

BASF announces supply agreement for seed treatment in cotton



New seed treatment for cotton gives growers control over seedling diseases

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, September 22, 2009 – BASF announced today a supply agreement with Monsanto for a new fungicide seed treatment for cotton in the United States. The new product contains **F500®**, the same active ingredient found in **Headline®** fungicide, BASF's top-selling Plant Health fungicide, and will be part of Monsanto's Acceleron™ Seed Treatment combination. Additional details of the agreement were not disclosed.

This new seed treatment will provide cotton growers with the opportunity to give seedlings a stronger start and a higher yield potential by controlling diseases, such as those caused by *Rhizoctonia solani*.

"BASF scientists are focused on bringing new active ingredients with proven disease control and other early-growth benefits to seed partners and ultimately to the grower," said Nevin McDougall, Group Vice President, North America Crop Protection Division, BASF. "We know that early season crop development is a major factor to yield success."

BASF is expanding its portfolio of seed treatment offerings with the launch of F500-containing products like **Stamina®** fungicide seed treatment, which is marketed for corn, sweet corn, wheat, barley, legumes, and rye. Several additional new seed treatments will be launched this year, and in 2010.

About the Crop Protection division

With sales of € 3.4 billion in 2008, BASF's Crop Protection division is a leader in crop protection and a strong partner to the farming industry providing well-established and innovative fungicides, insecticides and herbicides. Farmers use these products and services to improve crop yields and crop quality. Other uses include public health, structural/urban pest control, turf and ornamental plants, vegetation management, and forestry. BASF aims to turn knowledge rapidly into market success. The vision of BASF's Crop Protection division is to be the world's leading innovator, optimizing agricultural production, improving nutrition, and thus enhancing the quality of life for a growing world population. Further information can be found on the Web at www.agro.basf.com.

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