

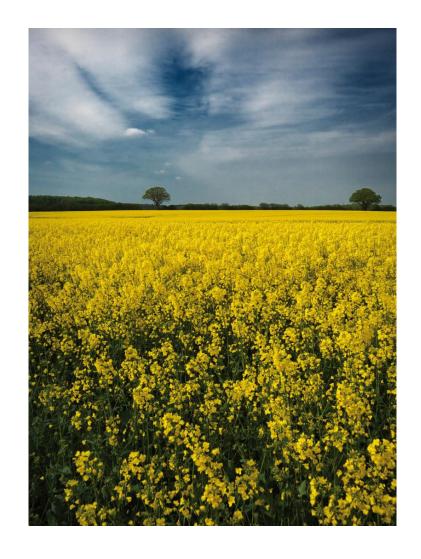


# Born in Gent The InVigor Canola Success Story

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## Oilseed Rape is a Valuable Vegetable Oil Crop





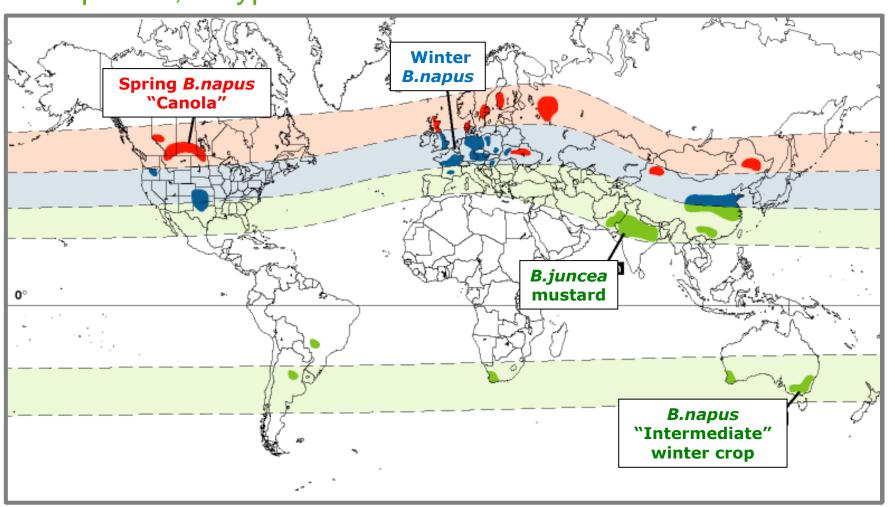






#### OSR is Mainly Cultivated in the Northern Hemisphere

2 Species, 3 Types



#### 2021 acreage

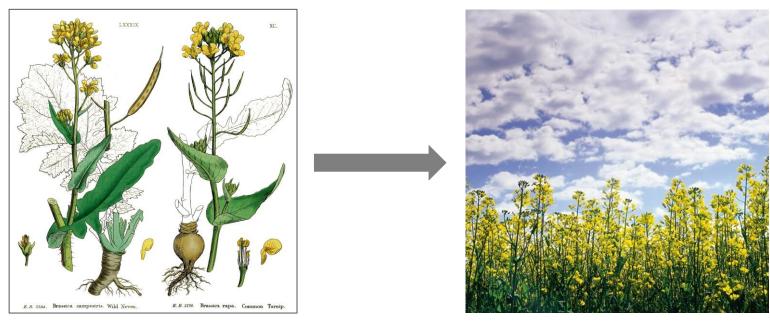
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#### **36.2 Million ha globally**

- 9.9 Canada + US
- 8.3 India
- 6.8 China
- 5.6 EU 27 + UK
- 3.0 Australia
- 1.6 Russia
- 1.0 Ukraine



#### From "Wild" Rapeseed to Canola-quality Varieties



Oilseed Brassica's

In ancient times

Lamp oil and lubricant

B.napus - Canola

First "00" variety in 1974 in Canada Enabled food and feed use

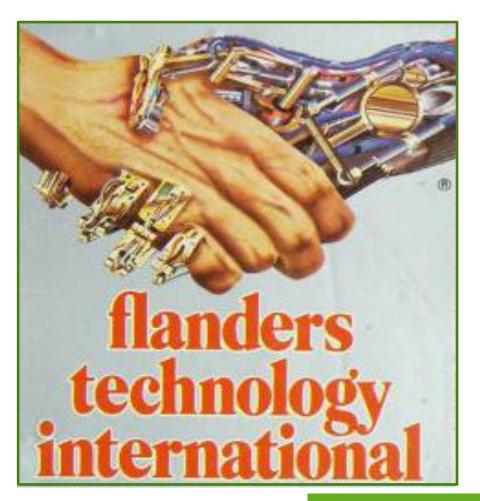


#### The First Major Yield Enhancement Step happened in Gent



1986 - Insect resistance

1987 - Herbicide tolerance



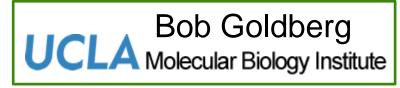


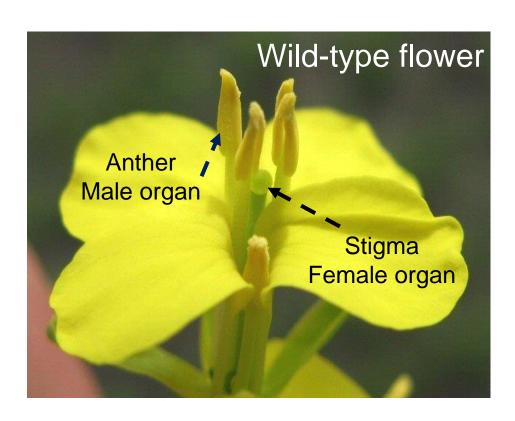
#### 1989: The OSR



#### Hybridization System Invented

An ingenious combination of 3 bacterial genes providing male sterility, restoration and herbicide tolerance









#### The SeedLink® Hybridization System Enabled Canola Hybrids

#### Induction of male sterility in plants by a chimaeric ribonuclease gene

Celestina Mariani, Marc De Beuckeleer, Jessie Truettner, Jan Leemans & Robert B. Goldberg



#### First InVigor Hybrid Launched in Canada in 1997











#### From Start-up to Global Player

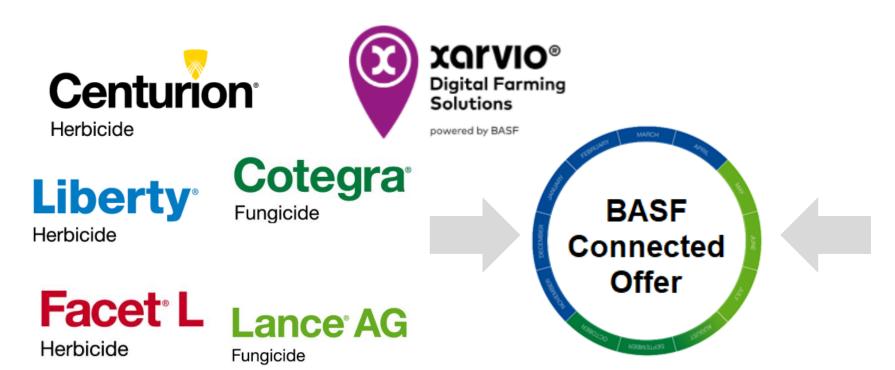








### InVigor® drives Crop Protection Products & Services







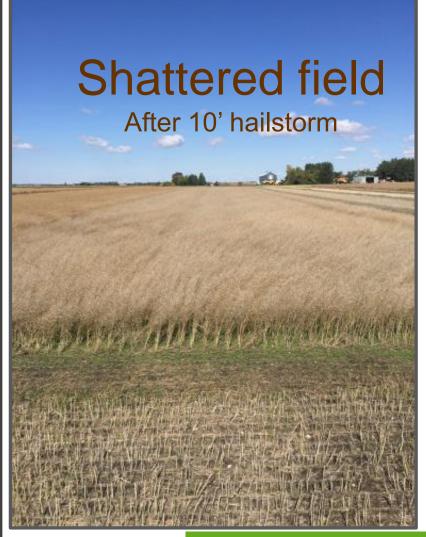
Powered by Kixor® Herbicide

Vercoras® Seed Treatment



#### But there Was Still a Major Productivity Issue







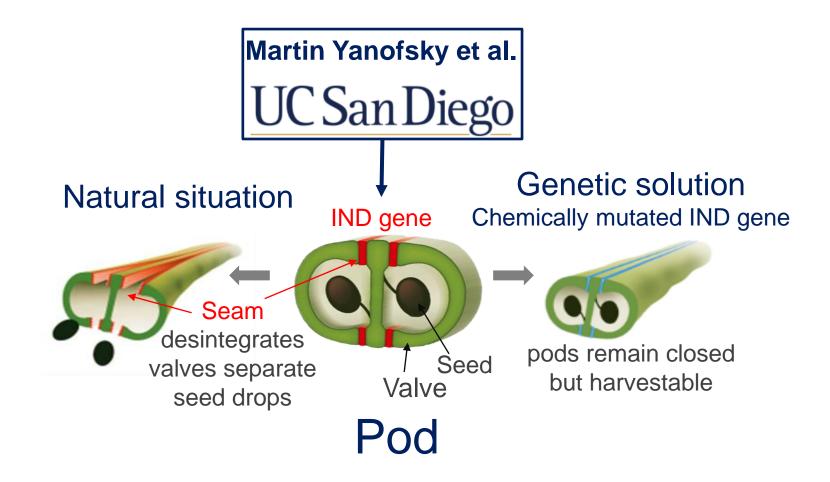
# Pod Shattering was Managed by a Two-Stage Harvesting Procedure







### A Genetic Solution Solves Pod Shattering





#### 14 Years to Create and Develop Pod Shatter Reduction

A textbook example of commercially successful biotech discovery and innovation From Arabidopsis to Canola



## Pod Shatter Reduction Provides Many Benefits

Productivity

Bigger seed

More seed

Minimize seed loss

Less green seed

Seed quality

More oil

Minimize stress

Skip swathing



Farmer convenience

Save input cost

Harvesting flexibility

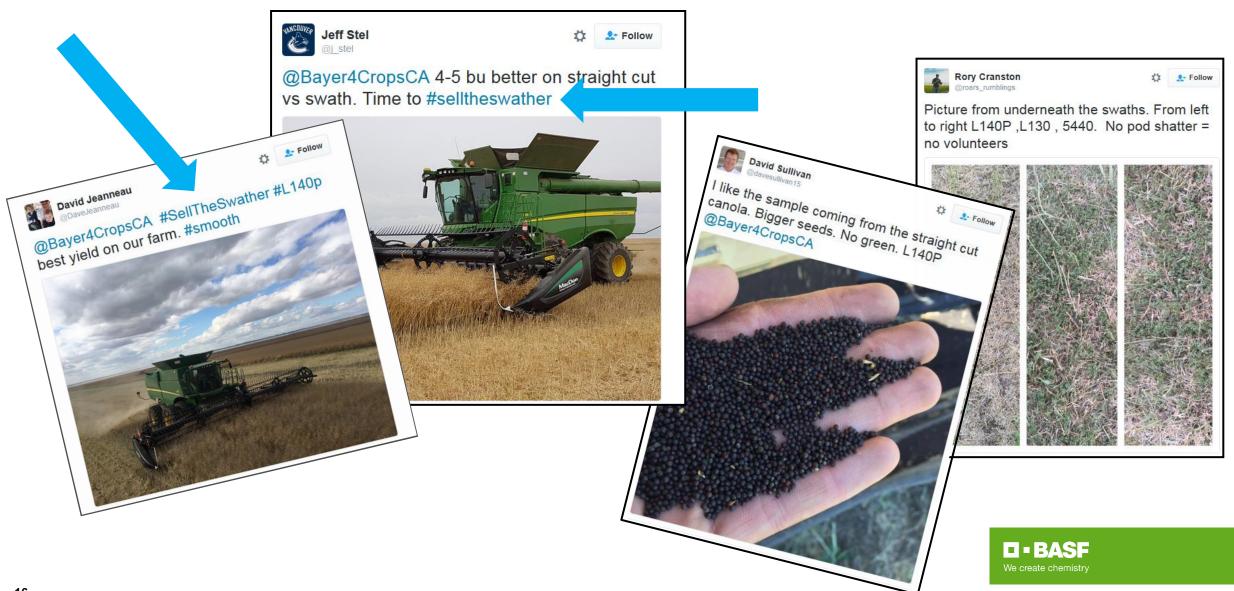
Less weedy volunteers next season

Reduced fuel consumption

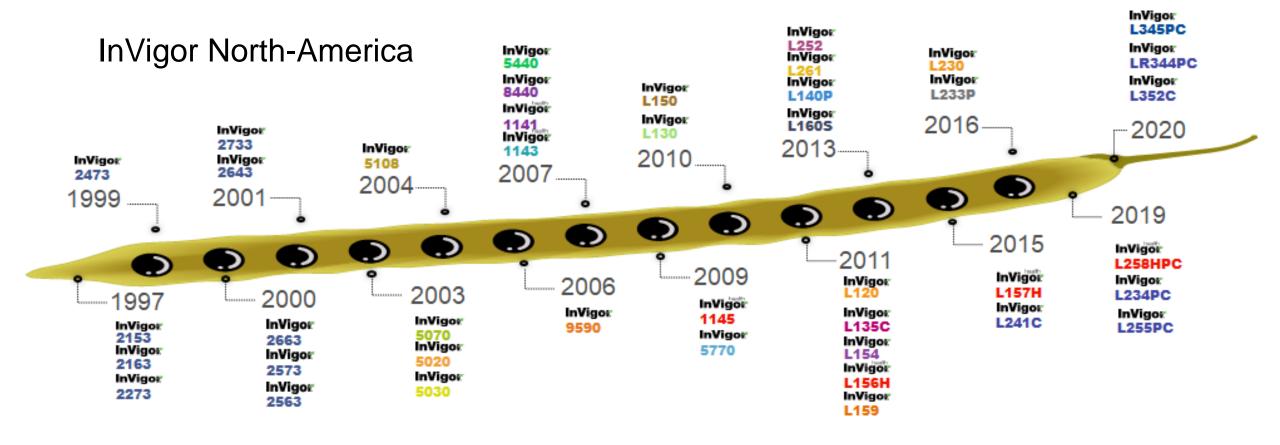
Less CO2 emission

**Environment** 

#### Pod Shatter Reduction went viral on Social Media



# Continuous Launch of New InVigor® Hybrids Drives the Seeds Business in North-America







703000 km2 InVigor



162000 km<sup>2</sup> PSR











We create chemistry