

Natural Precision Agriculture

## Bee Vectoring Technology OCTOBER 19, 2021

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# **BVT IS A CORE AGTECH COMPANY**

EPA-Approved, Patented Technology Reduces Use of Chemicals and Increases Crop Yields



**The only Natural Precision Agriculture tool** 

Up to 30% higher yields and 98% less chemicals



**Precision delivery:** use grams NOT kilograms



Natural: biologicals NOT chemicals



**Sustainable:** natural process NOT mechanical with heavy reliance on water and fuels



**Profitable:** consumer friendly crops with higher yields; better quality and shelf life

## Ag-Biologicals – an Alternative to Chemicals

Ag-Biologicals: Products derived from a natural source that are used as agricultural inputs

#### **MARKET DRIVERS FAVOR AG-BIOLOGICALS**



#### On Farm

- Growers need higher yields
- New sustainable tools
- Reductions in chemicals



#### **Beyond Farm**

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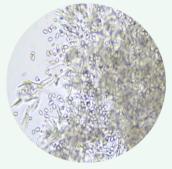
Increasing regulatory hurdles (new chemical pesticide can cost \$500million to develop)

Consumer demand for "Safe" food with no residues

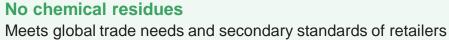
Food Chain / Retailers need transparency

#### **BENEFITS OF AG-BIOLOGICALS**











Enhance yield and quality

Improved plant vigor; help manage biotic and abiotic stresses



**Resistance management** 

New modes of action minimize development of resistance



Inherently less toxic than conventional pesticides Short re-entry and post harvest intervals gives flexibility



## **Bee Vectoring – an Alternative to Spraying**

**Bee Vectoring:** Use of commercial bees to deliver natural control agents to flowering crops to manage key crop diseases and pests and enhance quality and yields of crops



115 crops worldwide;
85 require pollination

Bees contribute to 1/3 of food in human diet

80+ million honey beehives globally; 5 million bumblebee hives grown every year

#### **Rationale for Vectoring**

- Same principles as natural pollination
- The flower is the primary portal of entry for many diseases & insects
- Flowers are the best place for the active ingredient to inoculate the plant

#### **Benefits of Vectoring**

- Substantially minimizes waste of control agent; no water
- Micro targeted delivery precisely deposits product where its needed over spraying entire fields
- Continual delivery throughout the bloom period (spraying can miss blooms)
- Additional yield, residue & quality benefits from improved pollination



## The BVT System – Simple and Effective

Commercially reared bumble bees or honey bees enter their hive

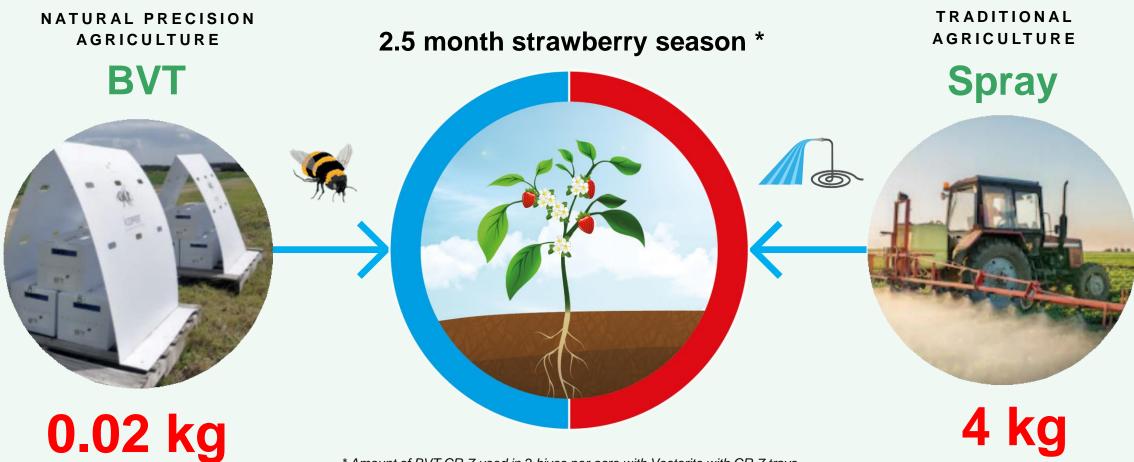
The bees walk across the proprietary **Vectorpak™** tray or cartridge which is filled with BVT's patented **Vectorite™ with CR-7** 

Vectorite is an *organic* carrier agent which bonds with *stacked* bio-controls (microbes) and attaches safely to the pollinating bees The bees fly to the crops and deliver the beneficial microbe in an efficient way; microbe colonizes the plant thus protecting the crop against various pests and diseases





## **How BVT Stacks up to Spraying**



OF BVT BIOLOGICALS ARE USED

\* Amount of BVT CR-7 used in 2 hives per acre with Vectorite with CR-7 trays replaced every 5 days vs. 10 sprays of Switch fungicide at rate of 14 oz/ac.

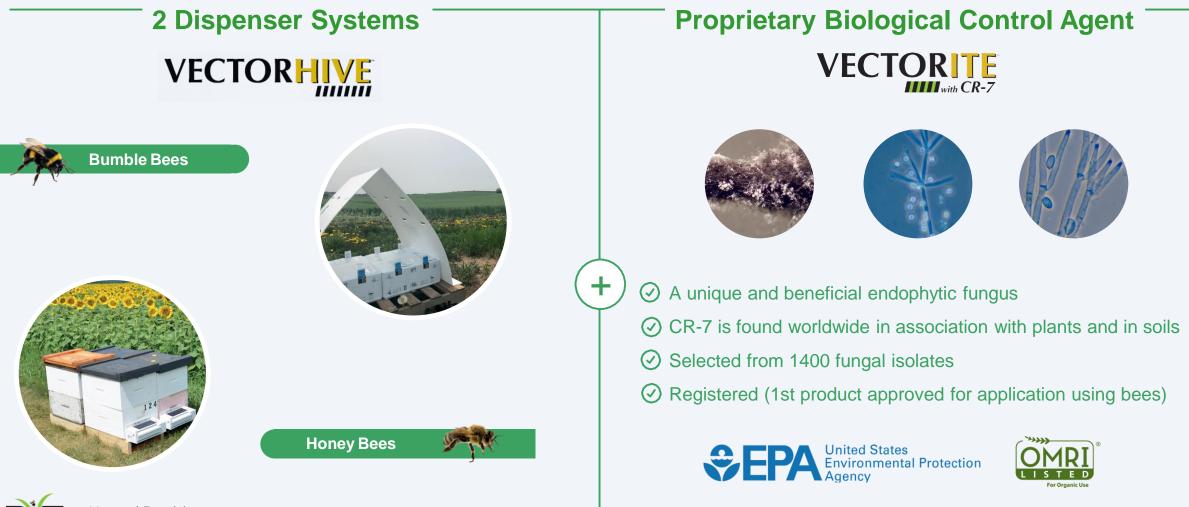
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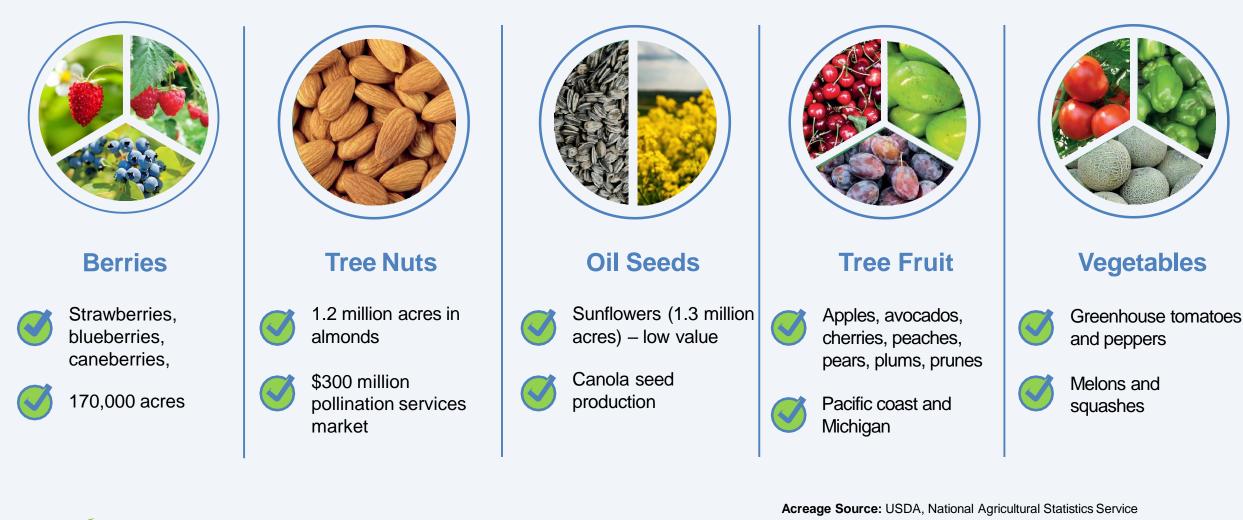
## **BVT System: Dispensers and Biological Control Agents**

65+ Patents Granted, 35+ Pending Patents

IP Maximized Through 3rd Party Agreements

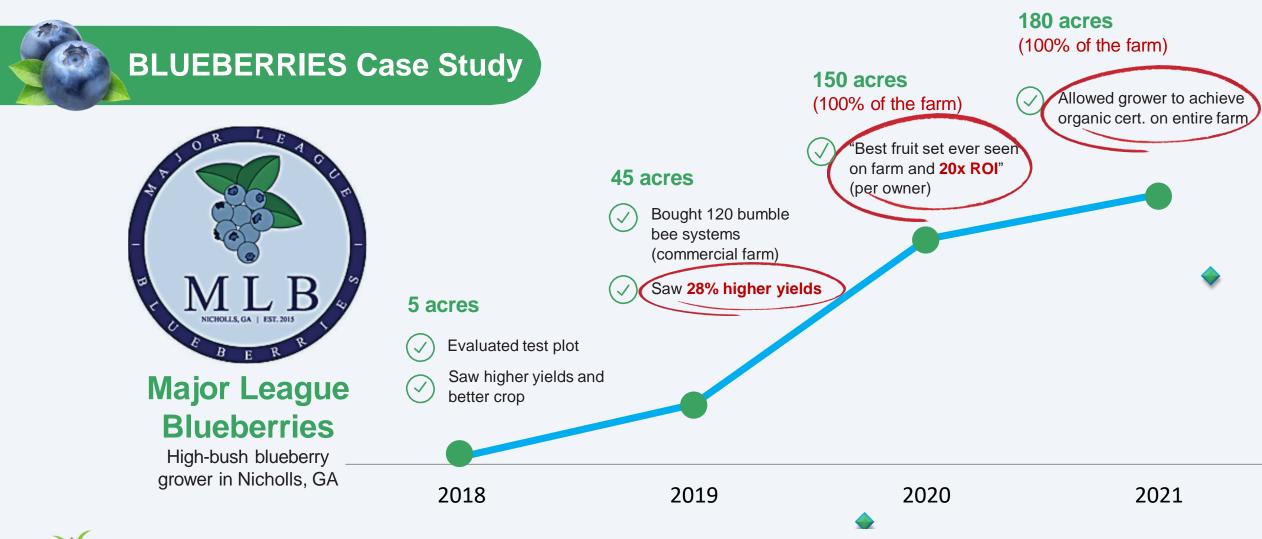


## **Flowering Crops that Require Pollination**

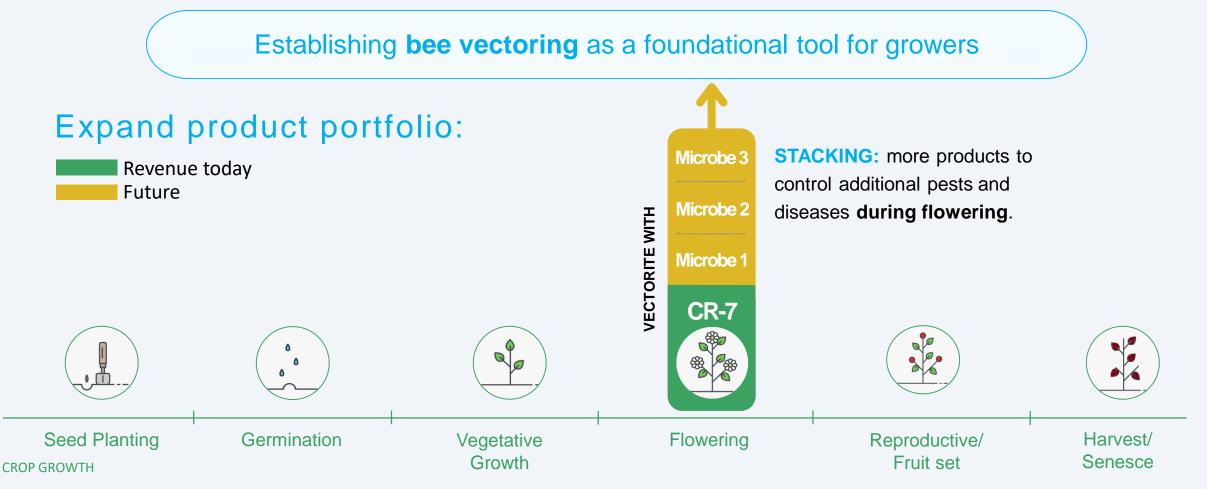




## **Proven Value Proposition on Multiple Crops**



### **Stacking: More Products to Control More Diseases and Pests**



- ✓ BVT is talking to/developing industry partners' registered products that are bee-safe
- ✓ Multi-microbe solutions will increase the value proposition of bee-vectoring to growers



# **THANK YOU**



