

2012 Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting Business Perspective Forum Dr. Peter Innes Chairman & CEO, Becker Underwood



THE COMING OF AGE FOR BIOLOGICALS



- Increasing number of products on the market
 - More registrations, patents, and trademarks
- More alliances between large crop-protection companies and small biological players
 - Research and Development Agreements
 - Distribution and other Commercial Agreements
- More M&A . Recent acquisitions:
 - AgraQuest \rightarrow by Bayer (closed)
 - Pasteuria Bioscience \rightarrow by Syngenta (pending)
 - Becker Underwood → by BASF (pending)

Historically, it was difficult to get the major players interested in these products

BECKER UNDERWOOD

a heckerunderwood.com

PREVIOUS PARADIGM OF BIOLOGICALS IN LAST 30 YEARS

Crop Protection Co.

- Are biologicals a threat?
- Can we evaluate the opportunity?
- Inconsistent results...
- Efficacy less than chemical standards.....
- This is just for organic agriculture...
- Hard to keep alive.....

Biologicals Co.

Compete head to head against chemicals

- Try to replace chemistry → confined to niche
- Higher unit COGS
- Higher application rates
- Lower efficacy
- Low R&D budget
- Low credibility at distribution
- A skeptical grower base

Growers

- Will try something once.
- Maybe twice.
- Then it as to work

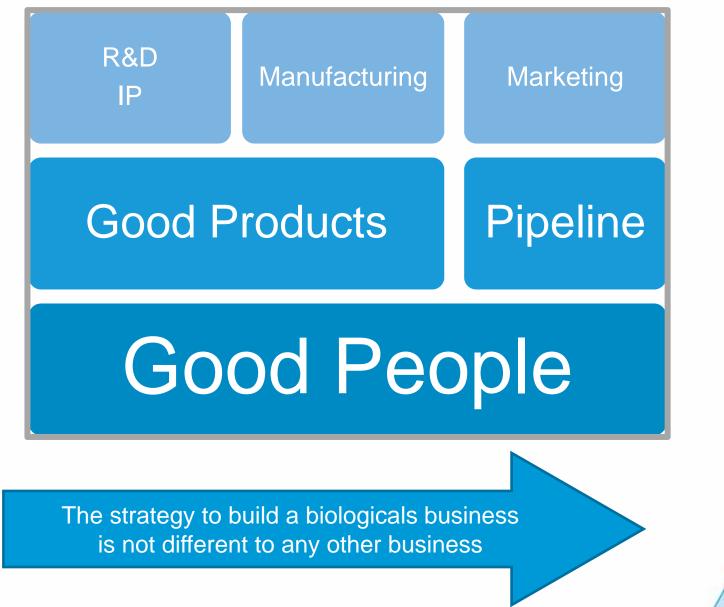
LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PAST OF OUR SECTOR

- Market biologicals as complementary or companion products.
 - Important to sell as working in unison with chemistry, not as alternatives
- Since biologicals follow a legacy of skepticism (too many under-developed products were launched in last 20 years), the new generation of biologicals need to do what they claim they do.



BECKER

SO HOW DO I BUILD A BIOLOGICALS COMPANY?



SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO IN THE FUTURE?

- Regulation:
 - Set standards
 - Independent scrutiny
 - Lack of regulations leads to:
 - Customer confusion
 - Lack of differentiation
 - Lack of credibility
- Evolving IP Strategy
 - Patent or trade secret?
 - Alliances with large players?
 - Expansion of patent applications
 - Tactical use of IP as "cost of doing business"
- Sustainability Strategy

Global demand for biologicals will increase dramatically We are entering the era of biologicals



BECKER UNDERWOOD

THANK YOU. QUESTIONS?



......beckarunderwood.com