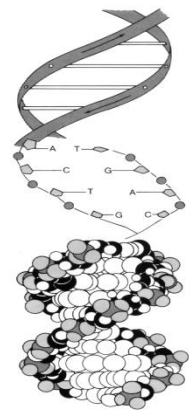


Private sector experiences with GE crops in the US and India



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Seven billion humans: technology has saved us before, and can do so again



predictions of doom are nothing new

In 1798, an English clergyman, the Rev Thomas Malthus, predicted that one day the population of the world would outstrip the globe's ability to feed it



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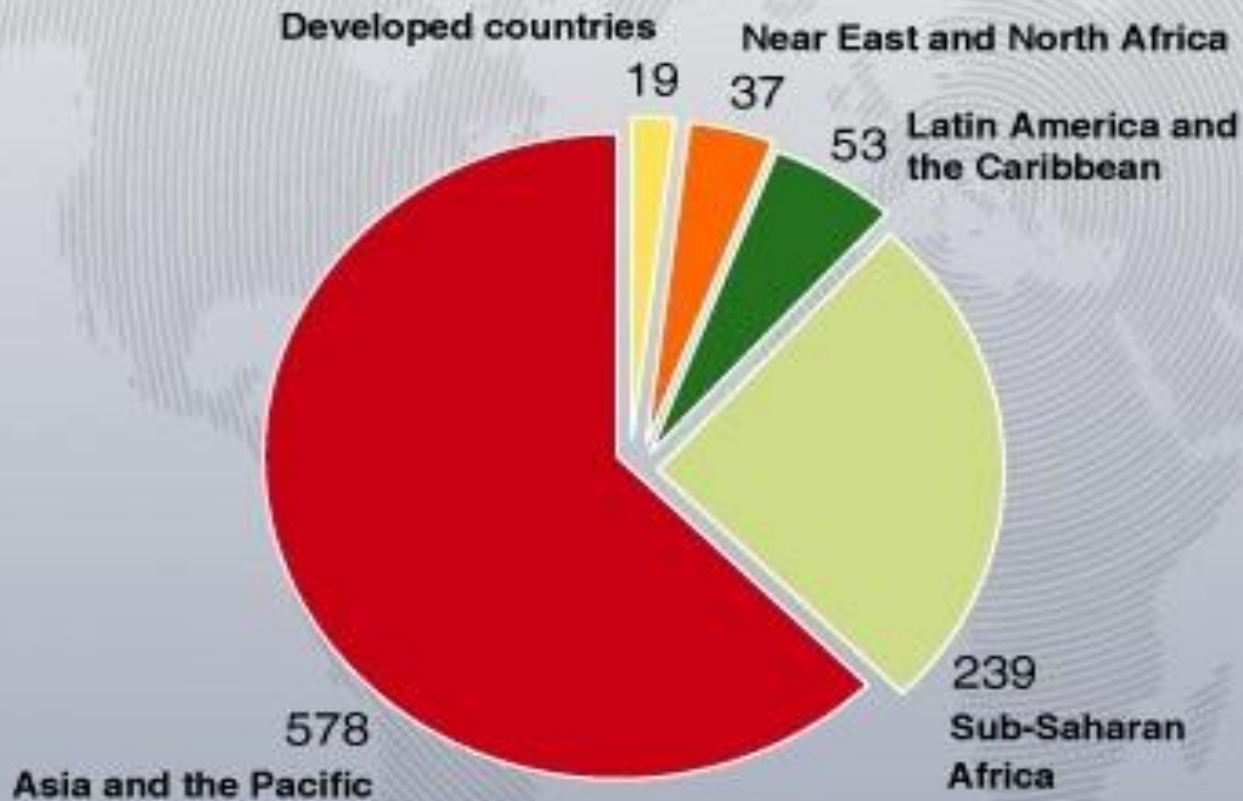
TO FEED THE WORLD

2050



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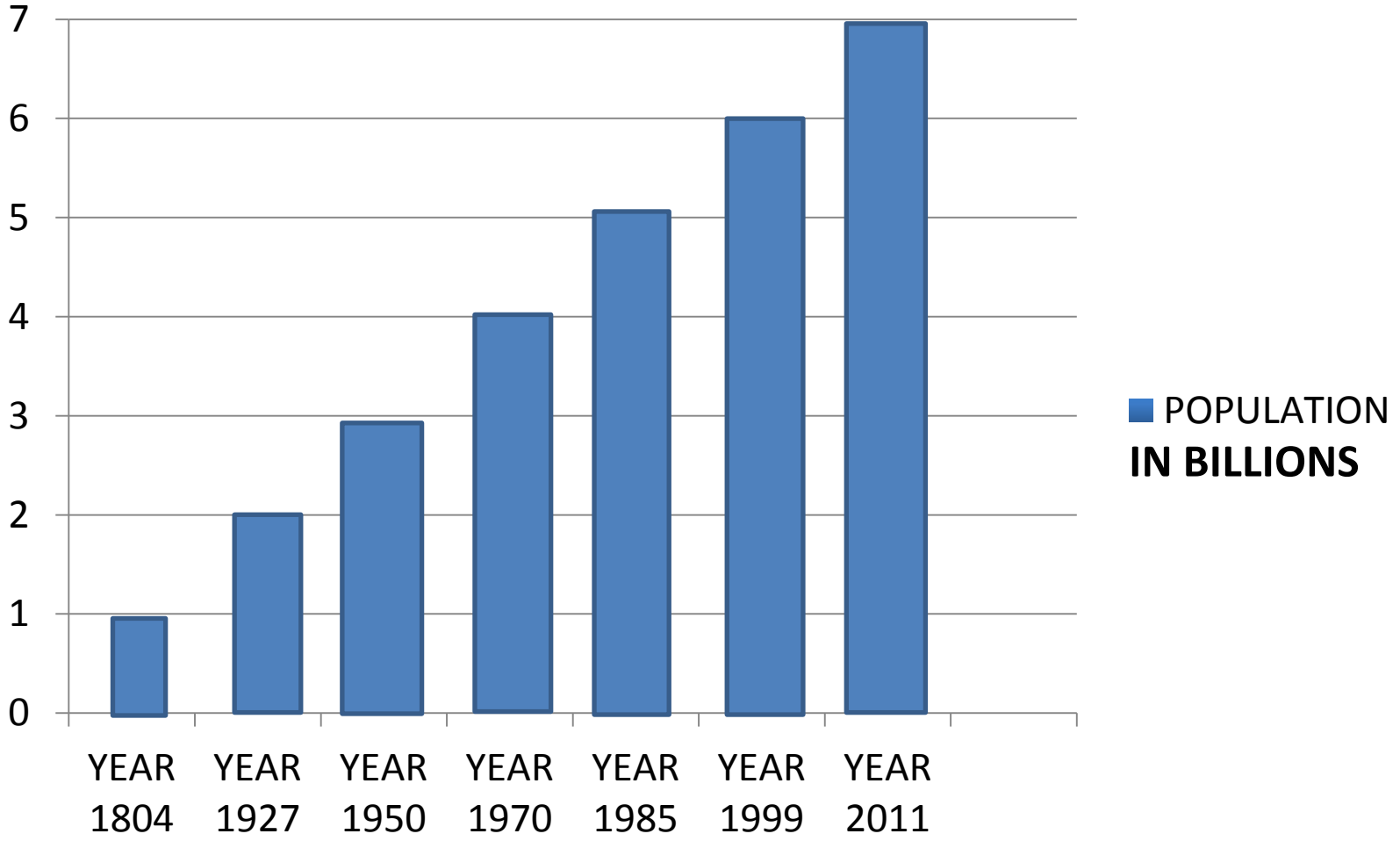
Global hunger declining, but still unacceptably high



Millions of people (as of 2010)

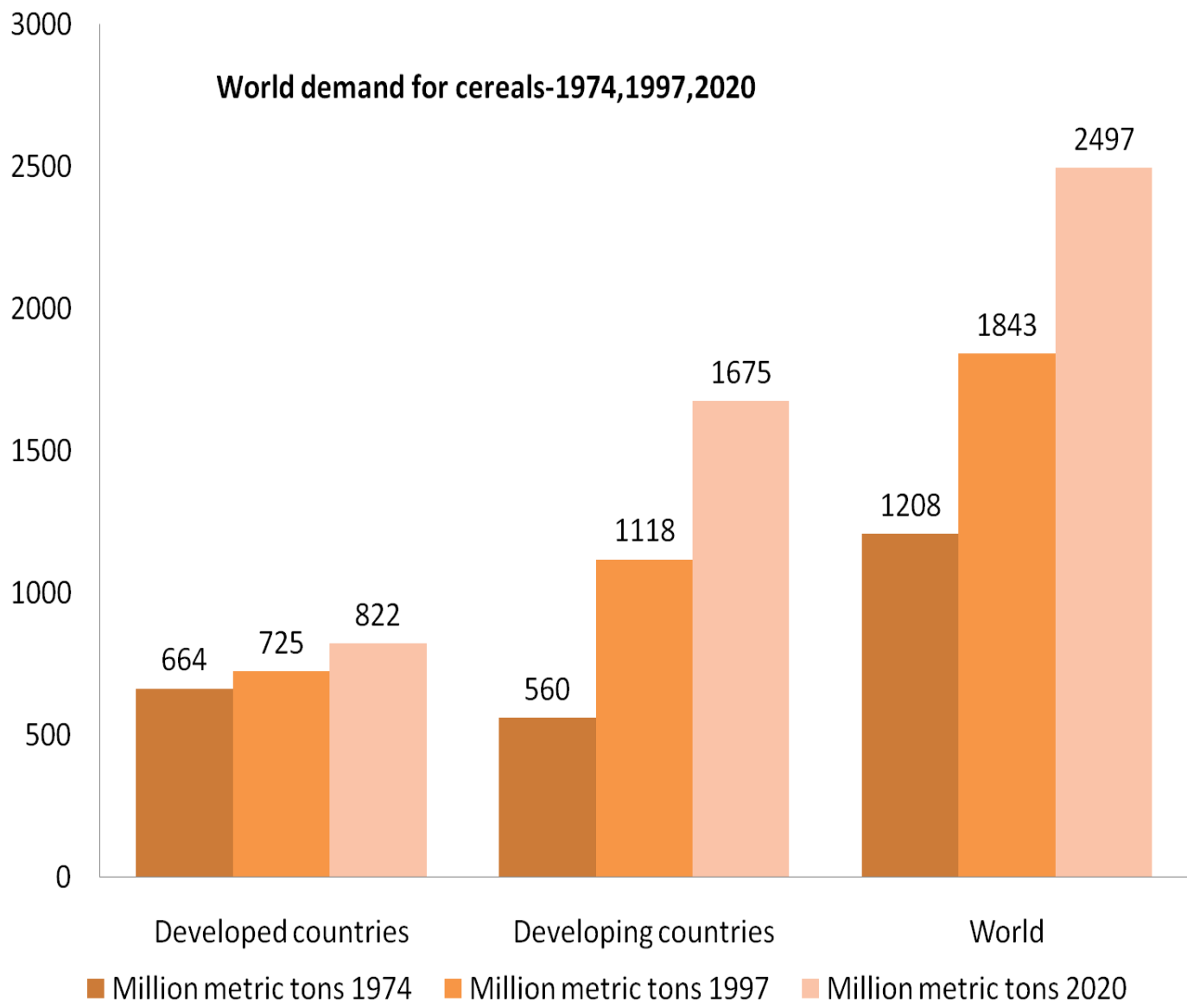
**CRITIQUE
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CRITICAL NEXT 40 YEARS

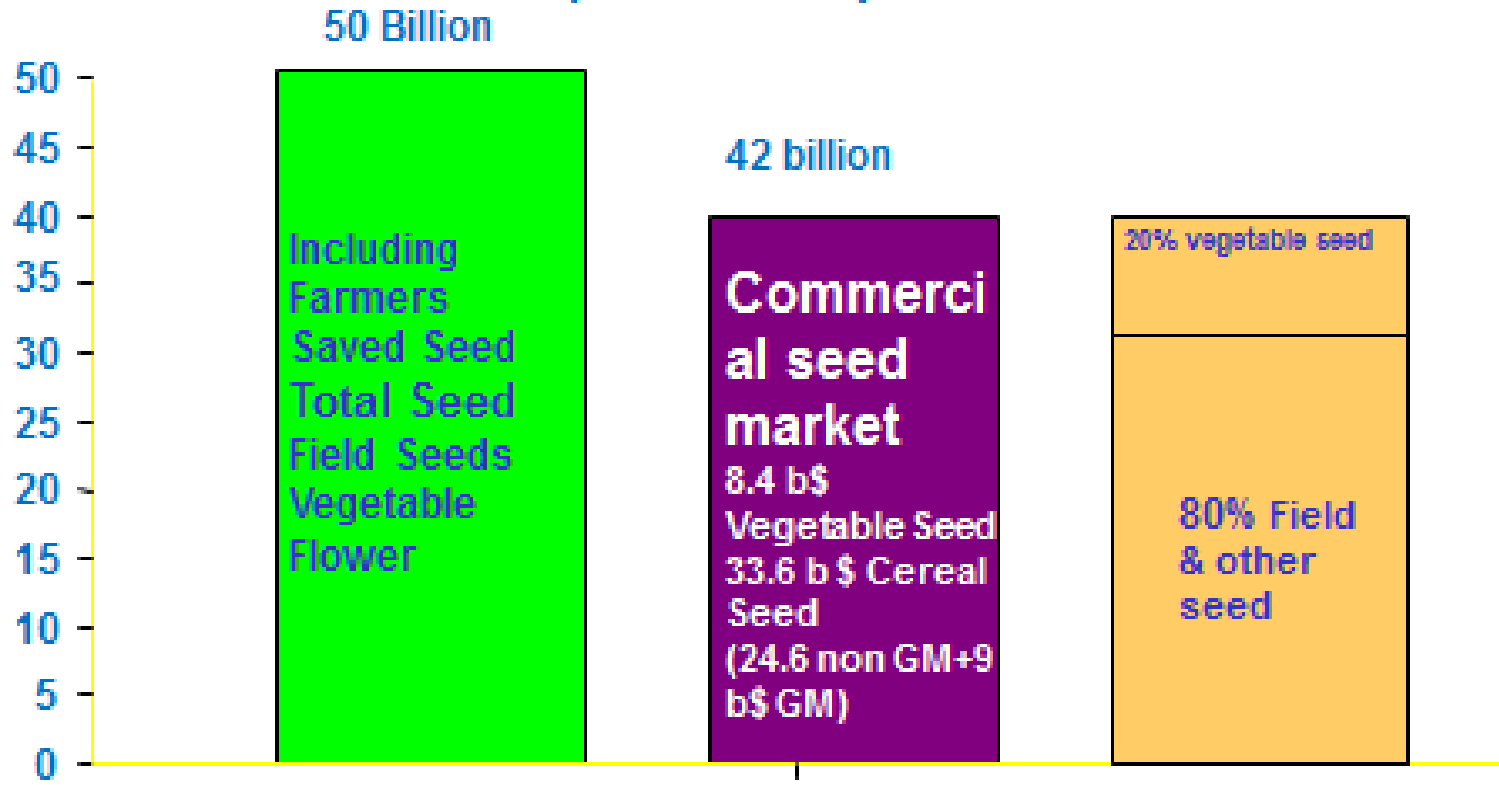
- In 2050, the world population will reach 9.2 bn. from 6.1 bn. in 2000
- Out of same arable land globally (1.5 bn. ha.) double the food grain production is required
- The food grain reserve is coming down globally and restricted to only 75days supply
- To mitigate multiple challenges , the reserve should be in the range of 100days supply
- **Integrating the best of conventional crop technologies (adapted germplasm) and the best of crop biotechnology applications including novel traits is the optimum solution to achieve this daunting task.**



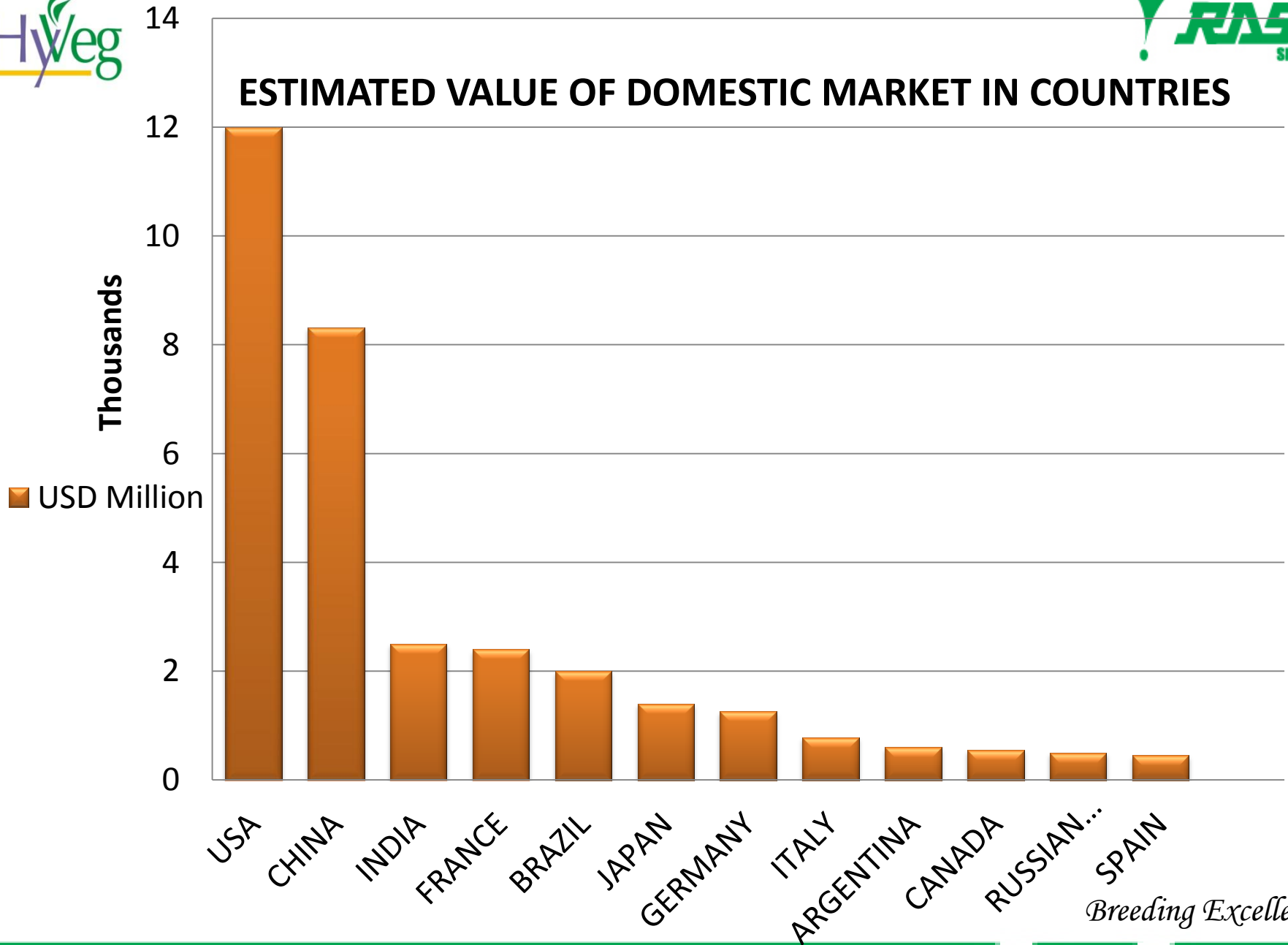
**2011- A
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THE WORLD SEED MARKET (billions \$)



ESTIMATED VALUE OF DOMESTIC MARKET IN COUNTRIES



INDIAN SEED INDUSTRY-TODAY

- Present size of the seed industry is \$ 2.5Bn.
- Cereals , fiber and oil seed industry is about \$ 1.4 Bn.
- Market size of the open pollinated varieties in these crops is about \$ 450 Mn.
- Vegetable seed industry is worth \$ 560 Mn.
- Other traded seed Market is worth \$ 150 Mn.

DIVERSION OF FOOD FOR FUEL AND FEED



FEED

- ECONOMY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS GROWING RAPIDLY
- RESULTING IN SHIFTING OF FOOD HABITS TO NON-VEGETARIANS
- ONE KG OF MEAT PRODUCTION NEEDS 9 KGS OF GRAINS
- MORE GRAIN PRODUCTION IS NEEDED TO FULFILL THE DEMAND OF MEAT

FUEL

- FOSSIL FUEL IS ON THE DECLINING
- PRICES OF CRUDE OIL IS GOING UP
- ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY IS BEING TAPPED
- NUCLEAR ENERGY FACING STIFF RESISTANCE DUE TO RADIATION DANGER
- STARCH, SUGAR AND CELLULOSIC SOURCES ARE BEING EXPLOITED FOR FUEL
- CORN, VEGETABLE OILS AND STRAW AND WOOD IS BEING DIVERTED TO PRODUCE
BIOFUEL

MORE FROM LESS LAND



TECHNOLOGY IS BOOMING AND WORLD IS SHRINKING



Agricultural biotechnology

Ensure



More food



Better



Better for the
environment



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Where do we go
from here?





GM:
novel cuisine
or unpalatable
prospect?

GM food around the world

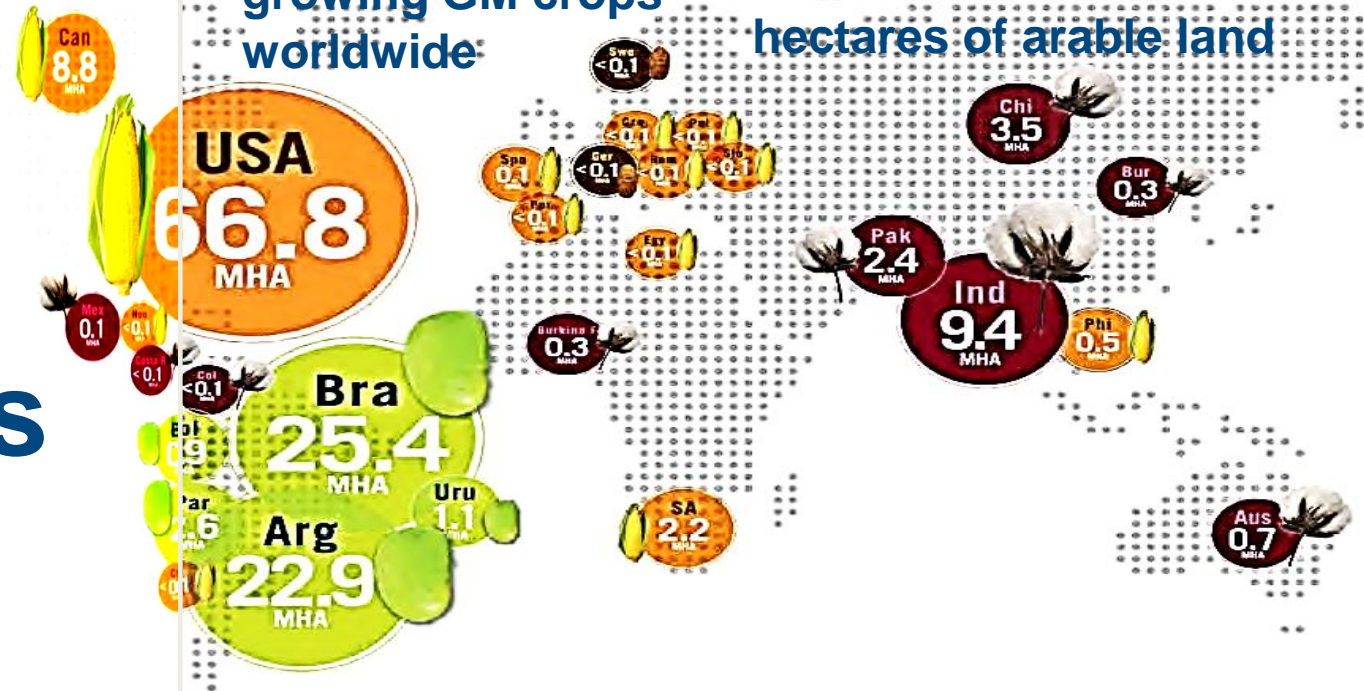
29 countries

160m

growing GM crops worldwide

hectares of arable land

15m farmers





SEED INDUSTRY'S APPROACH TOWARDS GM CROPS

- **Incorporating difficult and complex traits in crops to find solutions for farmers and consumers**
- **Sustainagility of crop production and productivity under abiotic and biotic stresses**
- **Providing health solutions to consumers**
- **Avoid fancy products just to show the strength of the technology**
- **Believe in safety and sustainability of technology**
- **Ensuring thru rigorous experimentation and evaluation of the technology its safety to environment, biodiversity, and food chain**

GM CROPS IN USA



- IN USA, around 1% population is engaged directly in agriculture
- Farm holdings are big(More than 250 ha)
- Highly mechanized farming
- Largest GM crops area(More than 69 million ha.)
- GM traits for better agronomy for farmers
- Acceptability by consumer
- Out put traits for industry and consumer
- Clear regulatory and release policies



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GE CROPS IN USA



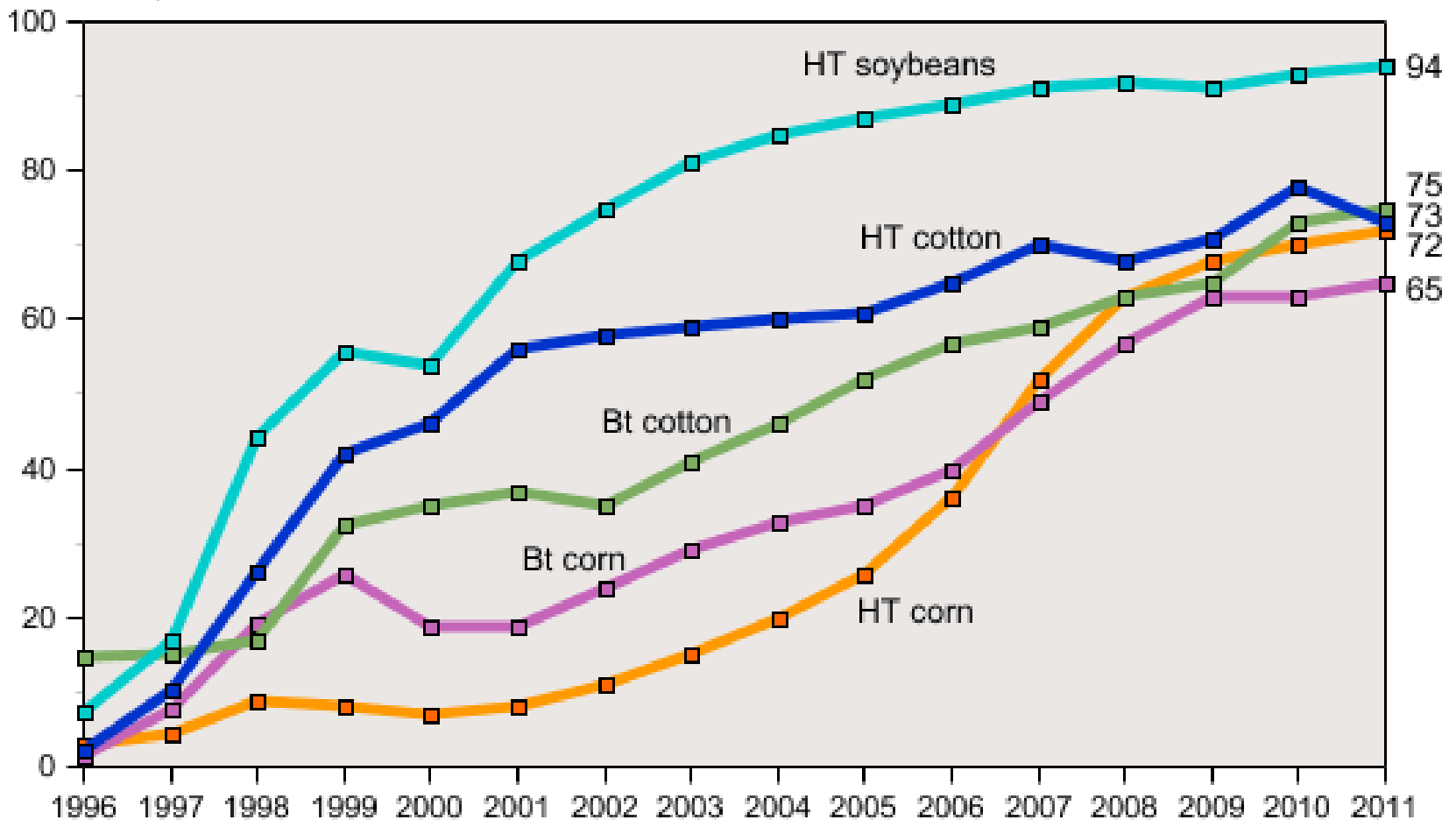
- More than 90 % area under different GM traits in corn
- More than 23 % are is under Bt. trait while,23 % herbicide resistance and almost 54% area under staked genes
- Now new corn hybrids being released with 8 gene stack including drought tolerance
- In cotton more than 90% area with all traits
- In Soybean , more than 95% area under herbicide resistance traits



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Growth in adoption of genetically engineered crops continues in the U.S.

Percent of planted acres



Data for each crop category include varieties with both HT and Bt (stacked) traits.
 Sources: 1996-1999 data are from Fernandez-Cornejo and McBride (2002). Data for 2000-11 are available in the ERS data product, Adoption of Genetically Engineered Crops in the U.S., tables 1-3.

GM CROPS IN INDIA



- In India , about 60% population is directly engaged in agriculture
- The farm holdings are on average less than 2 ha
- Very low level of mechanization
- Only one GM crop cotton with Bt. Trait covering 10.5million ha
- Farmers prefer better input traits which save their crop production cost
- No food crop yet cleared by regulators



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Agriculture



Bt Cotton from Monsanto, USA

Bt Cotton from IIT, Kharagpur

Bt Cotton from Biocentury, China

Bt Cotton from Metahelix, Bangalore

NEW GUIDELINES

OLD GUIDELINES

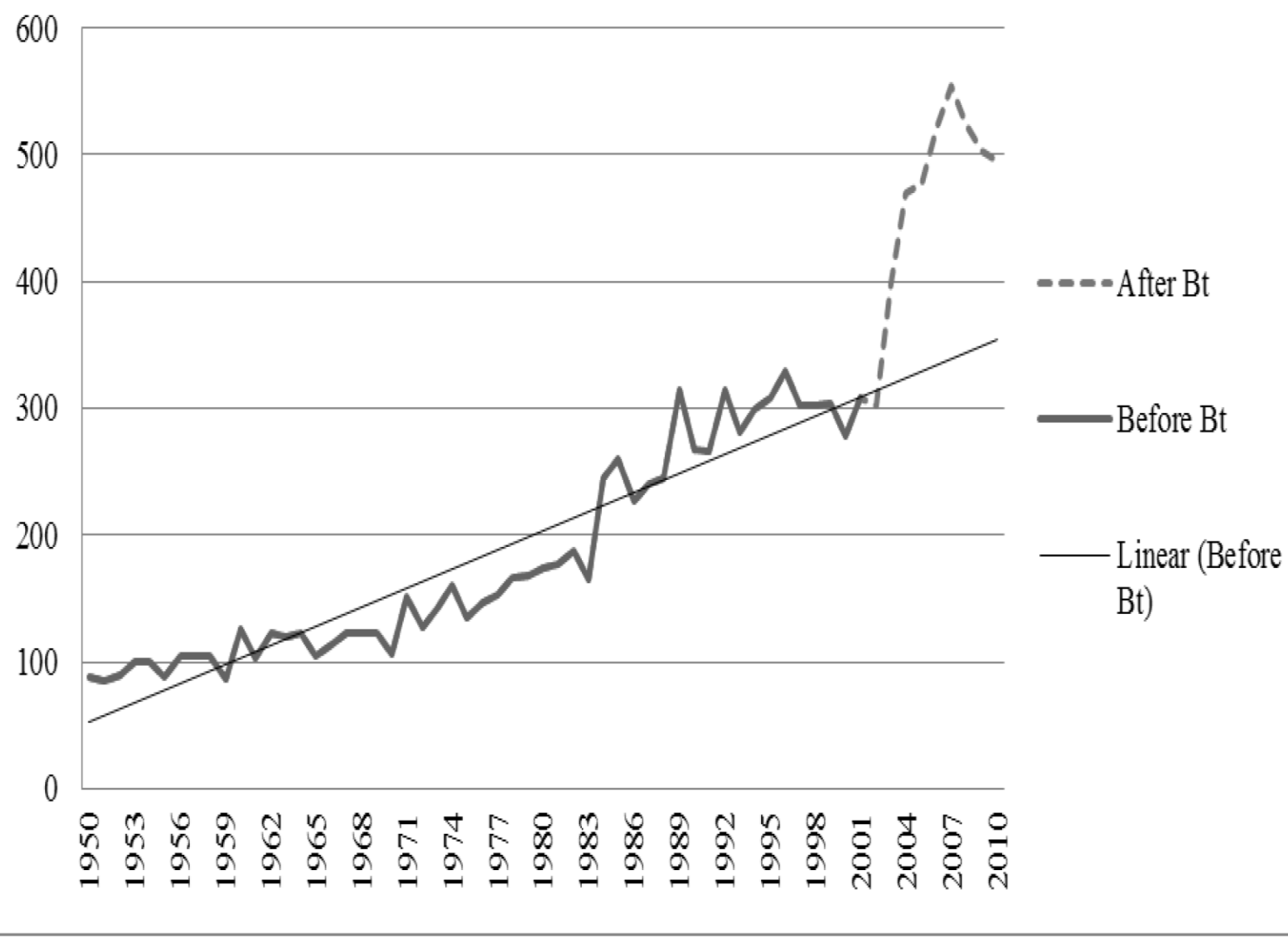
Five Approved Events

- MON 531(*cry1Ac* gene),
- MON 15985 *cry1Ac* & *cry2Ab*)
- GFM Cry 1A (*cry1Ab-cry1Ac*)
- JK-1 (*cry1Ac*)
- CICR (*cry1Ac*)

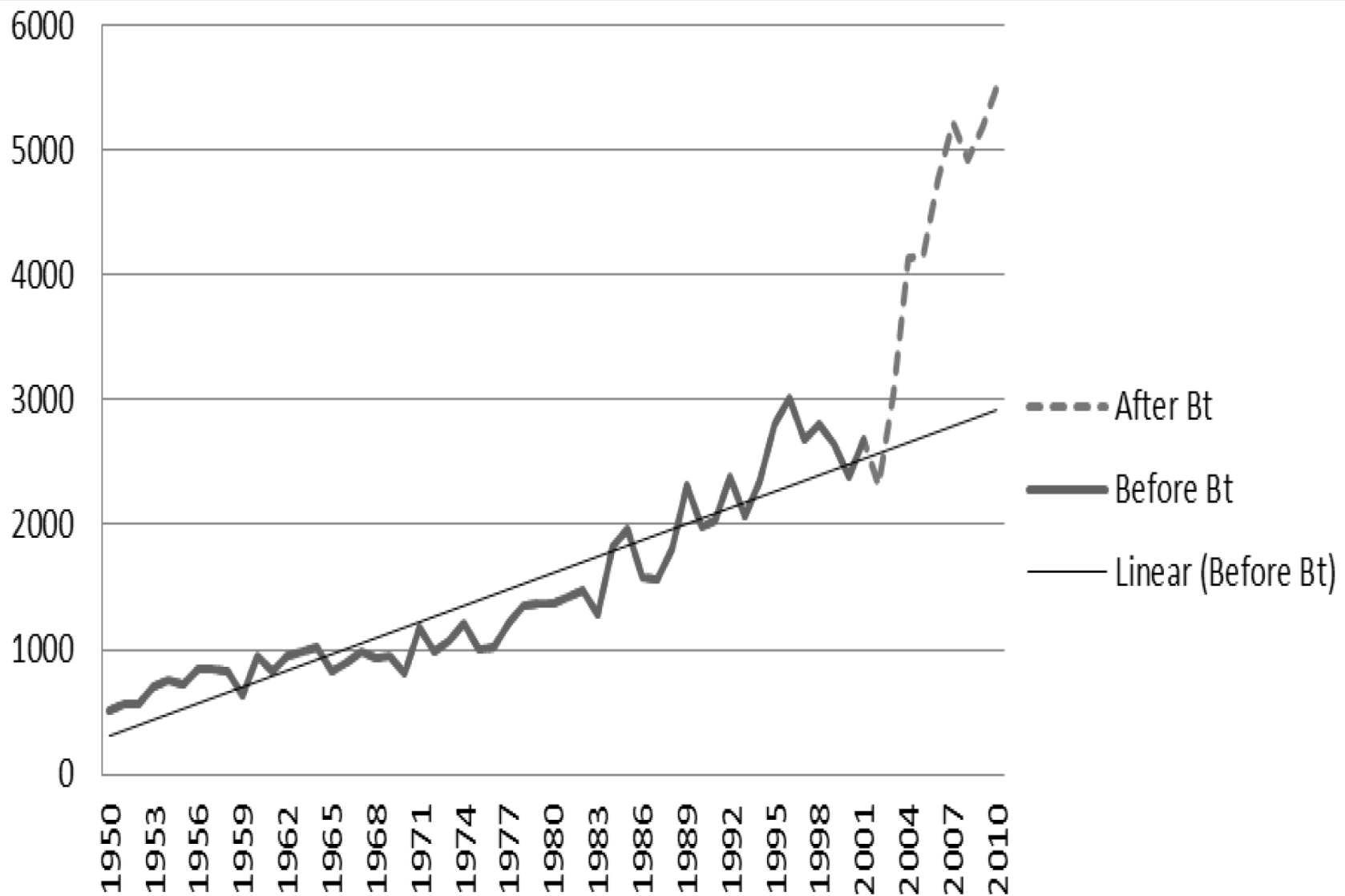
Events Under NEW GUIDELINES

Cotton

- Round-up Ready Flex (RRF) *cry1Ac* & *cry2Ab* (Event MON15985) & CP4
- EPSPS (Event MON 88913)
- WideStrike™ (*cry1Ac* & *cry1F*)Event 3006-210-23 and Event 281-24-236)
- JK Stack- *cry1Ac* (Event -1) and *Cry1EC* (Event-24)
- *Cry1C* (Event 9124)
- **Brinjal Event EE1**



Total cotton production (in thousands of metric tons), 1950–2010



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PROCESS V/S SAFETY

- Different agenda for different stakeholder
- Consumer wants safety of food while environmental activist looking for protection of environment
- Scientist looking for development of technology which is workable, solution oriented, safe for food and environment
- Process is important for developer and regulators
- Very few consumer are interested to know the process of making a product
- Most of the consumer in case of food ,interested in safety, quality, nutrition and taste

ISSUE IS WHERE IS THE CONFLICT

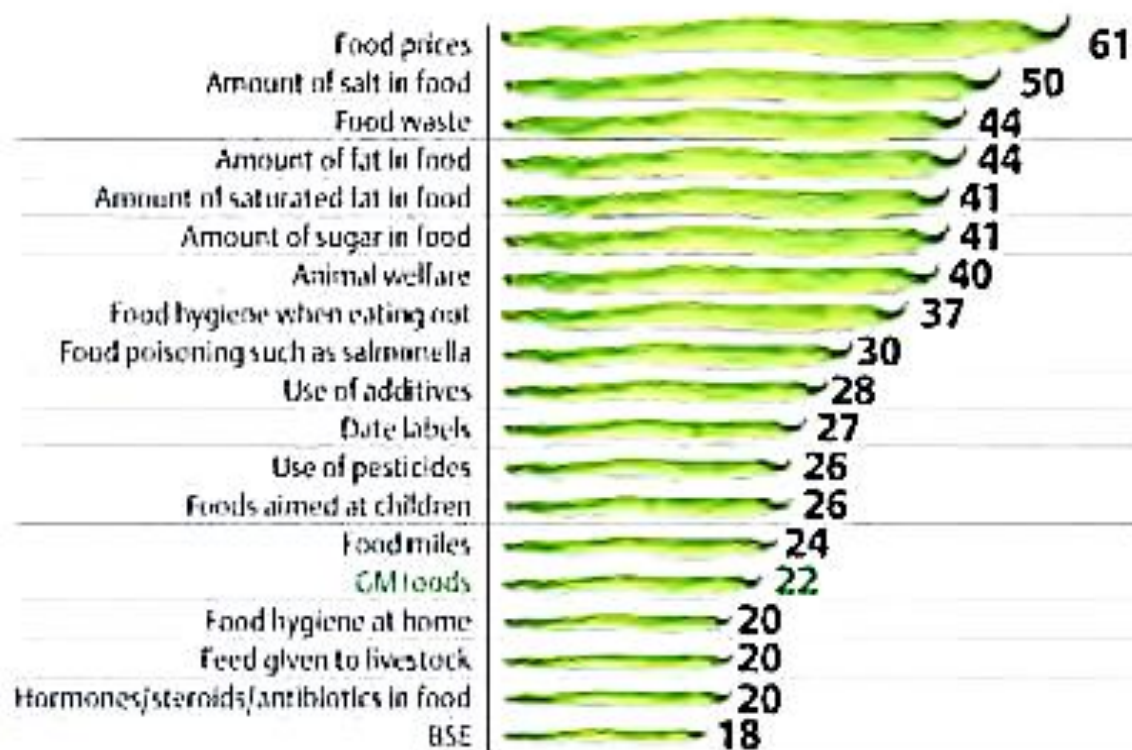
Concern about GM foods has gradually declined over time



% selecting GM as a food issue of concern from a given list
Source: FSA Public Attitudes Tracker

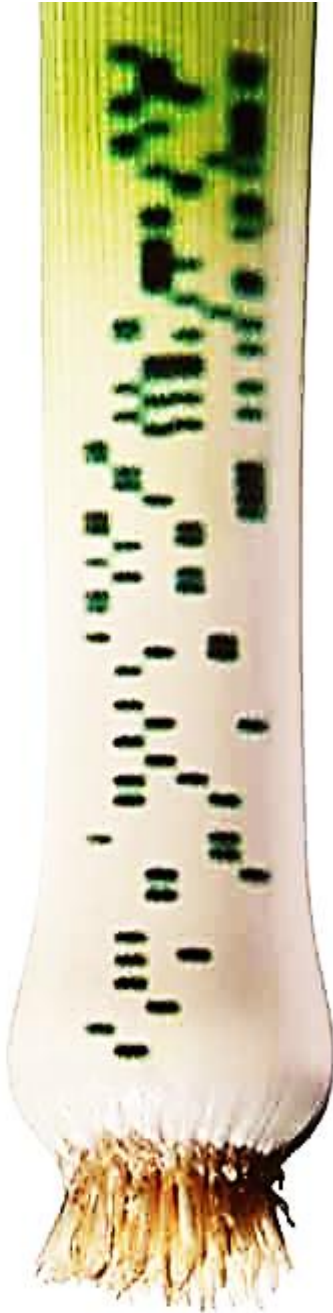


GM food is less of a concern in the UK than other food issues



% selecting these food issues from a list of possible concerns
Source: IFA Public Attitudes Tracker

FILLING BELLY V/S NUTRITIOUS FOOD



EGGPLANT



CABBAGE AND CAULIFLOWER



DBM



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TOMATO- VIRUSES



A photograph of a vast field of golden wheat in the foreground, with a range of blue mountains in the background under a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The text is overlaid on the image.

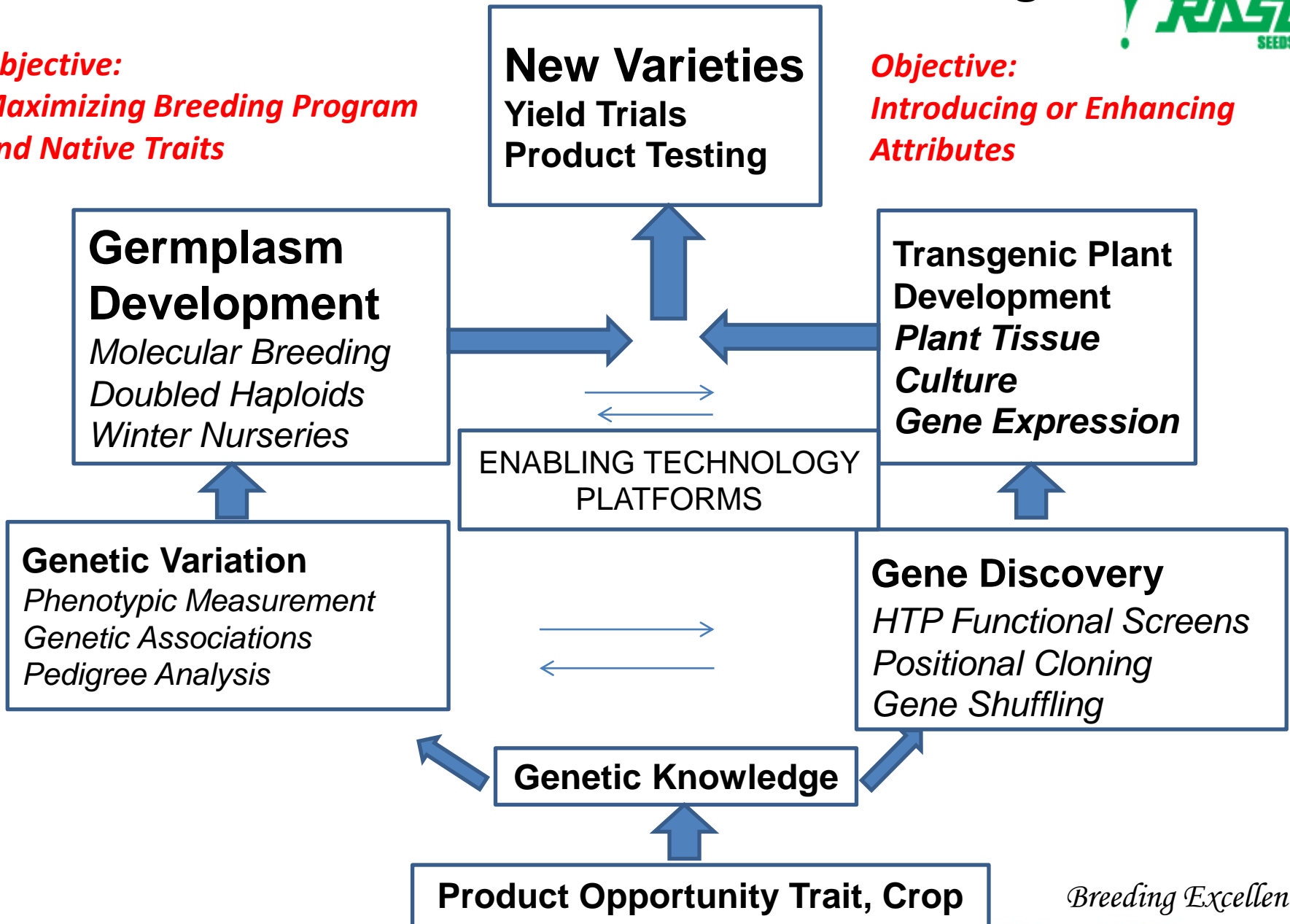
A New Approach to Molecular Plant Breeding

The Tools of Modern Plant Breeding



Objective:
*Maximizing Breeding Program
and Native Traits*

Objective:
*Introducing or Enhancing
Attributes*



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NEXT GENERATION AGRIBUSINESS

- Conventional plant breeding will be fully integrated with technology innovations
- Genomic maps will be available for most of the crops
- Functional genomics will be better explained thru high through put technologies like allele mining and phenomics
- Patent regimes will further encourage the investments
- Technologies innovations will further improve the precision
- Breeding by design will change the whole process of developing new and performing hybrids
- Product development life cycle will be shortened

CONCLUSIONS

FOOD CRISES AND HIGH PRICES WILL GENERATE

INNOVATIONS

Malthusian Theory say “All human and climate factor will bring dooms day for human species

Promathesean Theory says “ Whenever there is crises, human ingenuity will bring innovation and these factors are well taken care off

Future is bright

if

**Public Policy, Science
and public understanding
are addressed and linked**



*According to recognised Aerotechnical Tests,
the Bumble Bee cannot fly because of the shape and weight
of its body in relation to its total wing area.
The Bumble Bee doesn't know this, so it goes ahead
and flies anyway.*