

Applications of Biopesticides as Seed Treatments

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Boost yield and quality



Manage resistance



Harvest flexibility



Worker-friendly



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Soil dwelling insects

Plant parasitic nematodes

Soil-borne pathogens

Soil Insect Pests of Corn, Soybeans and Wheat



Western Corn Rootworm



Wireworms



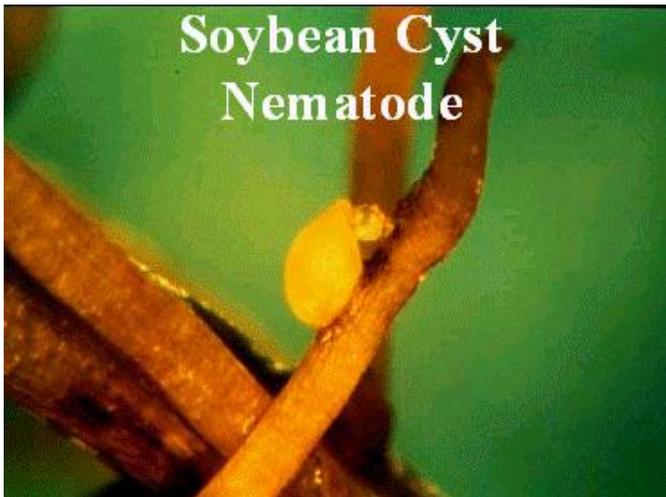
Seed Maggots



White grubs

In North America, control strategies include combinations of crop rotation, GMO hybrids, neonicotinoid seed treatments and soil-applied insecticides. Organic growers rely solely on crop rotation to minimize populations.

Key Plant Parasitic Nematodes



In North America, control strategies include nematicidal seed treatments, in-furrow nematicides and resistance cultivars. Organic growers rely solely on crop rotation to minimize populations.



- Discovered in MBI's discovery screen; isolated from soil
- Several active compounds found within the cell and in the whole cell broth active against certain insects, mites and nematodes
- Commercial product contains heat-killed cells and spent fermentation media
- First EPA registration 2014
- Product is a liquid formulation – 94.46% a.i., OMRI listed. Sold in the U.S. as Venerate[®] XC and Majestene[®] and in Mexico as Venerate
- Controls susceptible insects through exposure and ingestion by interfering with molting process and exoskeleton degradation
- Mode of action against nematodes is unknown but reduces egg-mass development, gall and cyst formation and number of J2's





- Commercial product contains non-viable *Chromobacterium subtsugae* strain PRAA4-1^T cells and spent fermentation media
- Produces multiple metabolites within the cell during fermentation active against certain insects, mites and nematodes
- First EPA registration 2013
- Product is sold as a water dispersible granule (U.S.) and as a dry flowable (Mexico) containing 30% active ingredient, OMRI listed
- Reduces egg-laying in susceptible insects and functions as a stomach poison
- Mode of action against nematodes is unknown but reduces egg-laying, gall and cyst formation and number of J2's



Seed Treatments





Evaluate candidate bioinsecticides/nematicides at multiple rates as both seed treatments and as soil applied in-furrow/T-band applications against key pests

Evaluate MBI bioinsecticides/nematicides with MBI biofungicides and with Rootella™ mycorrhizae from Groundwork Bioag

Small plot replicated trials in corn, soybean and cotton across several states in multiple years

Methodologies for Seed Treatments



Application rates and materials used varied from 2013 – 2017 beginning with Technical Grade Active Ingredients graduating to commercial formulations evaluated in 2016 and 2017.

In 2016 and 2017, *Chromobacterium subtsugae* was evaluated by applying a dry flowable formulation to seeds at rates of 390 and 780 gm/100 kg seed in corn and 195 and 390 gm/100 kg seed on soybeans.

Burkholderia rinojensis was evaluated by applying a liquid formulation to seeds at the rates of 390 and 780 ml/100 kg seed in corn and 195 and 390 ml/100 kg seed on soybeans.

Treatments were applied using a small scale seed treater and commercially available inerts commonly used in treating seeds.

Case Study – In-furrow and Seed Treatments on Corn and Soybeans



Both candidate active ingredients (*B. rinojensis* and *C. subtsugae*) provided commercially acceptable levels of control of key soil pests in corn and soybeans including:

- Corn rootworm larvae

- Seed corn maggot

- Lesion and cyst nematodes

When applied in-furrow or as seed treatments and in combination with Rootella™ mycorrhizae

Iowa State University 0-3 CRW Root Damage Rating System



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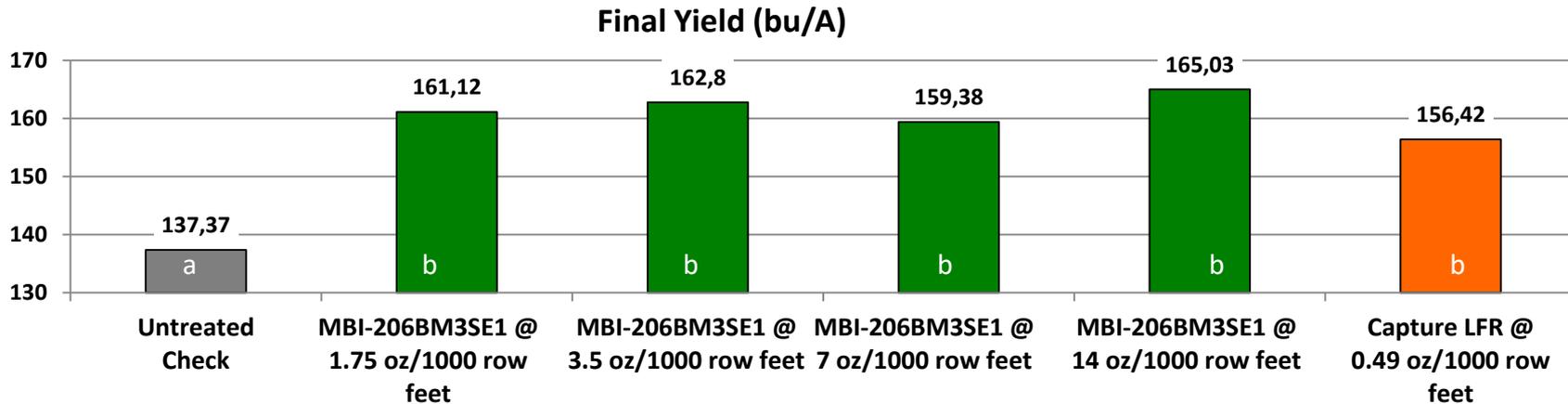
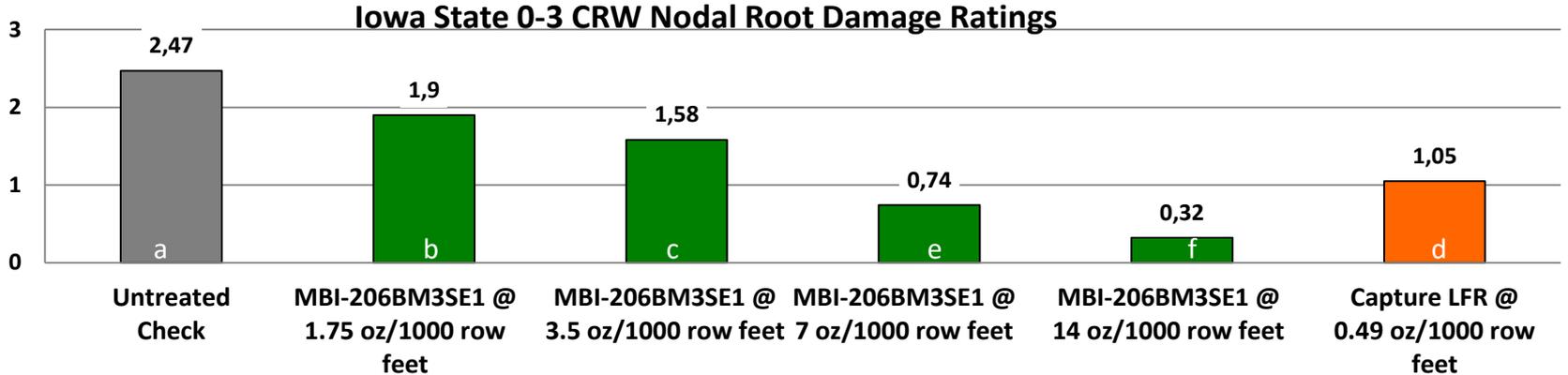
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Corn rootworm Field Trial – MBI-206 In-furrow



Venerate (MBI-206) reduced rootworms & increased yields as well as or better than the chemical standard



Venerate (MBI-206) as low as 2.37 L/HA (1.75 fl. oz./1000 row feet) significantly increased yield

Corn Rootworm Seed Treatment Trials-Root Damage Ratings ISU 0-3 scale



Mean Root Damage Rating (2016)				
Treatment	Iowa	Ohio	Wisconsin	Mean rating
Untreated	2.78 a	0.87 a	1.64 a	1.76
Mycorrhizae only	1.01 b	0.88 a	1.48 ab	1.12
Myco + <i>C. subtsugae</i>	0.68 b	0.47 b	0.92 bc	0.69
Myco + <i>B. rinojensis</i>	0.71 b	1.07 a	1.02 abc	0.93
Avicta [®] Complete 1250 + Vibrance*	0.79 b	0.4 b	0.82 c	0.82
Treatment Prob (F)	0.0001	0.0001	0.0018	

Avicta Complete 1250 contains thiamethoxam + sedaxane

B. rinojensis applied at the rate of 780 ml/100 kg corn seed

C. subtsugae applied at the rate of 780 gm/100 kg corn seed

Rootella mycorrhizae applied at 1.5 gm/1000 seeds

Results from Corn Nematode Trials



Yield in bushels/acre (2016)			
Treatment	Iowa	Wisconsin	Mean yield
Untreated	185.0 c	242.3 c	213.65
Mycorrhize only	206.4 b	244.7 bc	225.55 + 11.9 bu.
Myco + <i>C. subtsugae</i>	219.5 ab	253.1 ab	236.3 + 22.7 bu.
Myco + <i>B. rinojensis</i>	215.2 ab	256.6 a	235.9 + 22.3 bu.
Avicta® Complete 1250 + Vibrance®	220.5 ab	256.6 a	238.55 + 24.9 bu.
Treatment Prob(F)	0.0001	0.0053	

Avicta Complete 1250 contains thiamethoxam + sedaxane
B. rinojensis applied at the rate of 780 ml/100 kg corn seed
C. subtsugae applied at the rate of 780 gm/100 kg corn seed
 Rootella mycorrhizae applied at 1.5 gm/1000 seeds

Results from Corn Nematode Trials - 2017



Treatment	Iowa	Wisconsin			
		Yield and Nematodes/100 cm soil			
	Yield BU/ac	Yield BU/ac	Lesion	Dagger	Spiral
Untreated	139 a	189 c	17.6	16.4	10.0
Mycorrhizae only	171 b	197 c	8.2	8.2	7.4
Myco + <i>C. subtsugae</i> 250 gm	169 b	216 b	9.6	6.8	6.4
Myco + <i>C. subtsugae</i> 500 gm	172 b	228 a	8.4	4.8	6.4
Avicta® Complete 1250 + Vibrance	161 b	231 a	6.2	5.6	5.2

Avicta® Complete 1250 contains thiamethoxam + sedaxane

C. subtsugae applied at the rate of 250 gm and 500 gm/100 kg corn seed (low and high rates)

Rootella mycorrhizae applied at 1.5 gm/1000 seeds

Corn In-Furrow Trial with *B. rinojensis* - Plant Health Response



Untreated



B. rinojensis @ 135 ml/100 m-row IF



B. rinojensis @ 270 ml/100 m-row IF

In-furrow Nematicide Trial – Lesion (*Pratylenchus*) nematodes

Soybean Cyst Nematode Trials



Yield in bushels/acre (2016)			
Treatment	Wisconsin	Iowa	Mean yield
Untreated	56.8 c	48.0 b	52.4
Mycorrhize only	56.9 c	56.8 ab	56.8 + 4.4 bu.
Myco + <i>C. subtsugae</i>	61.4 bc	58.9 ab	60.2 + 7.8 bu.
Myco + <i>B. rinojensis</i>	62.1 bc	59.2 ab	60.6 + 8.2 bu.
Clariva® Complete*	66.62 a	62.5 a	64.6 + 12.2 bu.
Treatment Prob (F)	0.0016	0.0435	

*Clariva® Complete contains *Pasteuria nishizawae*, sedaxane, thiamethoxam, fludioxanil, mefenoxam
B. rinojensis applied at the rate of 390 ml/100 kg soybean seed
C. subtsugae applied at the rate of 390 gm/100 kg soybean seed
 Rootella mycorrhizae applied at 0.4 gm/1000 seeds

Seed Corn Maggot on Soybean



Treatment	Stand 28 DAP P=0.0001	Plant Height (in.) 14 DAP P=0.0001	Bu/Acre P=0.0001
Untreated	46 a	7.8 a	35
Clariva® Complete*	64 b	9.3 b	53 + 18 bu.
Myco + <i>C. subtsugae</i> low rate	63 b	9.0 b	51 + 16 bu.
Myco + <i>C. subtsugae</i> high rate	63 b	9.5 b	60 + 25 bu.
Treatment Prob (F)	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001

*Clariva Complete contains *Pasteuria nishizawae*, sedaxane, thiamethoxam, fludioxanil, mefenoxam
C. subtsugae applied at the rates of 125 gm and 250 gm/100 kg soybean seed (low and high rates)
 Rootella mycorrhizae applied at 0.4 gm/1000 seeds

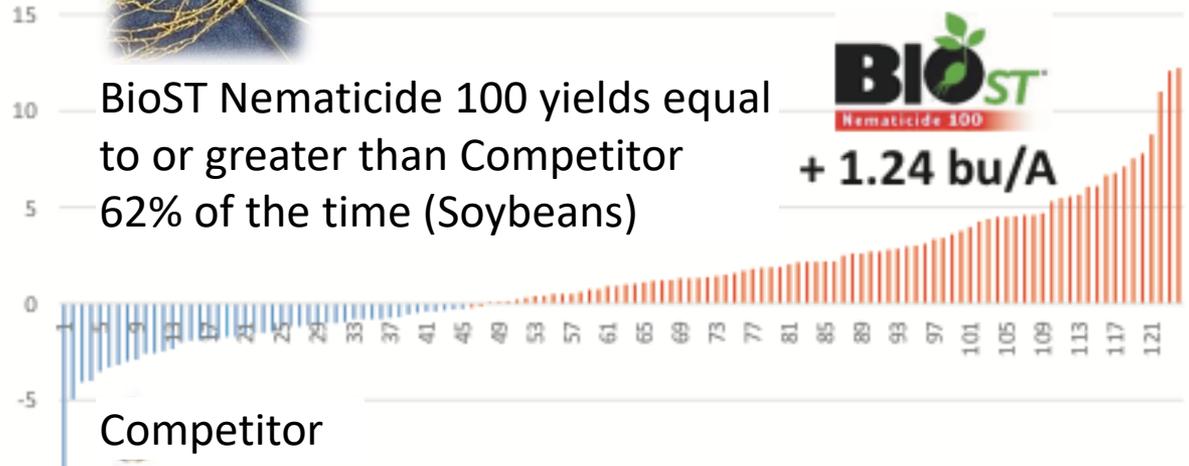
Burkholderia rinojensis A396 in Albaugh LLC Seed Treatment



SOY



124 SCN Field Trials (bu/A)



On millions of acres of large-acre crops (corn, soy, cotton, wheat)

COTTON



Reniform nematode; 25 pounds more lint with BIOST

Rootknot nematode Black Oak, AR USA

Cotton Yield Across Trials in Six States with *B. rinojensis* Nematicide Seed Treatment



	Yield in lint yield per acre						
	AR	MS	AL	VA	GA	TX	AVG Yield
Base	1086	1100	520.3	1408.4	918	1168	1033.53
Base + BIOST Nematicide 100	1293	1028	737.5	1463	1006	1145	1112.08
Base + Abamectin @ 4 floz/cwt	1260	1096	808	1446	829	1061	1083.41

BioST Nematicide 100 seed treatment outperformed abamectin treatment by an average of 19 lbs./acre

Key Findings



Both candidate active ingredients (*B. rinojensis* and *C. subtsugae*) provided commercially acceptable levels of control of key soil pests in corn, cotton and soybeans when applied as seed treatments or in-furrow including:

Corn rootworm larvae

Seed corn maggot

Lesion, reniform, root knot and soybean cyst nematode

In the key broad acre crops of corn, soybean and cotton

And were compatible in conventional systems with chemical seed treatments and in biological stacked systems for organic production

Commercial Status



In 2016 *Burkholderia rinojensis* was introduced as a seed treatment on cotton and southern soybeans by Albaugh, LLC under the tradename BioST[®] Nematicide 100 as part of a comprehensive seed treatment package. In 2017 the market area increased to Midwestern corn and soybeans.

Excellent shelf-life and compatibility characteristics

In-furrow application is an alternate method of treatment



In 2017, *Chromobacterium subtsugae* (Grandevo ST) was introduced as part of a Biological Stacked Seed Treatment with Rootella™ mycorrhizae and MBI-110 *Bacillus amyloliquifaciens* strain F727 (Amplitude ST) to Midwestern growers under a large plot evaluation program by Groundwork Bioag focused on both organic and conventional growers.

In 2018, regulatory approvals in the US and with targeted states have been secured for all four BSST components. OMRI certification has also been secured for all BSST components. BSST set for a 2019 roll-out.



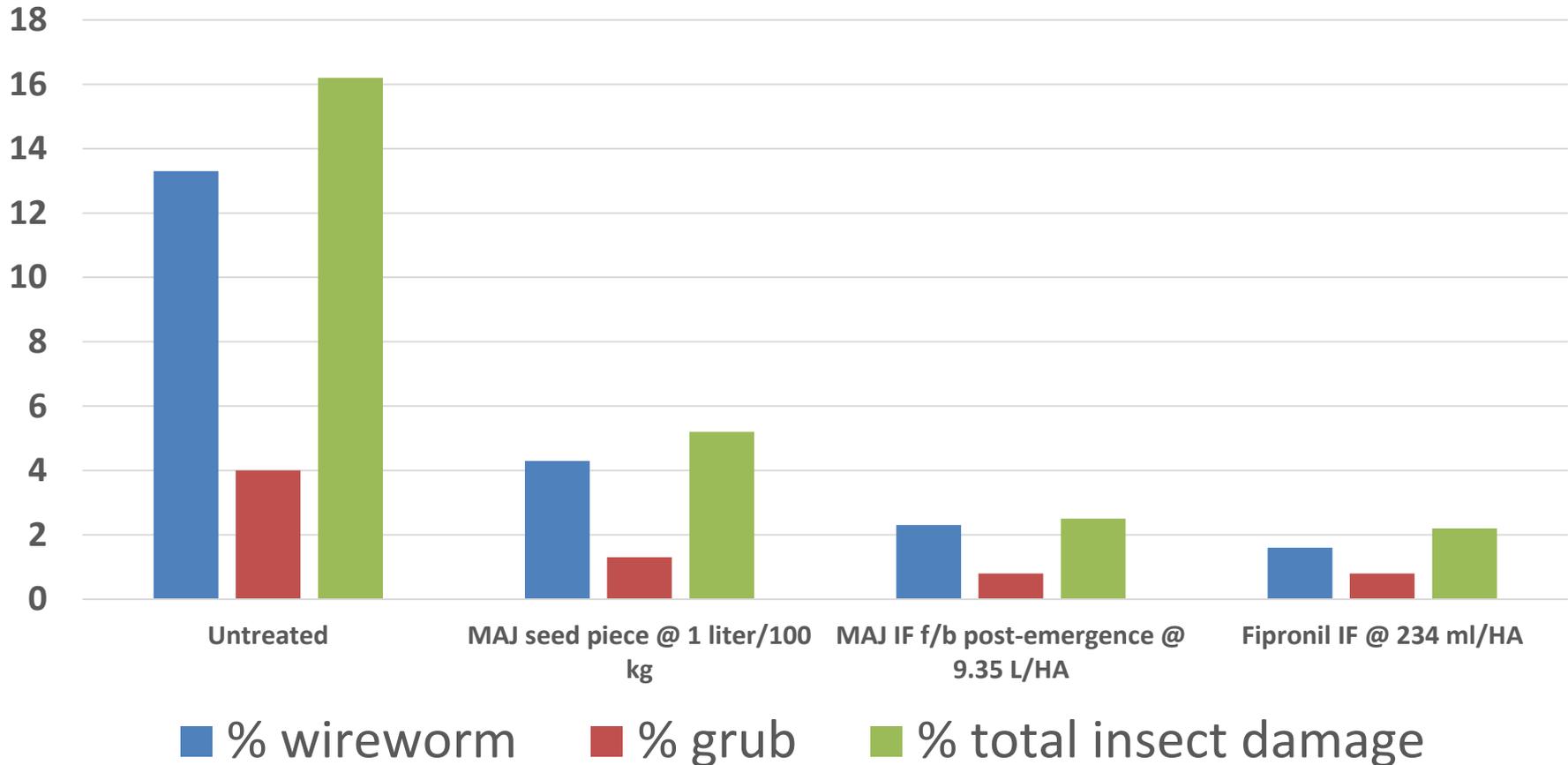
Commercialize in broad acre crops outside of U.S. with a focus on Latin America

Expand crops and pests to include wireworms and white grubs in potatoes and sweet potatoes and wireworms in wheat.

Expand into vegetable seeds

Control of Wireworms and White Grubs With Majestene (Heat-killed *Burkholderia rinojensis*) - 2018

Percentage Tuber Damage



QUESTIONS?

