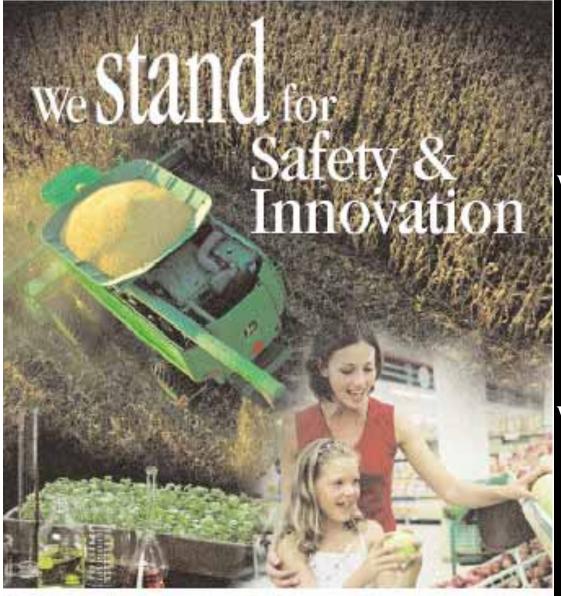






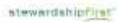








Representing Canada's plant science industry



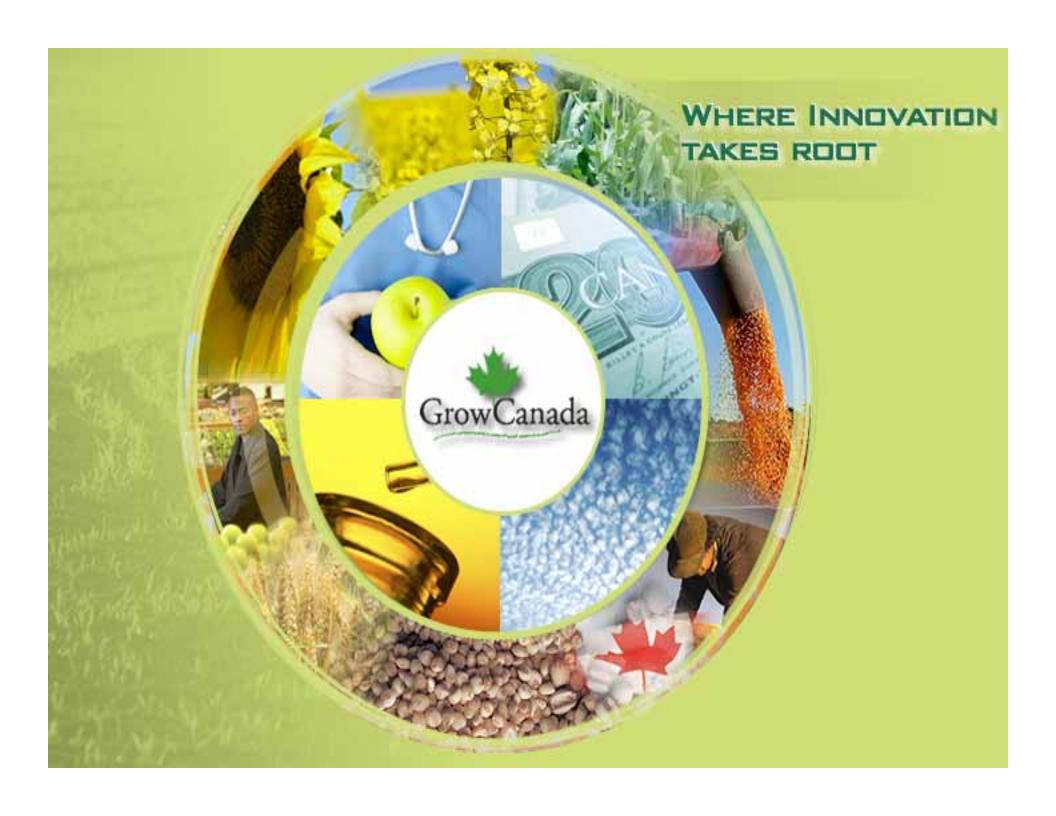


We Stand for Safety:

- protecting human health and the environment
 -putting stewardship first
- a rigorous, science-based regulatory system
- an informed public

We Stand for Innovation:

- enhancing quality of life through the benefits of our technology continuous research
- integrated pest management and responsible use
- realizing competitive advantage



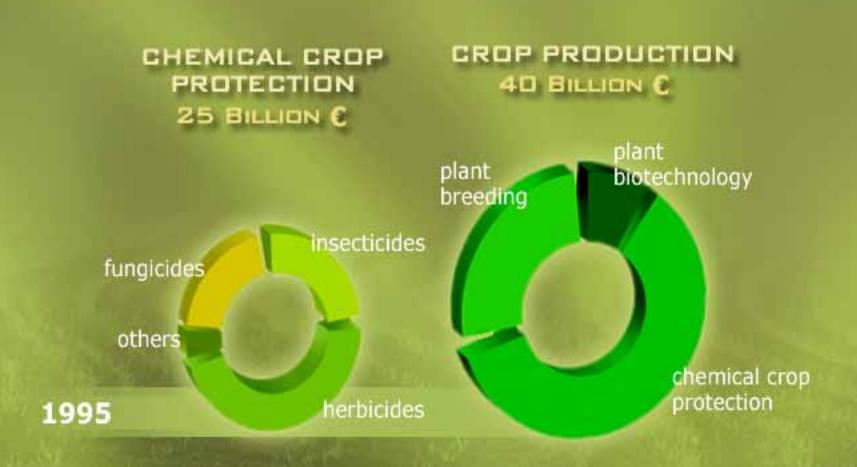




Transforming crop production - the technology toolbox

Genomics Combinatorial **Bioinformatics** chemistry Crop **High throughput Technology** transformation screening explosion **Precision Advanced** breeding formulation **Environmental** science and toxicology

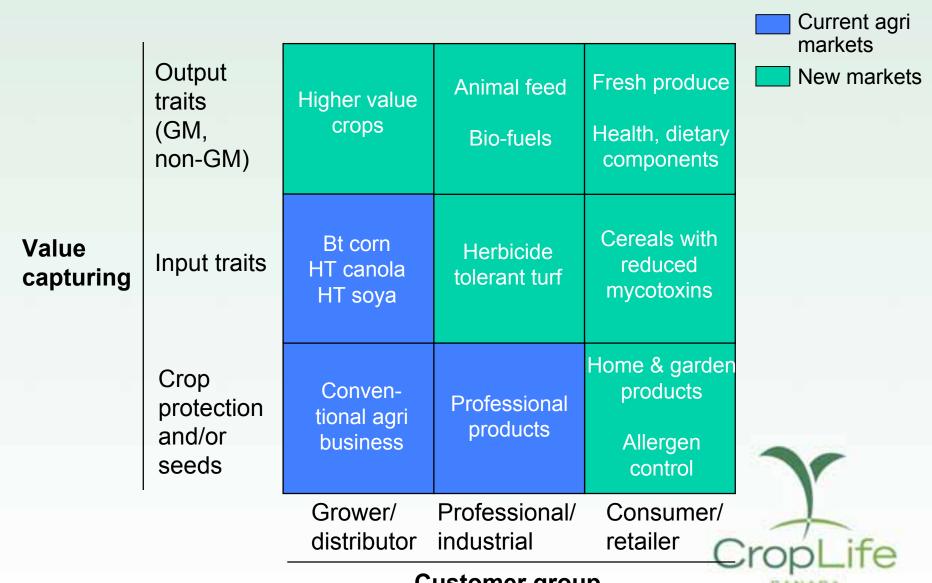
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NEW PRODUCTS. NEW BUSINESS. NEW MARKETS. NEW SOLUTIONS.



New markets – examples



Customer group

What are CropLife members doing in biofuels?

- Committed to pursuing sustainable technologies including within the energy sector
- Committed R&D to developing crops that are more amenable to renewable fuel production for both ethanol and bio-diesel
- Committed to uptake of these technologies
- Energy crop seed market estimated at \$7 bil

Canola

- Canada's oil Cinderella crop
- Advantage a crop platform for technology development identified by plant science industry for investment - benefits Canada





The Supply Challenge

- Canola Council of Canada 2015 targets:
 - Phased in B5 diesel fuel requirement
 - 1.5 bil liters of biodiesel
 - -80% from canola = 2.5 bil tonnes
 - 14 mil tonnes crop (9.66 mil t in 2005)
- E.U. imported 120,000 t of canola oil for biodiesel(2006) = 120 mil liters of biodiesel

Biodiesel: Canola supply

Seed/Trait developers

- Increase crop yield (e.g. hybrids 23% increase)
- Increase oil content from 42 to up to 48%?
- Drought tolerance to make more amenable to growing in a larger geographic region means more acres
- Process more amenable to transesterification



Biodiesel: Canola processing

Distributors/processors

- Ownership/operation of biodiesel facilities e.g. E.U.
- Increase in existing plus new crushing capability in Canada
- Improved oil extraction technology

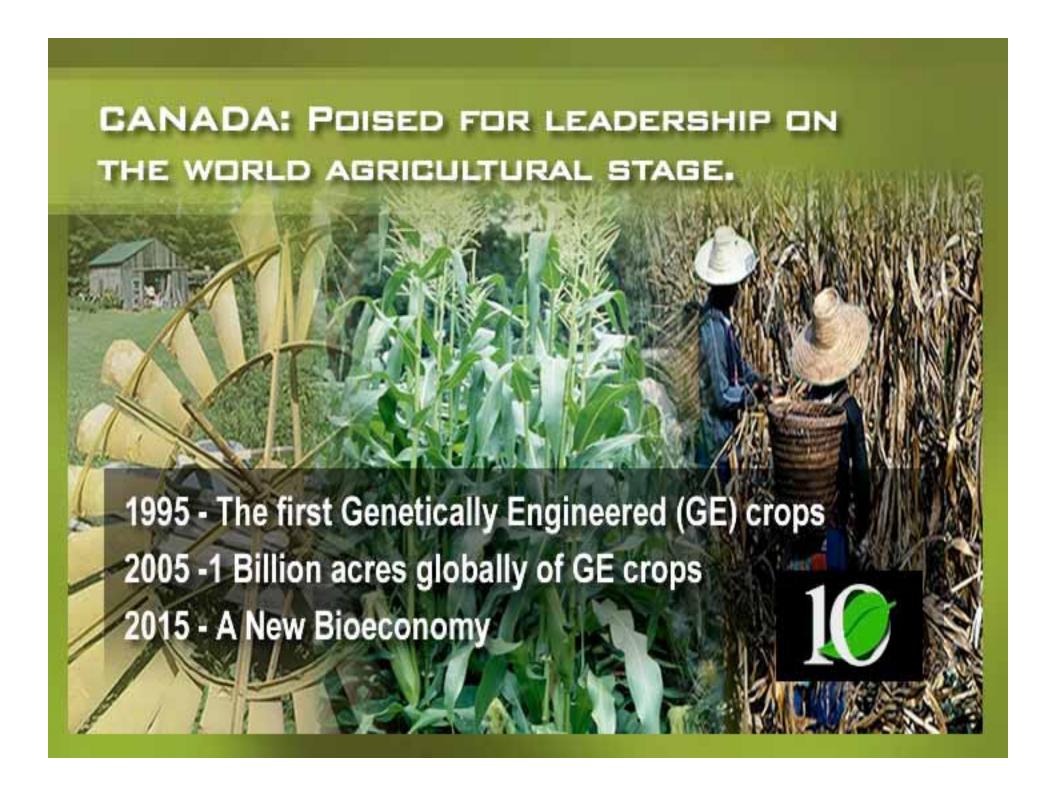


Is goal attainable from a supply standpoint?... Yes!

- Plant science role does not take into account
 - 5% of off-spec crop potentially available (146 mil 1.)
 - More acres from "room in the rotation" or just generally available
- Believe in farmer ingenuity
 "Build it and they will come"
- Famer track record on adopting new technology
 - E.gs.: Hybrid corn, GMO crops
- Farm production track record:
 - 3.2 mil t. in 1989 increased to 9.66 mil t. in 2005

But.....

- Market over exuberant or a new reality?
 - Lot of plants/expansion seen once before
 - Strong consensus on drivers: environment, energy security, and rural economic considerations
- Are biofuels/biodiesel competitive?
 - Other sources: Palm oil, cellulosic biomass competition
 - Other types: hydrogen
 - Role of subsidies and incentives
 - Not a perfect solution or complete or cheapest solution
 - World will need all alternatives that are viable
- Crops for "Food v. Fuel" debate



An exciting new era

- Agriculture once again poised for greatness
- Not been a happy place, youth not attracted
- Competition for our goods emerging
 - Food:
 - Challenge of feeding the world has not gone away
 - Rise of organic decrease food production per acre
 - Feed: improving economies means more animal protein
 - Health:
 - Designer foods and feeds nutraceuticals, functional foods
 - Trans fats
 - Energy:
 - Bio-fuels are more environmentally friendly
 - security: more recent phenomonen 25 by 25
 - Challenge of weather has not gone away



What's needed?

- Agreement on a "new vision" for agriculture – includes the bioeconomy – includes bio-fuels
- Real commitment to an Innovation Strategy
- Science-based regulation enabling
- Communication for an informed public
- Working together across the value chain
- Leadership by government and industry

AGRICULTURE IS MORE THAN FOOD. IT IS OUR FUTURE.



