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## Global Economic Growth Increasing the Demand for Commodities





## **Increasing Global Demand for Corn and Soy**



Source: Pioneer World Agricultural Forecast

Meeting Demand With Minimal Acreage Increases



## Population Growth in Countries with Developing Economies



Source: United Nations, World Population Prospects: The 2004 Revision (medium scenario), 2005 [www.prb.org].



# Consumption of 5 Major Grains – 2005/06 and 2007/08





### **Global Food Production, Food Prices and Cropland**



Source data from The World Bank, as reported in The World Development Report 2008 by CGIAR

During The Last 40+ Years, Global Food Production Has Increased Dramatically

QU POND.

## Change in U.S. Land Use



Source: NRCS National Resources Inventory (2003)

In 1982, 420 million acres were cropland and 73 million acres were developed.

By 2003, cropland acres decreased to 368 million acres and development increased to 108 million acres.

Since 1982, Land Used For Development Has Risen Sharply at The Expense of Agricultural Land



## U.S. Corn Price – 1900-2007

(Nominal & Inflation Adjusted to 2007\$)



Real (Inflation Adjusted) 
Nominal



**Corn and Wheat Yields** 



Little Research Has Been Conducted in Wheat in The U.S. Compared to Corn and The U.K.



### **U.S. Nitrogen Use and Corn Yields**



N Application Rates Have Plateaued; But Corn Yields Per Pound of N is Increasing







P Application Rates Have Declined; But Corn Yield Per Pound of P is Increasing



## **U.S. Corn Herbicide and Insecticide Rates**



USDA NASS Agricultural Chemical Usage Reports 1991-2005, Doane's data for 2004, 2006 and 2007 data

Pounds of Insecticide/Acre Corn (IL, IN, IA, MN, NE) 0.4 0.3 Lb/Acre 0.2 0.1 

USDA NASS Agricultural Chemical Usage Reports 1991-2005, Doane's data for 2004, 2006 and 2007 data

Year	Total Acres (IA, IL, IN, NE, MN)	Herbicides (lbs)	Insecticides (lbs)
1991	44,200,000	125,055,000	14,644,000
2006	45,700,000	92,477,100	2,529,900
Difference	1,500,000	(32,577,900)	(12,114,100)

Herbicide and Insecticide Rates Have Declined Due to Lower AI Products and Biotechnology



## **Delivering Superior Corn Performance**

### New 2008 Class is Robust

23 new genetic platforms

### 59 new hybrids

- 22 new HXX/RR2 products
- 15 new HX1/RR2 products

## Advanced Technologies Build on Leadership Position

Accelerated Yield Technology<sup>™</sup> (AYT<sup>™</sup>) and molecular markers for yield, agronomic and disease traits

Optimum® AcreMax<sup>™</sup>

Pipeline of drought tolerance, increased yield and nitrogen use efficiency genes





## **Delivering Superior Soybean Performance**

## New 2008 Class is Strongest in History

Several new varieties yield 10% over current leaders

### Advanced Technologies Build on Leadership Position

Accelerated Yield Technology<sup>™</sup> (AYT<sup>™</sup>) and molecular markers for defensive traits

**Optimum® GAT® trait** 

Yield genes

**High Oleic** 





## **Nitrogen Utilization Efficiency (NUE)**

#### **Product Concept:**

- Maintain current yield potential with 30% less N application
- Achieve 10% higher yield at current levels of N application

### Impact:

- For the last 20 years, U.S. corn farmers applied an average of 130-140 pounds of N per acre
- Between 2005-2007, farmers paid an average of about \$43 per acre for N
- N costs have doubled in 2008 to over \$80 per acre
- N run-off contributes to water pollution, including hypoxia (the "dead zone") in the Gulf of Mexico



To test hybrids with improved nitrogen traits, nitrogen-deficient environments are created.



Non-transgenic control (left); Transgenic event (right).

First Transgenic Hybrids With Improved NUE are Expected in The Next 10 Years



### **Pioneer Research Efforts To Enhance Drought Tolerance**

#### **Product Concept:**

Prevent 25% of the yield loss under transient water stress while maintaining yield parity under optimal conditions.

#### Impact:

- Drought causes losses in \$8 billion annually
- Energy cost to irrigate an acre in Nebraska is ~\$61

• Aquifer depletion has been documented in the Ogallala aquifer in U.S., the North China Plain, Punjab region in India Guanajuato state in Mexico







With Tolerance Trait

**Check Hybrid** 

Drought Tolerance is a High Priority Project For Pioneer – Expect Transgenic Products in 5-7 Years



## U.S. Corn Utilization: 2008/09



Source: USDA



## **United States Corn Utilization**

**Million Bushels** 100% 14,000 90% 12,000 80% 6% 10,000 70% 3,150<sub>3,794</sub> 1,323 1,603 2,117 60% 8,000 1,168 706 628 996 50% 6,000 40% 30% 4,000 20% 2,000 10% 0 0% 2006 2000 2002 2003 2004 2005 2007 2008 2001 2000 Other Industrial Direct Feed



## **United States Biofuel Production**





## **Cellulosic Ethanol**

Substantial market growth and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction





## **DuPont Biorefinery Value Chain**

Carbohydrates to Fuels and Chemicals





"I believe there is no effective upper limit to the amount of cellulosic biofuels we can make. We have the land. We have crop production technology. We can do this. It is at least 100 billion gallons a year and upwards from there." – Professor Bruce Dale

**Michigan State University** 

