



# Traits that provide solutions beneficial throughout the value chain

## **Sunflower :** How to control Broomrape a devastating weed ?

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## Sunflower is a global crop with strong European focus

2015 Sunflower global economy and grower spend per hectare\*



\* Spend per hectare includes total spend on seed, crop protection and seed treatment Source: USDA, Informa Economics, European Commission, Syngenta analysis, Oilworld



## From the consumer to the grower



## **Consumer and value chain**

- The consumer favors oils such as sunflower because of:
  - Health
  - Traceability
  - Environment

## Grower

- Drive sustainable farm productivity
- Step change in farm profitability
- Ensure crop sustainability
- Limit Broomrape expansion in CIS
- Intensification via full integration of technologies (herbicide + trait) => beyond genomics



How can the consumer and the value chain be secured about the supply of sunflower oil ?





## **Drivers of Sunflower oil demand**

### 1. Health

- Health concerns and nutritional recommendations
- Reduce risk of cardiovascular diseases (by limiting <u>trans fat</u> and <u>saturated</u> intake)

## 2. Regulatory Environment

- New (EU 1169/2011) labelling regulation after 2014 for oil blends and food ingredients
- Labelling and bans of *trans* fatty acids in several countries
- EFSA recommendation to set mandatory information on 3-MCPD and Glycidyl esters content in refined oils and foods.

## 3. Oxidation resistance (in case of High Oleic Sunflower)

- HO oils longer shelf life than conventional oils
- Improved stability without hydrogenation (No trans)
- 4. Palm oil "media bashing"
  - Labour / Environment / Health issues

Source: Syngenta elaboration









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## Not all vegetables oils created equal – SF oil very healthy



#### The Challenge:

### Saturated fats = ↑cholesterol = ↑heart disease

- All vegetable oils are "fats" in liquid form at room temperature
- Vegetable oils contain different profiles of fatty acids
- Recent health concerns have lead to "recommendations" by different organizations on the "preferred" fatty acids
- This is because certain fatty acids (i.e., "saturated") are associated with cholesterol causing cardio vascular diseases



The Solution:

### HO SF (Oleic) = $\downarrow$ cholesterol = $\downarrow$ heart disease



Polyunsaturated (Linolenic - Omega 3)

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## Watch out threats from other oils



Excess palm oil expected to reduce SF/OSR production in export markets (Ukraine & Canada)

Source: LMC report 2013





## SF under pressure from palm & soy Differentiation is a must to compete sustainably !

- Demand for veg oil growing faster than GDP/capita. converging on 25 kg/capita of veg oil per year
- Health concerns & new regulations in developed markets

Consumers & value chain

- Palm oil Soy meal "The softseeds squeeze" Crude oil prices **Biofuel mandates** Crude oil : main driver of oilseeds complex price volatility Biofuel mandates / biodiesel high price-elasticity

**Intensify** to be more competitive as a crop (CIS a must!)

Become the source of "healthy vegetable oil" with High Oleic SF

**Innovate** to make the crop sustainable in the future

- Primary driver is emerging markets food demand
- Supply not affected by Year on Year demand
- **Reflects** investment decisions made 25 years before





Largely driven by

Chinese demand

Soy oil a meal

production co-

by oil demand

product, not driven

for **feed** 



## SITUATION ANALYSIS: BROOMRAPE RACES DEVELOPMENT 1994







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#### Sunflower acreage





integrated solutions

### SITUATION ANALYSIS: BROOMRAPE RACES DEVELOPMENT integrated solutions 2016 BROOMRAPE IS AN EXPANDING THREAT FOR THE SUPPLY OF SUNFLOWER OIL

#### Sunflower acreage



\* There are sunflower areas without broomrape in grey 9,5 m ha (53%) include areas with Br E and no broomrape



## **Combined technologies for sustainable management of Broomrape**





- Most important risk factor.
- Causes up to 100% yield loss
- Thousands seeds produced
- Potential new mutations every 4-5 year
- Spreads easily

## **Genetic Resistance**

- Historical control method
- New genetic resistances developed overtime to control emerging new Broomrape races

## **Chemical Control**

- Imidazole chemistry provides broomrape control
- For use within Clearfield® production system

## **Crop Management**

- Reduction of crop rotation cycle increases speed of race evolution and spread
- Prophylactic measures limit the spread of broomrape



**Combined technologies for sustainable management of Broomrape** 



Benefits of an integrated strategy:

- 1. Prevent broomrape introduction into non infected fields
- 2. Avoid dispersion, evolution and reduce the seed stock in the soil of infested fields
- 3. Contribute to limit appearance of new resistance races of broomrape
- 4. Integrate weed management and broomrape control



## **Combination of technologies in practice**

**Genetic resistance and Clearfield® Solution** 



- Broomrape mutates into new races every 4-5 years and can by-pass genetic resistance
- Combination of Genetic resistance and chemical control delivers a sustainable management of the weed => less risks of by-pass



## Combined technologies for sustainable management of Broomrape

### With 50% of Europe infested, broomrape is a major concern



## Providing the solution



- Broomrape centre of excellence in Stein Switzerland is a major milestone towards establishing "total control"
- Multi-disciplinary research allows for an integrated, sustainable approach:
  - Native traits: resistance to latest races
  - Innovative active ingredients/seed care



- Spreads easily (50k) seed/plant Can last up to 20
- years in the soil
- New weed mutations every 4 to 5 years
- Up to 100% yield losses
- Controlled today with native traits and limited crop protection





# Examples of combination of technologies in other crops

# Sugar beet: Syngenta solution controls Rhizoctonia infections at all critical growth stages

Syngenta is uniquely positioned to provide

- sustainable, full season control of all relevant *R.* solani anastomosis groups with its broad portfolio
- comprehensive technical expertise
- tailored offers based on risk modelling and market needs

 Seed:
 Rhizoctonia tolerant hybrids

 Seedcare
 Image: Constraint tolerant hybrids

Crop protection:



Most vulnerable to *R. solani* AG-4 combined with *Pythium* and *Fusarium* spp.



Most vulnerable to R. solani

AG 2-2 IIIB

\* Expected European launch in 2017, US launch 2015

\*\* PROVEN AMISTAR Technology includes Amistar, Quadris, AmistarXtra and a formulation under development

## **Conclusions – Food for thought**

- The sustainable management of pests / parasites secures the availability of goods for the supply chain.
- The combination of native traits and Herbicide Tolerance offers an interesting and long term solution for such sustainable management.
- Securing the supply (quantity, quality) is beneficial to the downstream industry
- However :
  - it will not be possible to eradicate some of the pests / parasites
  - learning how to sustainably manage those pests/parasites is a mindset shift
- Last but not least :
  - Technology brings a lot of new solutions
  - However mother nature is often quicker and more creative to by-pass solutions developed by individual companies
  - We cannot do it all alone.
  - Partnering / Partnership



## Thank you for your attention





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