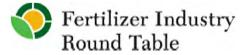
# The Sustainability Imperative

#### **Feeding A Hungry World**

Fertilizer Outlook and Technology Conference



November 17, 2010 Savannah, GA

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## The World is Changing....Fast





### **CHANGE!**







## Feeding A Hungry World

A Look at population growth

1959 -- 3 billion people

2000 -- 6 billion people

2050 -- 9 billion (projected) people





#### Standard of Living Increasing for Many

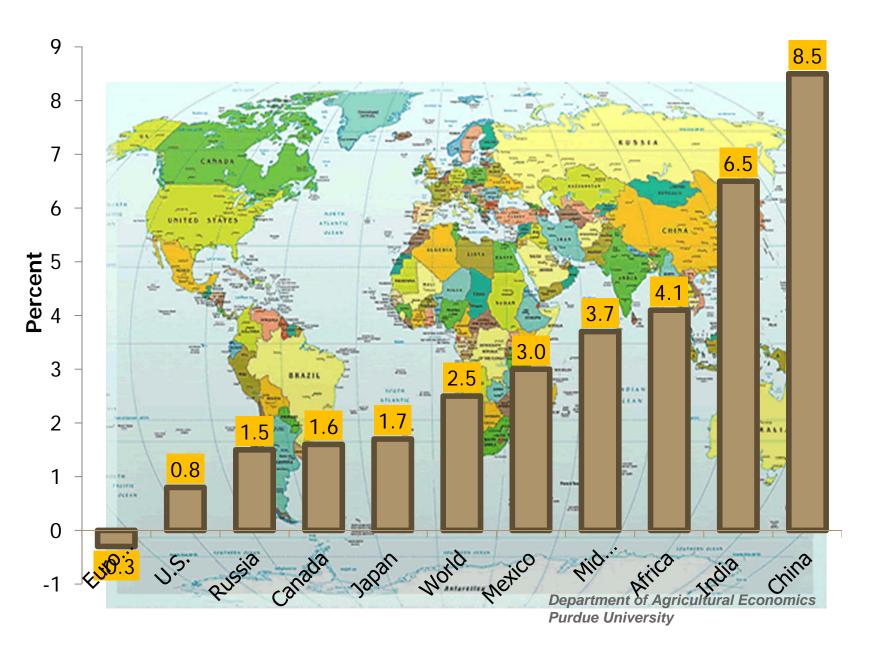
- Standard of living is growing rapidly
   .....especially in BRIC countries
   Brazil, Russia, India, and China
- Many people want to and can afford to eat better





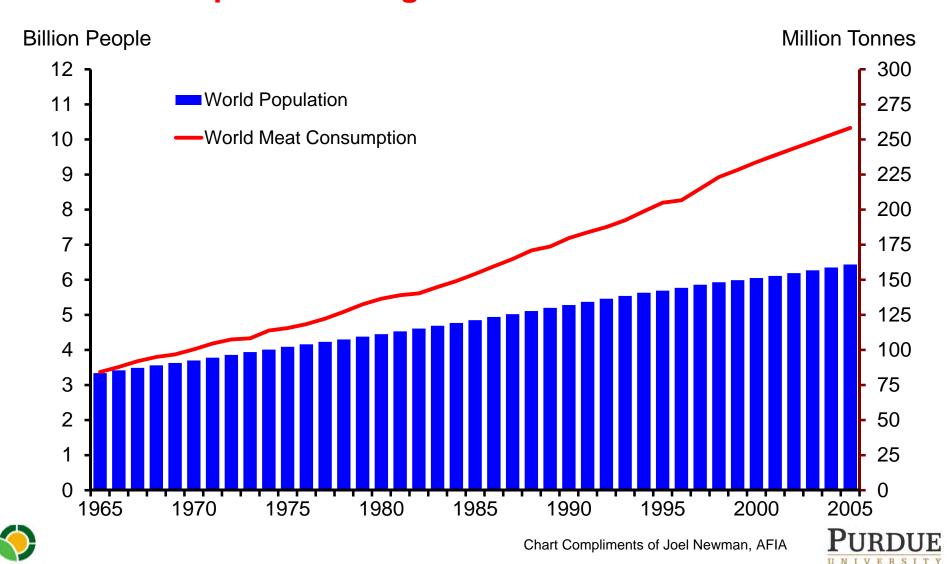


#### 2010 Real Economic Growth Rates %

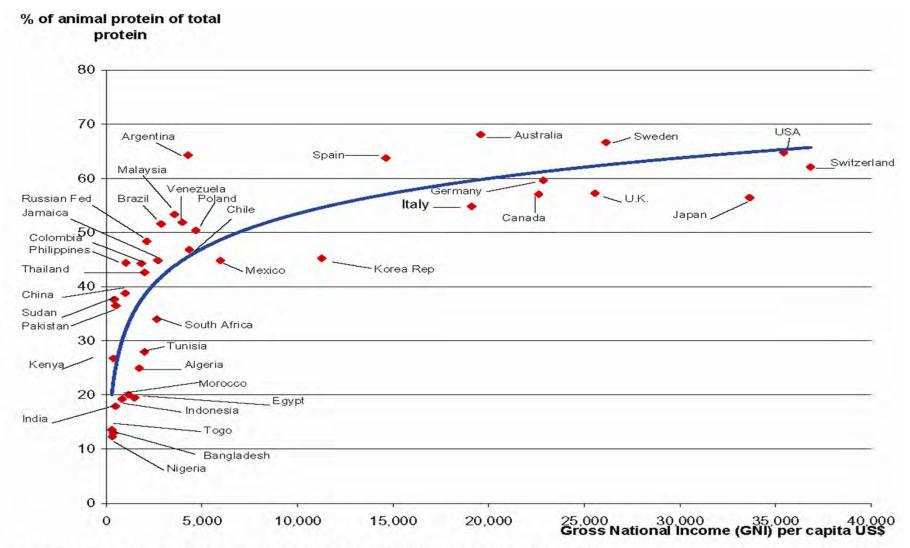


#### World Population Growth & Meat Consumption

#### People are eating better...and can afford to!



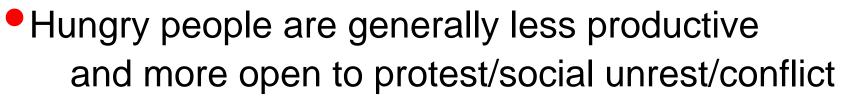
#### **Animal Protein as a Share of Total Protein**



Source: Based on data through 2002 from FAO and World Bank.

# But At The Same Time..... Hunger and Malnourishment

- 1.02 billion malnourished people in 2009 in the world (FAO)
- Increased by 10% in 2009













#### **Resource Constrains**



Agricultural land will become more scarce

- Limited "new land" availability
- 80% of new "capacity" must come from productivity growth

Water quality/ quantity/ availability problems

- May be the most "limiting resource"
- Distribution and efficiency of use critical

Petroleum energy and other natural resources are becoming increasingly restrictive





#### **Conclusions**

# HUGE IMPROVEMENTS MUST BE MADE IF WE ARE GOING TO FEED 50% MORE PEOPLE IN 25 YEARS

We must produce a great deal more food and do it in a way that protects our ability to continue to produce food in the future







# Sustainable Agriculture The "Triple Bottom Line"

We must find ways to produce safe food for a rapidly growing population while maintaining our agricultural environment for future generations

Produce food in environmentally friendly ways

Produce food in a way that is profitable for farmers

Produce food in a way that is socially equitable





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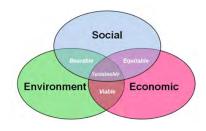
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## **Addressing Sustainability**



Many very large food and agribusinesses have created a specific departments to address sustainability Issues

....from a total supply chain perspective

#### They are motivated by

- A sincere responsibility for doing "what is right"
- Strong public sentiment that demands their being pro-active
- A fear of more costly regulations if they do not





# How Are Agribusinesses Responding To Sustainability Pressures?



Purdue University
Sustainability in Agribusiness Survey





Social

**Economic** 

## Agribusinesses

Social

Sestable

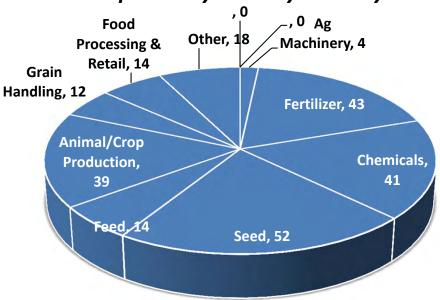
Environment

Viable

Economic

113 observations
From Agribusiness Executives
Participating in Programs at Purdue's
Center For Food and Agricultural Business

#### **Companies by Primary Industry**



## Views of Sustainability



#### **Basic Sustainability Topics**

Percentage that Responded "Strongly" or "Somewhat" Agree

	Agribusinesses
Complying with environmental and social laws and standards	95%
Responding to external environmental and social pressures	92%





# Views of Sustainability (Cont.)

#### **Purposes of Focusing On Sustainability**

Percentage that Responded "Strongly" or "Somewhat" Agree

	Agribusinesses
A way to strengthen image	92%
A strategy for cost savings	57%
A function of the beliefs of management	76%
A source of competitive advantage	74%
A way to impact employee satisfaction	76%
An opportunity for new sources of revenue	61%
A function of aligning employee and	71%
company values	UNIVE



# Views of Sustainability (Cont.)

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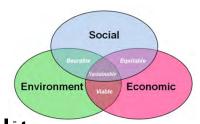
Percentage that Responded "Strongly" or "Somewhat" Agree

	Agribusinesses
A method of risk management	74%
A value integrated into the business	70%
Collaboration with others	61%
Addressing hunger, poverty, and societal welfare	62%
Reducing impact on the environment	90%
An integral part of the core business	73%





# **Key Points**



Most respondents are involved in sustainability as:

- Complying with laws and standards
- Responding to external pressures
- A way to strengthen image
- Reducing impact on the environment

Most respondents also see sustainability as:

- A function of beliefs of management
- A function of aligning employee and company values
- A value integrated into the business





## **Sustainability Actions**

# Social Bearable Sustainable Viable Environment Viable Viable

#### **Internal Sustainability Topics**

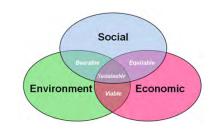
Percentage that Responded "Using," "Developing," or "Considering"

	Agribusinesses
Sustainability features added to existing products	85%
Processes that include sustainability considerations	95%
Marketing and public relations	70%
A task force or employee position	62%
<b>Environmental management system</b>	73%
Substantially re-developed products and processes	71%
Sustainable supply chain management	74%





## **Key Points**



Actions with highest level of use:

- Sustainability processes
- Products with sustainability features
- Environmental management systems

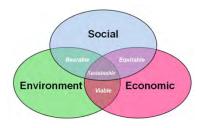
Respondents were more likely to be involved with 'internal actions' rather than 'external actions'

The fact is that few agribusinesses are doing much to influence policy and attitudes on 'sustainability issues'





## **Sustainability Measures**

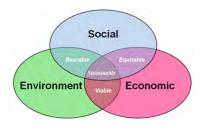


Percentage that Responded "Using," "Developing," or "Considering"

	Agribusinesses
Reduction targets for resource	72%
Reduction targets for pollution	68%
Formal sustainability reports	58%
Environmental management system certification	36%
Life cycle assessment of environmental, social, and economic costs	48%
Recognition from an independent third party	27%







# The Reality is that Sustainability is beginning to be taken seriously by a great many agribusinesses







### **Important Questions**



What additional role can the fertilizer industry play in producing sufficient food for a hungry world while maintaining or improving our ability to produce food in the future?

How can the science and technology of soil nutrients contribute to the sustainability initiative?

How can farmers working, with the fertilizer industry and the entire food chain, make a difference in producing food in a sustainable manner?

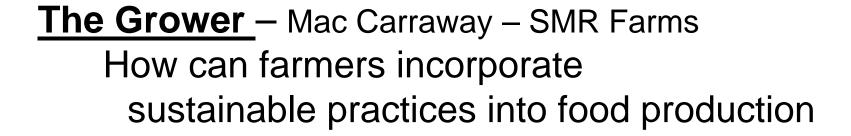




### **Three Perspectives**

The Food Industry – Tim Carey - PepsiCo

How are consumers interests reflected
through the food chain to farm production



The Distribution System – Dave Coppes – Heartland Coop How can ag retailers and distributors make a difference beyond following regulations?







#### Introducing.....



# Mr. Tim Carey

# Director, Sustainability and Technology PepsiCo Americas Beverages



















#### Introducing.....

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# Mr. Mac Carraway

# President SMR Farms Bradenton, Florida















# A Brief History Of Schroeder-Manatee Ranch

- ☐ Assembly and family history
  - >SMR is the parent company of SMR Farms
  - ➤ The Uihlein family 1922
  - >31,000 acres / 48 square miles
  - **≻**Priorities
    - > Formerly owned the Schlitz Brewing Company
    - >Strong family board with a commitment to agribusiness, master-planned development and environmental stewardship







# Agricultural Operations – SMR Farms

- □ Diversified Ag Operation
  - ➤ Citrus (oranges and tangerines)
  - ➤ Brangus and hybrid cow-calf operation; Bahiagrass
  - >Improved / value-added turfgrasses
  - ➤ Golf / sports turf installation
  - ➤ Containerized and field-grown tree nursery
  - ➤ Row crop leasing







#### The SMR Evolution –

Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc.

**SMR Farms** 

Lakewood Ranch SMR Aggregates, Inc.

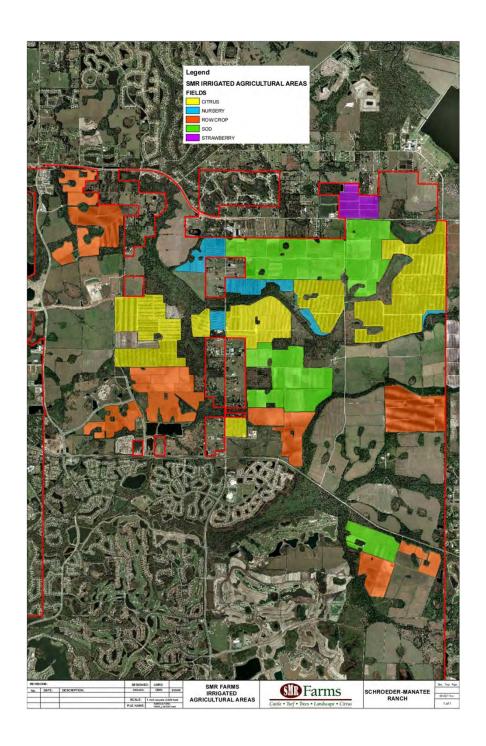
Sarasota Polo Club

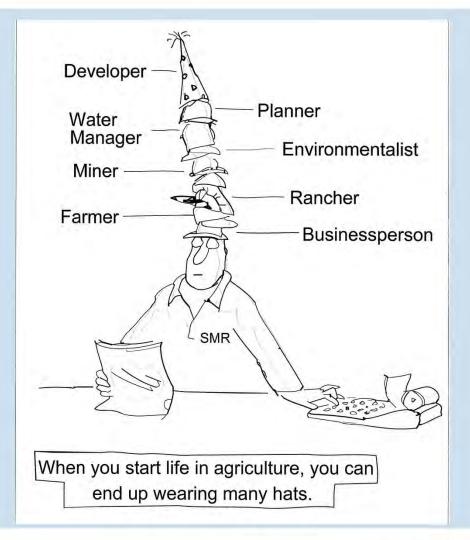
Diversification – What a Concept!

















### Thank You!



#### www.smrfarms.com







Introducing.....

# Mr. Dave Coppes



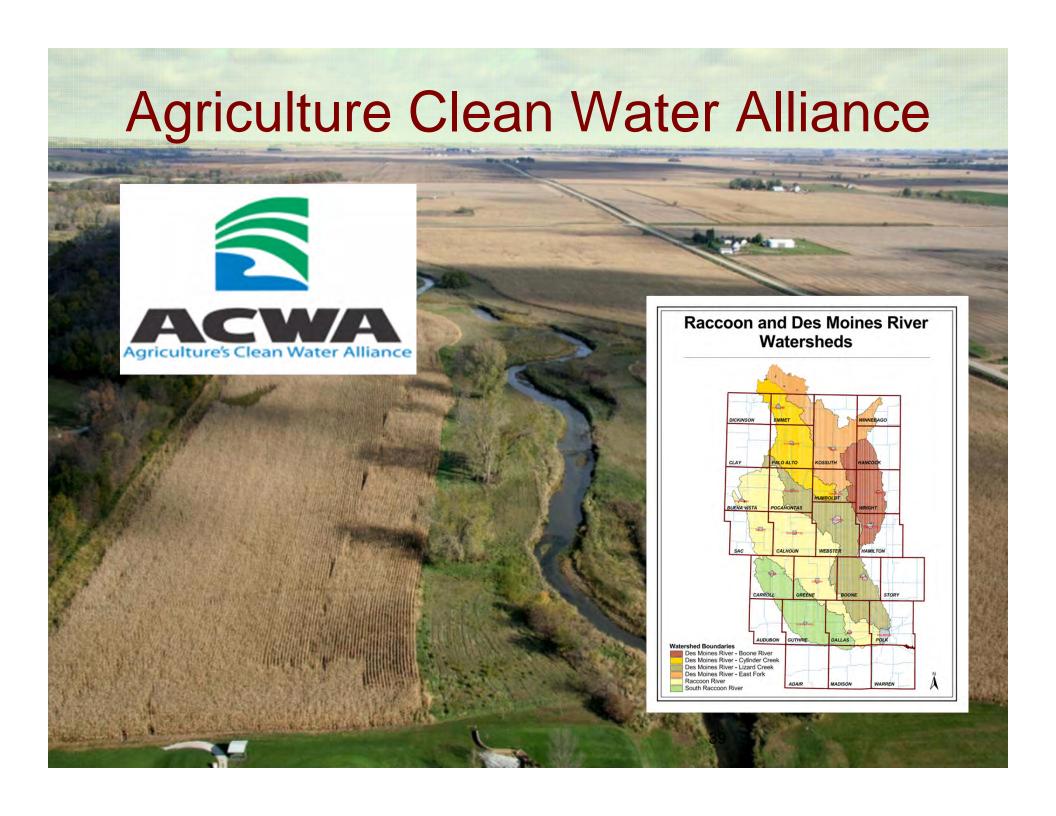


# Executive Vice President Heartland Coop West Des Moines, Iowa









## 13 Participating Ag Retailers



Founding Members:

Heartland Coop	West Central	FC Coop	Ag Partners
WDM	Ralston	Farnhamville	Albert City
Dedham Coop	First Coop Assoc	NEW Coop	Pro Coop
Dedham	Cherokee	Ft. Dodge	Gilmore City
CPS	Van Diest Supply	Association Insight, ISA	
Wall Lake, IA	Webster City	Roger Wolf, Exec. Director	

#### **Expansion Members:**

Helena Chemical	Key Cooperative	Gold Eagle Coop	
WDM	Roland / Sully	Eagle Grove	

#### Key Partners:

Des Moines Water	Natl. Lab for Ag &	IDNR	IA Soybean
Works (DMWW)	Environment	IDALS	Iowa State Univ.



## Mission

- Reduce nutrient loss from farm fields; to keep the nutrients from entering the Raccoon and Des Moines river watersheds.
  - Assist farmers to improve environmental performance with <u>voluntary</u> BMP's.
    - Bridge science to application on the land
  - Engage with others to ensure the realities of production ag are considered in regulatory approach to nutrient mgt.



# Water Monitoring

- Certified Sampling
  - Nitrate and Bacteria
- Real-time Remote Monitoring
- Investigative Monitoring
  - Ammonia / Cyanobacteia
- Project Monitoring
  - Bioreactors
  - Event-triggered monitoring



# Findings – Complex System

- Seasonal spikes, but no direct correlation between fall N application and Nitrate spikes at DMWW
  - Jan. 2003
    - Dry winter, tile lines were not running; high nitrate levels > 11 mg/l
- Identified Point-source issues
  - Outlet Creek, Storm Lake
    - Tyson plant permitted by IDNR
  - Brushy Creek 13 livestock farms
- Nitrogen Cycle is real Soil mineralization, etc.
- Unique events
  - "free ammonia" issue Spring 2009
  - Cyanobacteria bloom Summer 2009 & 2010
- Requires better science to avert ineffective regulation.





# Remember, there are two best times to plant a tree.

20 Years Ago



OR





