

BASF Plant Science, L.P. Backgrounder

BASF's activities in the field of plant biotechnology in North America are consolidated in BASF Plant Science L.P. The North American headquarters are located in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Additional BASF Plant Science facilities are located across the Midwest (Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota) and in Kekaha, Hawaii. Currently there are about 300 employees in the USA.

Our company mission, vision and cause are as follows:

- VISION: "We lead the way in meeting the world's demand for more and better food, feed and renewable resources with creative plant biotech solutions."
- MISSION: "We develop sustainable solutions for superior agricultural productivity, better and healthier nutrition, and renewable resources. Leadership, creativity, teamwork and passion combined with our unique plant biotechnology expertise are the foundation of our success."
- CAUSE: "BETTER CROPS FOR A BETTER FUTURE."

The R&D activities of BASF Plant Science, L.P. are concentrated in four major trait areas. The first and most important one is yield. We are working to increase yield in four major crops – corn, soybeans, cotton, and canola – in a major collaboration with Monsanto.

We are also working in corn to improve the nutritional value of the grain and silage in feeding livestock. NutriDense[®] is our current trait being licensed to seed partners to provide livestock producers with a higher energy feed to improve animal performance and profitability.

In soybeans, we are working to develop resistance to key pests and also supporting our crop protection colleagues in the area of herbicide tolerance. Field trials are designed to identify transgenic events that have the highest levels of tolerance to BASF herbicides.

In rice, we are working on identifying genes that can improve yields. Field trials in rice are being conducted with the objective of providing rice in hybrid condition for the U.S., Brazil, India and parts of Asia markets.