



Yield10 Bioscience, Inc.

(NASDAQCM:YTEN)

LD Micro Presentation

Yield10 is developing new technologies to achieve step-changes  
in crop yield to enhance global food security

**June 5, 2018**

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## **“Yield10 develops food and feed crops to produce higher yields with lower inputs of land, water or fertilizer”**

**Leverages a large historical investment in advanced metabolic engineering into the Ag space**

- 16 recent patent applications for increased crop yield

**Applying a productive technology/knowledge base with genome editing**

**Significant, near-term milestones**

- Data from field tests of C3003 in Camelina, canola and potentially soybean expected in 2018
- Progressing oil enhancing traits using CRISPR genome editing

**Numerous opportunities for value capture**

**Has an organization structured to achieve upcoming milestones**

**Headquartered in Woburn, MA USA; Oilseeds center of excellence in Saskatoon, Canada**

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# Leadership Team

**Oliver Peoples, Ph.D.**  
CEO

- Founder and CSO of Metabolix, an MIT spinout, Dr. Peoples is an experienced entrepreneur and biotechnology executive with over 30 years of experience in science and technology innovation and commercialization
- He initiated the crop science program over a decade ago and more recently spearheaded the development of Yield10's research and business focus

**Kristi Snell, Ph.D.**  
VP Research & CSO

- Previously VP of Research and Biotechnology at the Company with over 20 years of experience and industry recognized expertise in metabolic engineering of plants and microbes for the production of novel products and increased plant yield
- Following her post-doctoral research at MIT, Dr. Snell joined Metabolix in 1997 where she has led the plant science research program since its inception

**Charles Haaser**  
VP, Finance & CAO

- Joined the Company in 2008 as corporate controller and was named chief accounting officer in 2014
- Has more than 30 years of senior accounting management and executive experience with public technology-based companies
- Strong professional background includes technical accounting, SEC financial reporting, Sarbanes-Oxley and tax compliance

**Lynne Brum**  
VP, Planning & Communications

- Joined the Company in 2011 as vice president marketing and corporate communications
- Has more than 25 years experience in the life science industry including roles in corporate communications, investor relations, financial planning and corporate development

# Recent Accomplishments

- ✓ Granted research license to Monsanto for evaluation of C3003 & C3004 in soybean
- ✓ Completed planning and permitting for 2018 field tests of C3003 and C3008a
- ✓ Completed genome-edit of 3 gene targets involved in oil biosynthesis
- ✓ Two recent publications highlight Yield10 technology and targets for genome-editing
- ✓ Filed patent application on using GTFs to boost seed yield in corn
- ✓ Signed exclusive worldwide license agreement with University of Missouri for advanced technology for boosting oil content in oilseed crops (C3007, C3010)

# Yield10: A Compelling Market Opportunity

**Yield10 is.....Aligned with compelling megatrends**

**Global Food Security**.....increasing demand and increased protein consumption

**Health and Wellness**.....improved nutrition

**Food Safety and Sustainability**.....“farm to fork “ value chain



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June, 2015 GA/EF/3242

**Food Production Must Double by 2050**

## Yield10 technologies enable multiple paths to value creation



### North American Commodity Crops

- Accelerate deployment with Ag majors
- Provide low hurdle to deploy and test yield traits in elite germplasm
- License agreements with milestones and participation in downstream economics

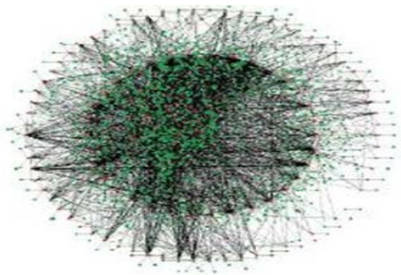


### Specialty and Niche Crops including Nutritional Oils

- Form collaborations based on combining technologies to improve yield and/or improve nutritional value
- Focus on development of new products in food and animal feed
- Utilize technologies enabling a non-regulated path to market
- JV-type agreements with significant share of downstream economics

### Yield10 Technology Platforms

- Accelerate innovation based on unique approach to identifying gene combinations for editing
- Access government grants and relationships with leading plant scientists
- R&D support for partner funded programs



# Value Creation Model: Seed Yield and Oil Content

Yield10's gene traits may enable value creation through step-change increases in crop yield

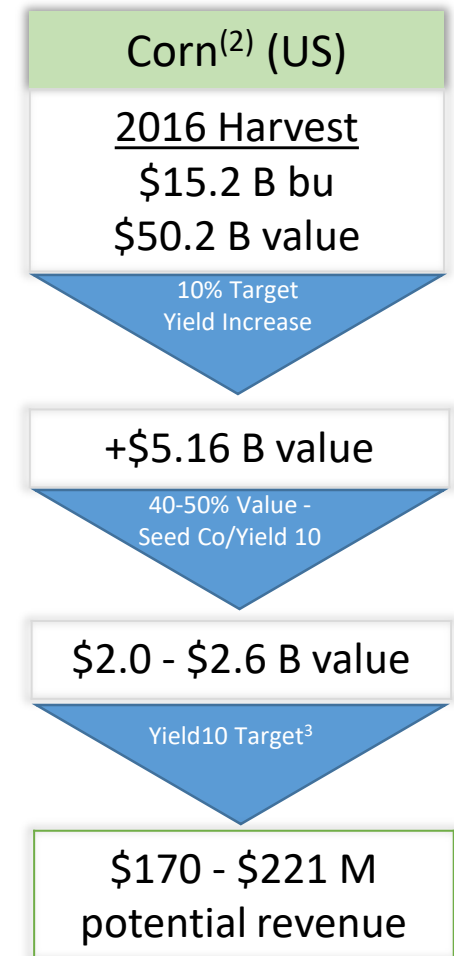
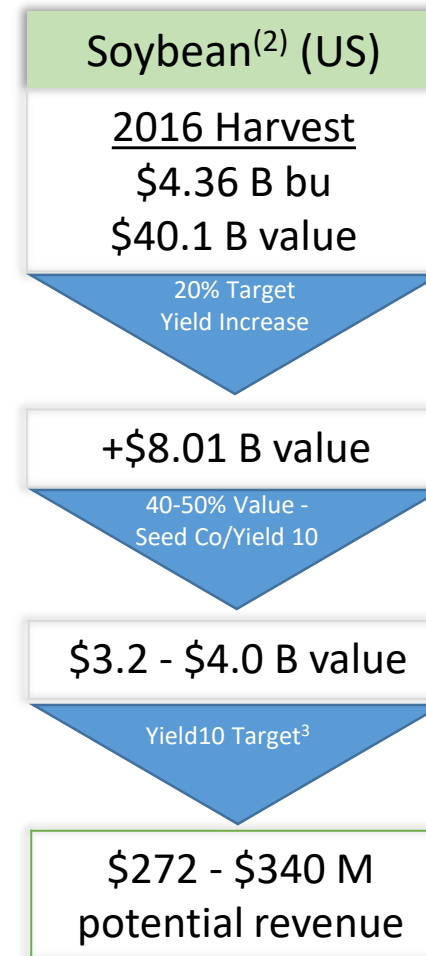
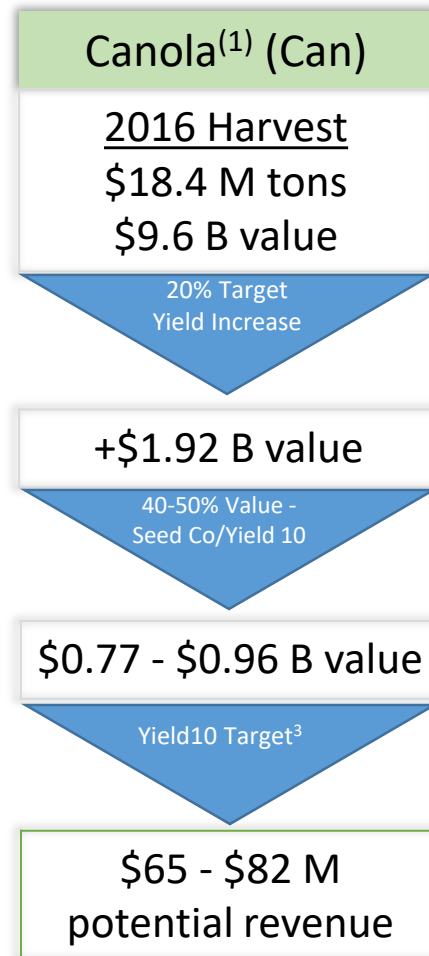
*An illustrative example of the annual revenue opportunity for Yield10's canola, soybean and corn gene traits based on the 2016 harvest.*

*For Soybean: Additional market opportunity emerging for High Oleic soybean oil. As genome editing traits deployed, a role for genome editing traits to boost oil biosynthesis (in range of 20%) could drive additional value for growers and Yield10.*

USDA projected on-farm corn price 2016-2017 is \$3.30/bu  
USDA projected soybean price for 2016-2017 is \$9.20/bu  
AAFC projected canola price 2016-2017 is \$520/tonne  
1. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/161206/dq161206b-eng.htm>  
2. [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/2017/01\\_12\\_2017.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/2017/01_12_2017.php)

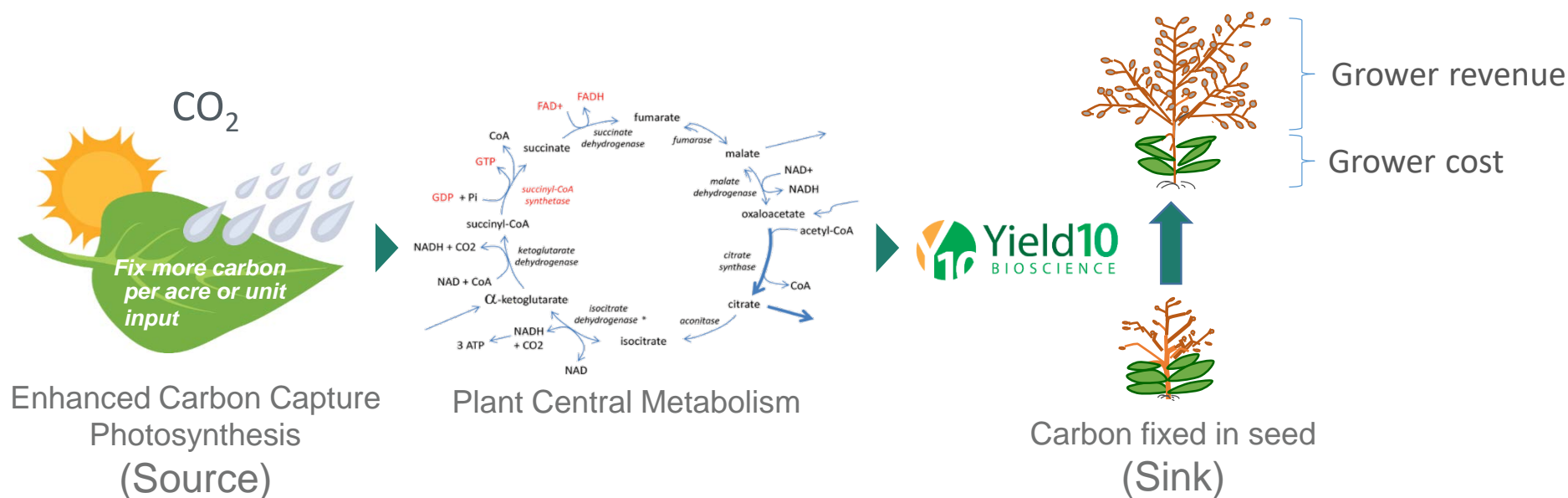
High Plains/Midwest AG Journal, Jan. 19, 2017

3. Yield10 target of 5-12% of the value add for yield traits; used 8.5% in calculations



## Fundamentally increasing crop yield is a complex two step carbon optimization problem

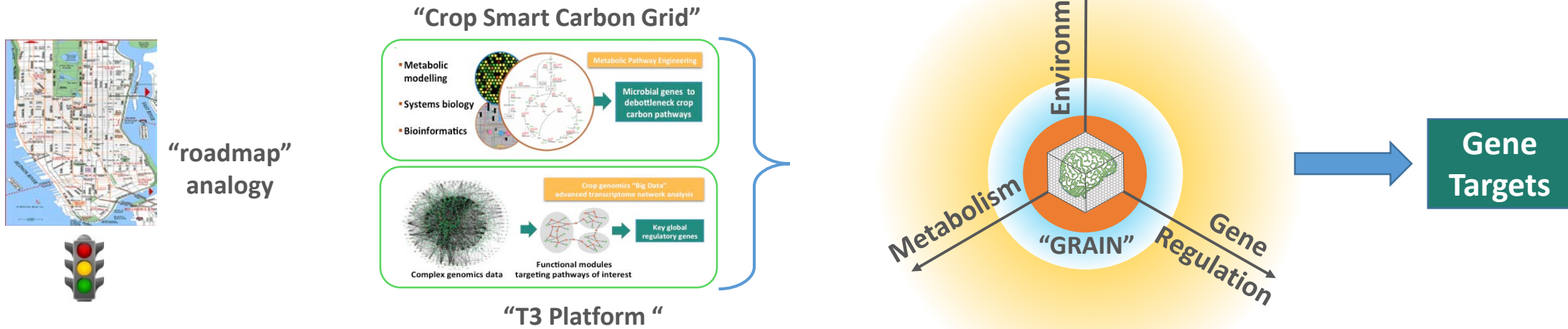
- 1) Increase the rate of carbon fixation in crops having the C3 (e.g. soybean) and C4 (e.g. corn) photosynthetic systems
- 2) Directing the increased fixed carbon to the harvested part of the plant, mostly seed



**“Enhanced Carbon Capture >>>>> Targeted Carbon Deposition”**

# “GRAIN” Trait Gene Discovery Platform

## GRAIN: Gene Ranking Artificial Intelligence Network



- We are developing “GRAIN”, a “Waze” or “Google Earth”-like system for identifying gene targets
- Integrating three key technology elements:
  - Metabolic engineering or synthetic biology, the “Crop Smart Carbon Grid” (carbon conversion infrastructure)
  - Transcriptome network analysis, the “T3 Platform “ (gene regulators or traffic lights) – C4001-C4003 traits
  - Powerful feedback loops incorporating data from high yield lines
- We are progressing gene targets from elements of the GRAIN platform (C4004-C4026: C3011 and C3012)

# Rich Pipeline of Trait Genes in Development

SUMMARY OF OUR CROP TRAITS IN DEVELOPMENT	
Business Area	Current Status
<b>Seed Yield Traits-Regulated</b>	
C3003	Camelina 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation at field testing stage Canola 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation at field testing stage Soybean and rice in development
<b>Seed/Oil Enhancing Traits-Non-Regulated</b>	
C3004	Camelina testing underway
C3007	Camelina, canola editing underway
C3008a	Camelina non-regulated <sup>1</sup> status achieved; at field testing stage
C3008a, C3008b and C3009 combinations	Camelina, editing of all 3 gene targets completed
Additional oil trait combinations	Research in progress
<b>Yield Improvement Discovery Platform</b>	
C4001	Wheat program underway Rice transformation underway Corn transformation next step
C4002	Corn transformation next step
C4003	Wheat program underway Rice transformation underway Corn transformation next step
C4004	Editing in rice and wheat underway

**Many opportunities exist for licensing and/or partnerships**

**We have engineered Camelina and canola to express C3003 from constitutive (Gen 1) or seed specific (Gen 2) promoters**

Crop/Trait	Year		
	2017	2018	2019
<b>Camelina</b> Gen 1 C3003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016 field test data reported (<i>up to 23% seed yield increase</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Camelina</b> Gen 2 C3003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenhouse (<i>up to 24% seed yield increase</i>)</li> <li>2017 field test (<i>up to 7% seed yield increase</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field tests (data Q4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field tests Gen 2.0, 2.1</li> </ul>
<b>Canola</b> Gen 1 C3003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2017 field test (<i>up to 13% seed yield increase</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field tests (data Q4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>
<b>Canola</b> Gen 2 C3003		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenhouse data</li> <li>Field tests (data Q4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field tests Gen 2.0, 2.1</li> </ul>
<b>Soybean</b> Gen 1 & Gen 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenhouse data from early generations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small scale field plots</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field tests</li> </ul>
<b>Rice</b> Gen 1 & Gen 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenhouse studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenhouse studies</li> </ul>

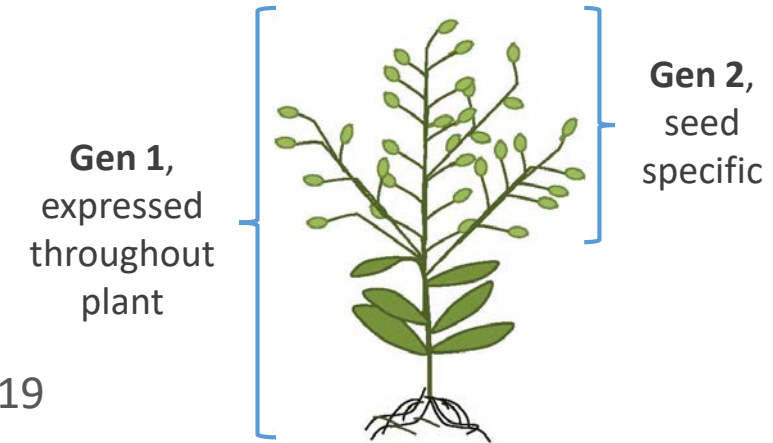
## Conduct Field Tests of C3003 in Camelina, canola; Bulk-up soybean seed

Generate technical data and determine the best way to deploy C3003 in canola and soybean

- Test C3003 Gen 2.0 and Gen 2.1 in Camelina
- Test C3003 Gen 1.0 and Gen 2.0 in canola
- Grow C3003 Gen 1.0 and Gen 2.0 soybean to generate field grown seed for 2019
- Multiple sites in Canada

## Conduct Field Test of Genome-edited C3008 in Camelina

- Begin to generate data on component traits to be used in multi-trait stack
- C3008a may be a useful target in trait stack intended to increase oil yield and improve lipid quality
- First field test of this trait in 2018; Conduct test in U.S.
- Obtained non-regulated status in 2017



# Novel Traits for Boosting Seed Oil Content

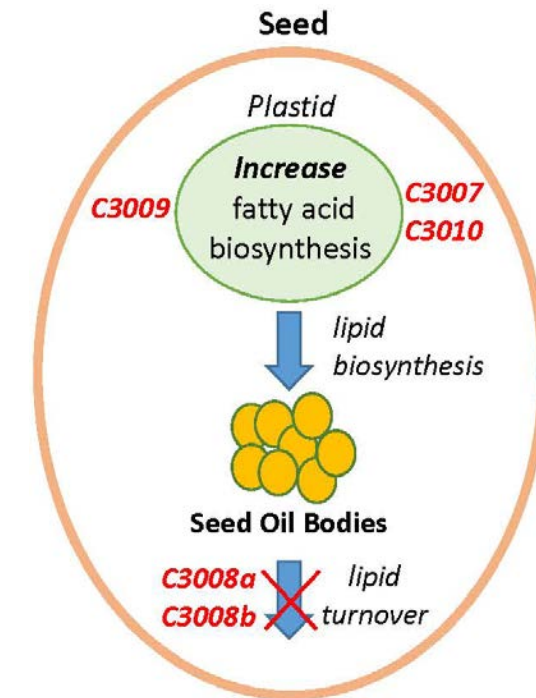
## Yield10 is re-engineering the oil biosynthesis pathway in oilseed crops

### Current Status

- Boosting oil yield per acre significantly increases the value of the crop to the grower
- Identified 5 targets involved in oil biosynthesis pathway
- Recently completed in-license of C3007 and C3010; Generating IP
- Traits accessible through genome-editing (non-GMO), reducing development cost and time associated with commercialization
- Potential to stack with composition traits (e.g. high oleic, omega fatty acids)
- Obtained first non-regulated<sup>1</sup> trait (C3008a) via a submission to USDA-APHIS in 2017
- Completed stacking of multiple edited traits in one line (eg. C3008a, C3008b, C3009)

### Next Steps

- Edit additional genes including C3007 and/or C3010 to boost oil content
- Make submissions of traits/plants to USDA-APHIS to enable non-regulated US field tests
- Conduct field tests to generate data in oilseed crops
- Identify opportunities for licenses and collaborations for specialty oil seed crops

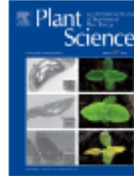




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## Metabolic engineering to increase crop yield: From concept to execution ☆

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## Novel transcription factors *PvBMY1* and *PvBMY3* increase biomass yield in greenhouse-grown switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum* L.) ☆

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### Key Findings:

- C4001: Leaves & stems, 75%-100% increase; Roots, 85-140% increase
- C4003: Leaves & stems, 100-160% increase; Roots, ~40% increase

**Yield10 is uniquely positioned to identify valuable targets based on global transcription factors**

## Current Status

- Published data showing that C4001 and C4003 significantly boost key parameter of photosynthesis and improve plant biomass in switchgrass
- Conducting studies with C4001 and C4003 in rice and wheat
- Foundational IP filed and generating additional IP on C4004 plus series traits

## Next Steps

- Generate data for C4001 and C4003 traits in rice and wheat to identify new genome-editing targets
- Begin corn transformations to enable greenhouse and field tests



## REGULATION

### USDA greenlights gene-edited crops

Agency says techniques like CRISPR are equivalent to traditional plant-breeding methods

by *Melody M. Bomgardner*

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### A Breeding Revolution

As Gene Editing Nears the Field, Regulators and Consumers Lag Behind

4/27/2018 | 7:55 AM CDT



By *Emily Unglesbee*, DTN Staff Reporter

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## GENETICS

### The USDA Just Gave the Green Light to CRISPR'd Food



Kristen V. Brown

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# GIZMODO

- Obtaining non-regulated status reduces development costs and timelines<sup>1</sup>
- “GRAIN” trait gene discovery platform identifies “Smart Editing Targets”

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/sa\\_brs\\_vpm/340-peis](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/sa_brs_vpm/340-peis)

## Yield10 is working to advance our crop yield technologies and build collaborations

- Continue progress on C3003 with additional constructs and crops
  - Execute 2018 field testing of C3003 in Camelina and canola in Canada
  - Expect planting in 2Q 2018 and first results in 4Q 2018
  - Monsanto is developing the C3003 trait in soybean
  - Continue independent evaluation of C3003 in soybean and rice
- Advance oil boosting traits
  - Progress oil enhancing traits using CRISPR genome-editing including C3004, C3007, C3008a/b, C3009 and C3010 for increased seed yield and seed oil content; make submissions to USDA-APHIS to enable US field tests
- Progress C4000 series traits into key crops
  - Continue work with C4000 series traits in rice, begin work on C4000 series traits in corn
  - Progress genome-editing of select C4000 series traits in rice
- Secure Ag industry collaborations and non-dilutive sources of funding
- Build our intellectual property portfolio
- Communicate our scientific innovations in technical presentations and papers



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