

Opportunities for biologicals in Forestry, Turf & Amenity, Home & Garden



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Key global challenges are shaping the agricultural market

BASF is redefining crop care with a strategic focus on biologicals in agriculture

"Beyond agriculture" segments are also creating exciting and new opportunities

Dynamic markets in forestry, turf and home & garden









Growing and aging world population



Urbanization



Energy demand and climate protection

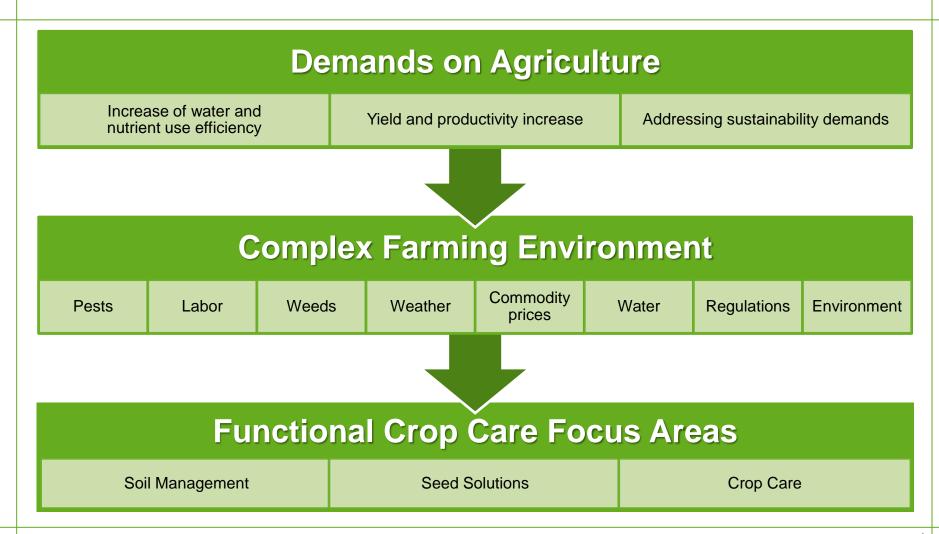


Globalization and developing markets

By 2050 global food production must double to meet demand

Global trends drive new demands on agriculture









- BASF Functional Crop Care redefines crop protection, harnessing scientific innovation in chemistry and biology to unlock agricultural potential from soil to seed to crop.
- For plant health and sustainable yield increases, BASF Functional Crop Care *anticipates farmers' challenges* to develop unique solutions in Soil Management, Seed Solutions and Crop Care.













Soil Management

- Nutrient management products
- Water management products



Seed Solutions

- Conventional chemical seed treatments
- Biological seed treatments (including inoculants)
- Seed-applied polymers and colorants



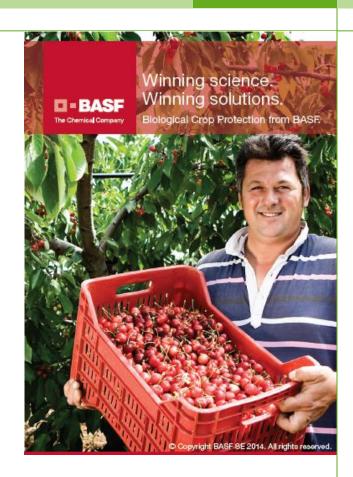
Crop Care

- Foliar biological products (including bioinsecticides and biofungicides)
- Biological and conventional plant health products
- Plant growth regulators





- A portfolio of biofungicides, bioinsecticides, and bionematicides that:
 - Assists in reducing damage caused by fungi, insects, slugs and nematodes
 - Enhances nutrient availability and uptake
 - Improves overall productivity and health of the crop
 - Assists in managing resistance
 - Adds a tool to manage residues around harvest



Important technology that complements chemistry-based solutions









Biologicals beyond agriculture

Market drivers

- Loss of PPP registrations
- Market size vs. new registration costs
- Options for label extensions being reduced
- Directives promoting biological use
- Country law operating outside of EU regulation
- Consumers changing demands



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Forestry – the opportunity

- Nemasys Successfully used in population management of key insect pest (Pine Weevil Hylobius abietis)
- Directives to move to biological strategies
- Commercial forestry highly affected: clear felling provides abundance of breeding sites





Biocontrol in action – pine weevil



- Feeding adults cause damage to young transplants
 - Feed on bark and phloem tissue
 - Girdle stem resulting in plant death
- Application of Nemasys targeting the Pine Weevil larvae in felled stumps prior to replanting
- Challenging environmental conditions for biological treatments

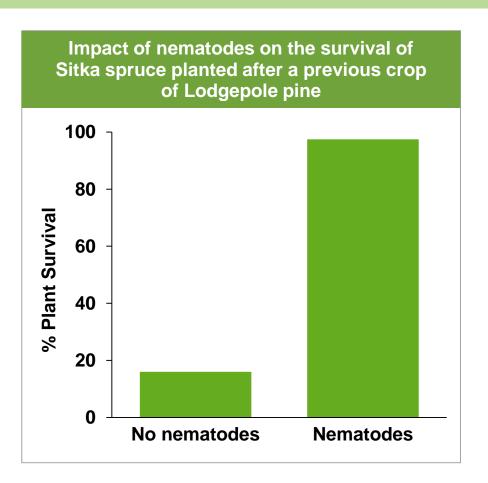


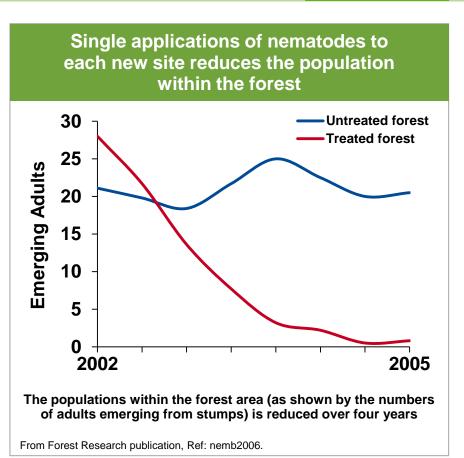












Nemasys highly effective in population management and reduces damage to manageable levels



Turf – the opportunity

- Country registration authorities restricting PPP usage on non-essential applications
- Key market is golf courses
- Reduction in the availability of soil insecticides
 - Key pests are larval stages of chafer/white grubs and tipula sp.





Biocontrol in Action – Turf

Beneficial nematodes like Nemasys® G are used extensively in Europe and North America







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Home and Garden – the opportunity

- Country registration authorities restricting
 PPP usage on non-essential applications
- January 23rd 2014 Law Labbé passed in France
 - By end 2020 a total ban on pesticides in public parks and home and garden use
 - Segolene Royal wants to accelerate to end 2016
- What will happen in rest of Europe?
- Requirements for all PPP applications to be made by registered users
- Amateur use restrictions on neonicotinoids
- Desire to grow vegetables at home free of chemical inputs both PPP and NPK



Home and Garden



- Logistic challenge to service and supply individual homes
- Promotional challenge to communicate with the public

- The internet changed this:
 - Biocontrol products can be ordered online and delivered the next day
 - Beneficial nematodes like Nemaslug® are leading biologicals; establishing reputation, relative stability and consistent performance





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Slug control

- Nemaslug contains Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita, a slug parasitic nematode
- Shelf life and concentrated pack size allows shipment by conventional post
- Strong reputation
 - Highly effective compared to all other solutions
 - Long lasting
 - Rain resistant
 - No sign of application



Result – most talked about biocontrol product in home and garden





Conclusions



Opportunity

- Regulatory changes paves route for biocontrol solutions
- Industry drive to provide sustainable and long term solutions
- Biologicals provide solutions for consumer habits and desires

Challenge

- Expertise with biologicals, use logistics etc.
- Develop IPM strategies that ensure robust performance
- Effective marketing approach





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Application



Home and Garden



