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The Role of Agricultural Technology in the Future of Midwest Farms: A Seed Sector View

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Attractive Markets With Strong Secular Trends



Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Seed Industry Synopsis, Phillips McDougall, October 2018 and internal analysis.

Data Source: USDA, 04/2018

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How Much "Virtual Area" Has Been Created by Improving Yields?



If global yields were stifled at 1992 levels, more land would have been brought into production to meet the growing global consumption. The "virtual area" was created by technology and put into practice by farmers to improve and protect crop productivity to meet the growing human demand on a limited resource base. Data Source: USDA and Corteva Economic Analysis



Technology enables a complete solution for farmers...

Broader product and service offering enabled by our R&D capabilities and robust pipeline





Seed is a key delivery mechanism to crop improve productivity and address sustainability

- American Seed Trade Association
- Represents every sector, every crop from alfalfa to zucchini
- Common goal improve productivity through innovation in seed
- Continued innovation is critical to our future as we face challenges such as climate change, evolving pests and diseases, and a growing population



Farmers Face a Changing Marketplace of Consumer Demand



THE GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY (GAP) INDEX™





6 Consecutive Years of Above Trend Yields \rightarrow Pressures Prices



Note: Global yields per hectare for an aggregate of 9 grains (corn, wheat, rice, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet and mixed grains) and 5 oilseeds (soybeans, rapeseed, sunflower seed, peanuts and cottonseed). The price index is a simple average rice, wheat, corn and soybean prices, 1990-2005 (Pre-Biofuels) =1.00

Gold Markers represent above trend yield years and corresponding (mostly negative) price movement.



Farm Business Software and Data Analytics Are Being Developed and Adopted across Farms of all Size



Efficiency Get more done with less



Profitability Make better decisions



Sustainability

Build better networks, succession plans, and long term resource management





Knowing makes a difference



How can I save more time and become more efficient?

How can I track my inventory in real time? What is my marketing plan?

What is my cost of production, down to the field?

\$250/ac

\$220/ac

\$200/ac



Can I get more value out of all this data?



Summary and Conclusions

- Innovation is required to stay on trend yields across the major food crops
- Consumer preferences create higher value segments for short periods of time
- Marketing at the farm level is critical as we move through this cycle
- Long term outlook remains positive

