# B ST YOUR YIELD

#### Our nature is to help you grow

Imagine a way to optimize yield and profit before your seeds hit the soil. At Incotec we have developed a full program of seed enhancements that applies the best innovative technologies to your seed using the highest quality standards. Let's find which solution your seed needs.

#### Contact Incotec for:

Pelleting • Encrusting • Film coating • Priming • Upgrading Disinfection • Application of actives and additives



#### Agrithority: Exceed the Seed Session

Title: Imagine Improvements in Seed Enhancement Technologies for Enabling Next Generation Agriculture



incotec involved in seeds

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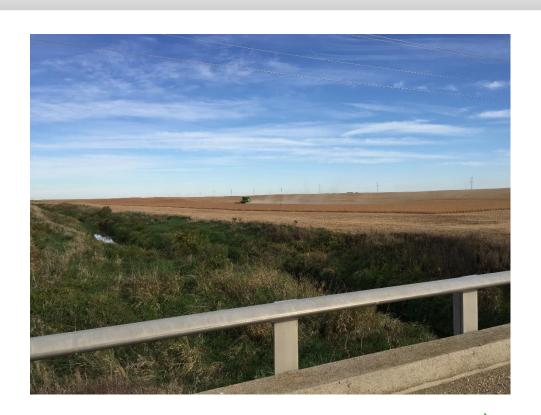
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### Improving Productivity, Safety, Value



- Yield Factors:
  - Plant breeding
  - Seedling vigor
  - Plant health
  - Agronomic practices
  - · What else?
- Risk Management
- Safety
- Efficiency



Let's explore role of Seed Treatment

# Benefits of Seed Treatment (ST)

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### Examples

- Mitigate losses from diseases and pests
  - Soy ST cost 1 bushel/acre, but return about 3 bu/acre.
     Corn return approaches 10 bu/acre
  - Cotton 65% yield benefit from Thielaviopsis control
  - Rice 83% damage reduction from grape colapsis larvae in Arkansas
  - Spring wheat and barley 25% yield increase (Montana State Univ report)
- Corn planting two weeks earlier extends season

### Film Coating

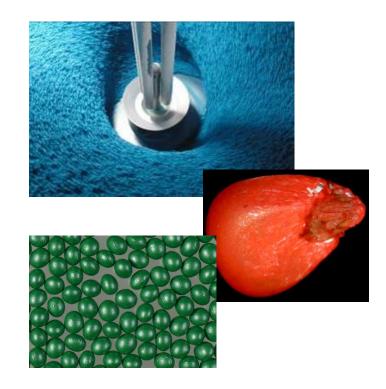


- Application of a very thin layer of polymer, possibly mixed with an active or additive, with virtually no change in size or weight
- · Objectives:
  - Improved application of treatment chemicals, addition of nutrients or strengtheners, inclusion of colorants



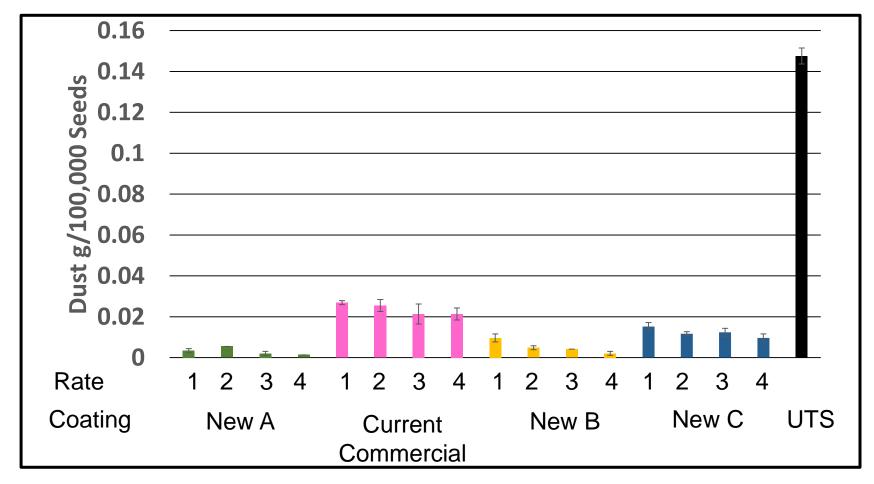






# Future Includes Dust Reduction (Treatment Value Remains with the Seed)





#### **Seed Treatments for Tomorrow**



- What's in the pipeline
  - New actives
    - New modes of action
    - Potency
    - Control challenging and emerging pests and diseases
  - New Biologicals (projected \$500-600M by 2020)
    - Pseudomonas and Bacillus species
    - Trichoderma and Ectomycorrhizae species

# Biological Seed Treatments Rapidly Developing New Solutions



- Biodiversity all around us
- Plants host viruses, bacteria, and fungi
- Reported benefits from biological STs:
  - Nitrogen fixation
  - Nutrient access or uptake
  - Average yield increase
  - Drought tolerance
  - Cold tolerance
  - Salt tolerance
  - Insect and disease control

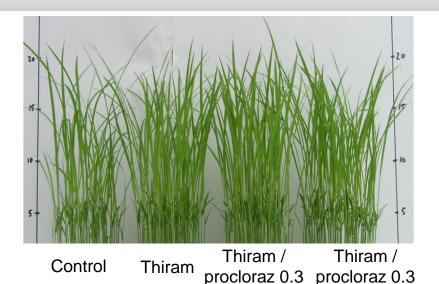


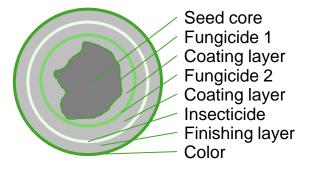
#### **Actives and Additives**



- Application of actives and additives through the seed coating
- Major groups of actives:
  - Plant protection products
  - Growth promoting agents
  - Plant strengtheners







# Coating Opportunities of the Future Today



- Loading capacity several fold higher
- Dry faster
- Efficient use rates
- Enhanced potency of actives
- Stabilize biologicals



#### **Example: New Generation DISCO**

Advanced soybean and corn seed treatments



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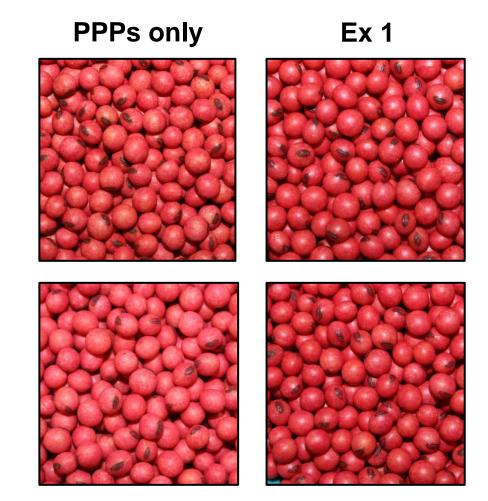


### High Cosmetic Quality



**Apron® Maxim®:** 

CruiserMaxx<sup>®</sup> Vibrance<sup>®</sup>



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## Solve Tack and Clumping



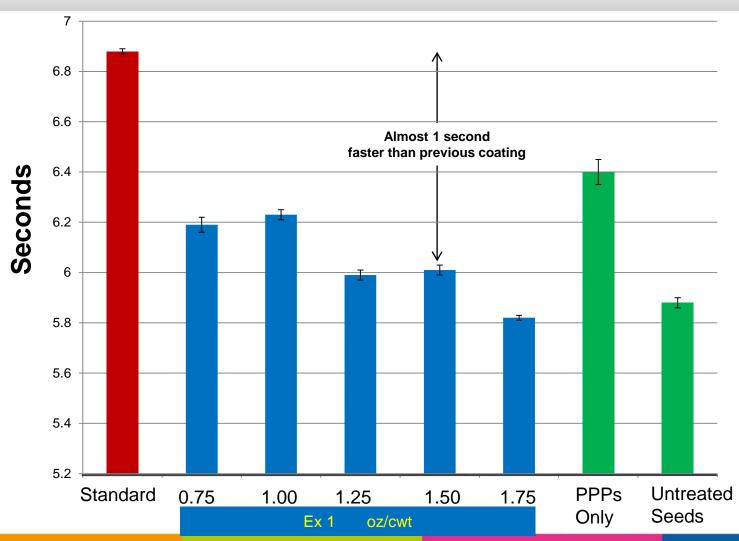
Apron® Maxim® PPPs			-CruiserMaxx® Vibrance® -	
Ex 1 Oz/cwt	Tack	Clumping	Tackiness	Clumping
Commercial Standard	Yes	Clumping (A)	Yes	Small tiny clumps
0.75	None	No clumping	Minimal	No clumping
1.00	Minimal	No clumping	Minimal	No clumping
1.25	Minimal	No clumping	Minimal	No clumping
1.50	Some	No clumping	Minimal	No clumping
1.75	Yes	Sticky, but no clumping	Minimal	Sticky, but no clumping
PPP only	Yes	Very sticky w/tiny clumps; Stuck to collecting container even when held at 90o angle (B)	Some	Sticky, but no clumping
(A)  Reference			(B)	
		Refer		PPPsOnly

### Improved Dry Flow



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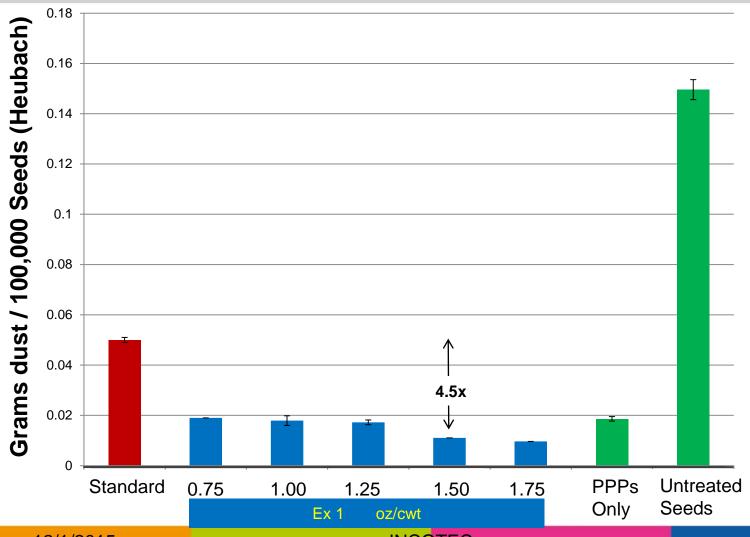
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### Significant Dust Reduction



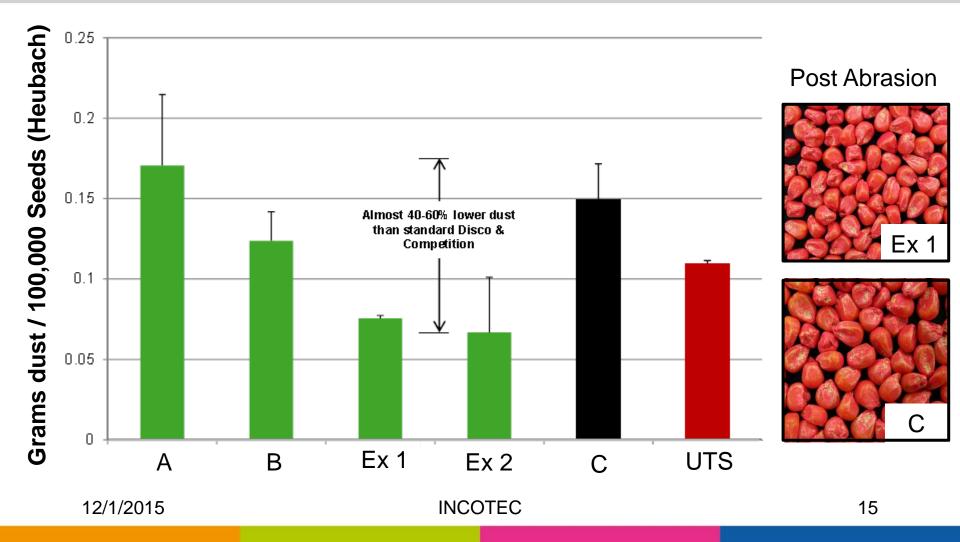
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# New Technologies Bringing More Effective Coatings



Example: Lower Dust and Abrasion For Corn



#### **New Generation Seed Treatment Must Haves**



- Significantly improve tack and clumping
- Decrease dust-release and abrasion (retain value on seed)
- Improve flow time and plantability
- Robust to variation in mixtures, seed phenotype, and ST conditions
- Excellent cosmetic coverage
- Stability of shelf life, biologicals, and germination
- Enable full potency of actives against target pests and pathogens
- Customer choices for colorant, treatment combinations
- High material and slurry capacity
- Faster dry times→Reduce processing time











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