

the seed enhancement company

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### **Quality Seeds for Improving Crop Yield**

#### 1st BANGLADESH SEED CONGRESS

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Organization Introduction



Seed Quality Understanding



Seed Quality Vs Crop Yield



# 1968 – 2023 Incotec 55 year





# BACK IN 1968 WHEN A DUTCH PHARMACIST SUCCEEDED IN COATING ONE LETTUCE SEED



THE WORLD OWES YOU ONE, DAVID!

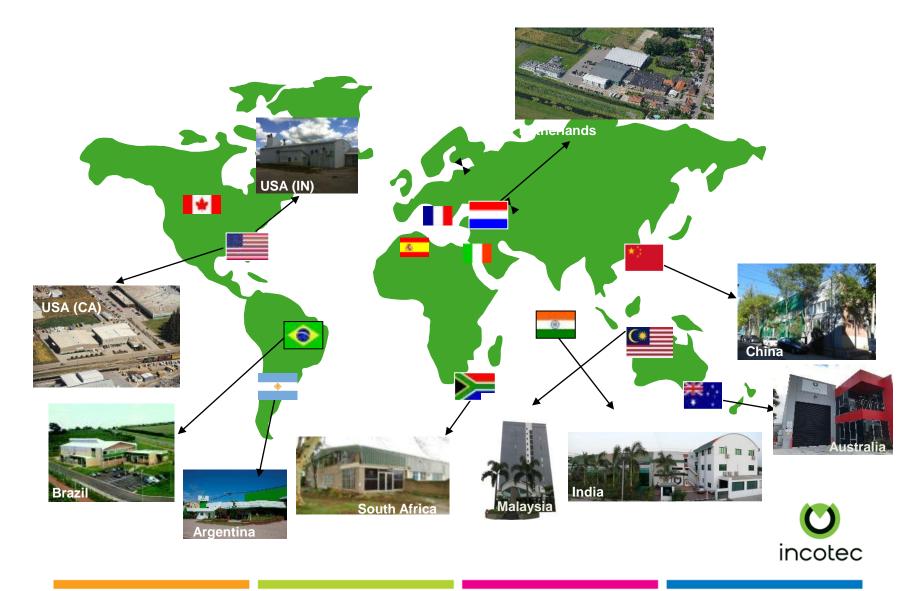
#### Incotec in short

Incotec is the seed enhancement company, **independently** providing solutions through **innovative** technologies and services, focusing on **customer** needs. Our purpose: contributing to feeding the world.





#### Incotec's Global Presence



### Why Seed Quality for Crop Yield?

- •2012 over 7,000,000,000 people to feed
- •2050 over 9,000,000,000 people to feed

#### **Consequence of this:**

in the coming 27 years the same volume of food needs to be produced as in the last 100 years, with less availability of land, PPP, fertilizers, water

#### To achieve this:

new technologies/sustainable innovations needed to derive best of the best genetics with BEST SEED QUALITY



# "Agriculture feeds the nation, and seed feeds agriculture"

Seed is the first determinant of future plant development.

Seed is the master key to success in YIELD with the food Production



#### Trends - Global Seed Market

- ➤ Highest Seed Quality Standards (above then Indo-Bangla Std.)
- Assured Claim to meet growers' expectations
- ➤ Highly mechanized , Automized and Controlled farming
- Need 'More from Less'
- ➤ Environment Friendly–Green Technology preferable
- ➤ More usable plants and more growth vitality
- ➤ Unique Genetics

Highly Mechanized, Automized & Controlled condition Farming



## SEED QUALITY UNDERSTANDING





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# SEED

- THE basic input in Agriculture
- Seed Quality ensures harvest and yields
  - Genetics
  - Purity
  - Physiology
  - Environmental conditions
  - Biotic stress (diseases pests etc)







#### SEED QUALITY

Control Control – Assurance – Management Assure Assure Vs Insure Vs Ensure Seed Seed Quality Enhancement Technologies



#### **Assure Vs Insure Vs Ensure**

Assurance - ?

Feeling of confidence and Certainty Promise of Certainty

Insurance - ?

If something goes wrong we are there To assure against unpleasant situation

Ensure ? Synonyms of Assurance almost

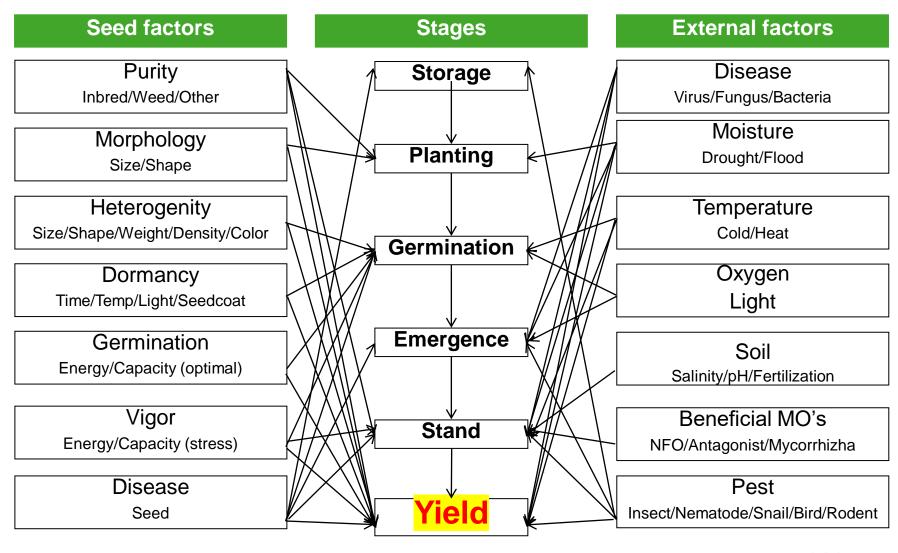


#### How to Assure Basic Seed Quality?

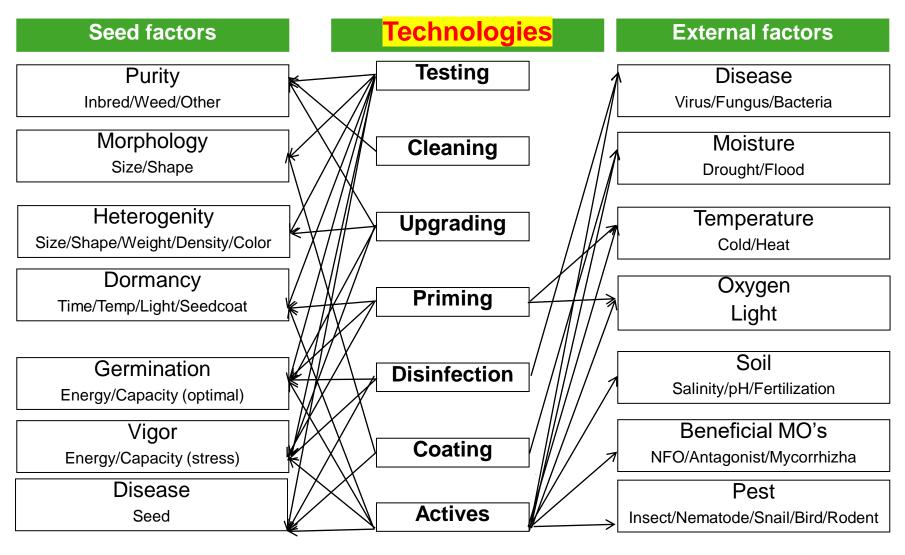
Mainly on raw seed before enhancement......

- ➤ Genetic Purity hybrid , Inbred , Off types
- Physical Purity Size, Shape, Color, Texture etc
- Health Test Pathogen free
- ➤ Germination Test
- Usable Plant Test in Soil
- ➤ Germination Energy (GE)



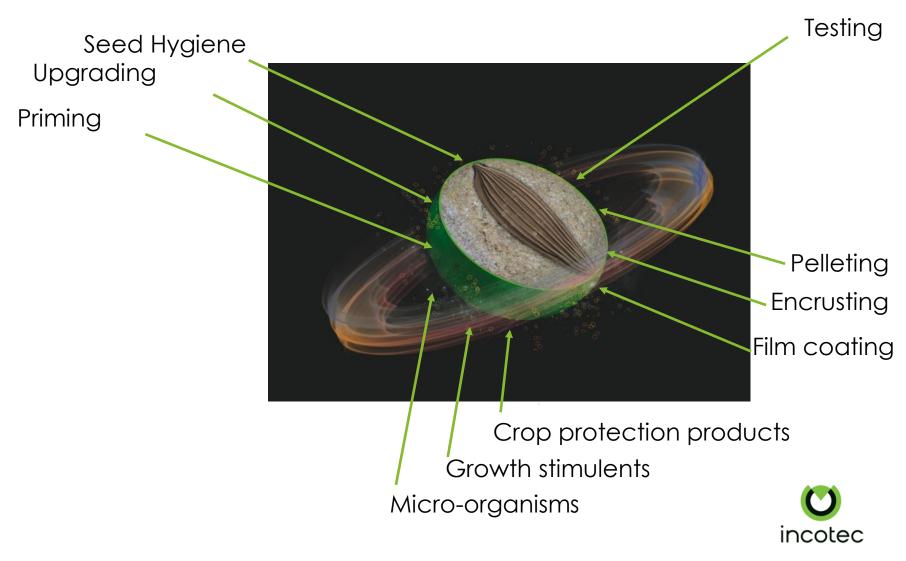






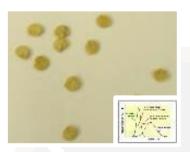


#### Seed Quality Enhancement – Visual Dimensions



## How to Assure Enhance Seed Quality?

Priming





Film coating

Upgrading



Encrusting & Pelleting

Seed Hygiene



Analytical & R&D services





Application of actives, biologicals & stimulants



#### 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











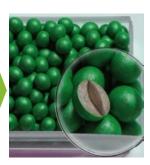


#### **Encrusting and Pelleting**

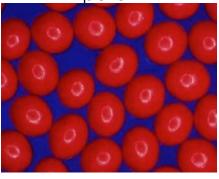
- Adapting the shape of seeds by putting a layer of coating material on it. More uniform shape and size of the seeds
- Objectives
  - Higher planting efficiency by allowing use of mechanical and pneumatic sowing machines
  - No doubles or empty cells
  - Higher productivity and easier to plant







Lettuce pellet



Encrusted onion





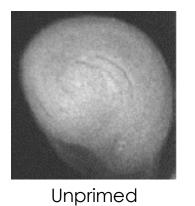
#### **Priming**

- Under controlled conditions germination is triggered and then brought to a standstill at just the right stage
- Objectives:
  - Improve uniformity of germination at a range of temperatures
  - Increase speed of emergence
  - Overcome types of dormancies
- Result: higher number of good plants









120

100

80

60

40

20

germinated



Non-primed

Germination days (# of days)



--- Primed

#### **Upgrading**

- Upgrading:
  - Removing seeds of lower quality raises the overall quality of the seed lot
  - Examples of upgrading:
    - Chlorophyll Fluorescence sorter
    - Liquid density separation
    - X-ray image sorter



seed

selected seed

rejected seed





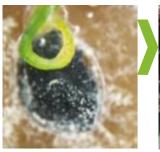






#### Seed hygiene

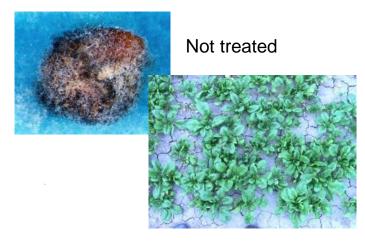
- Treatments that reduce or eliminate micro-organisms (e.g. fungi, bacteria) in/on the seed
- Examples
  - Chemical treatment
  - Radiation treatment
  - Hot water treatment
  - Dry air treatment
  - Hot humid air treatment (ThermoSeed)









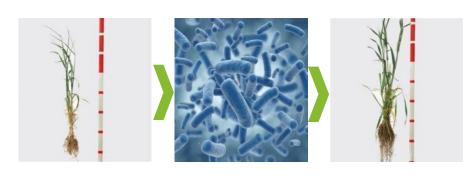


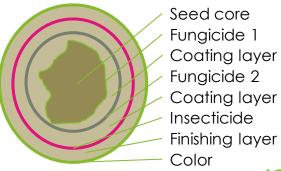


#### Actives, Additives and biologicals

- Actives, additives and biologicals
  - Application of actives, additives and biologicals integrated in the seed coating
  - Major groups of actives
    - Plant protection products
    - Growth promoting agents
    - Plant strengtheners









# CONTRIBUTING TO FEEDING THE WORLD, BY GETTING THE UTMOST OUT OF SEED





# Thank you for your attention!

Any Questions?

