



The future is **BRIGHT!**

*New canola technology  
developments from  
DuPont Pioneer*



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# Technological Advances . . . Throughout the years



**1974:**

- “Tower” the first *B. napus* canola variety is released.
- Canola planted ~ 500,000ac
- Average yield ~ 17 bu/ac  
(850 lbs/ac)

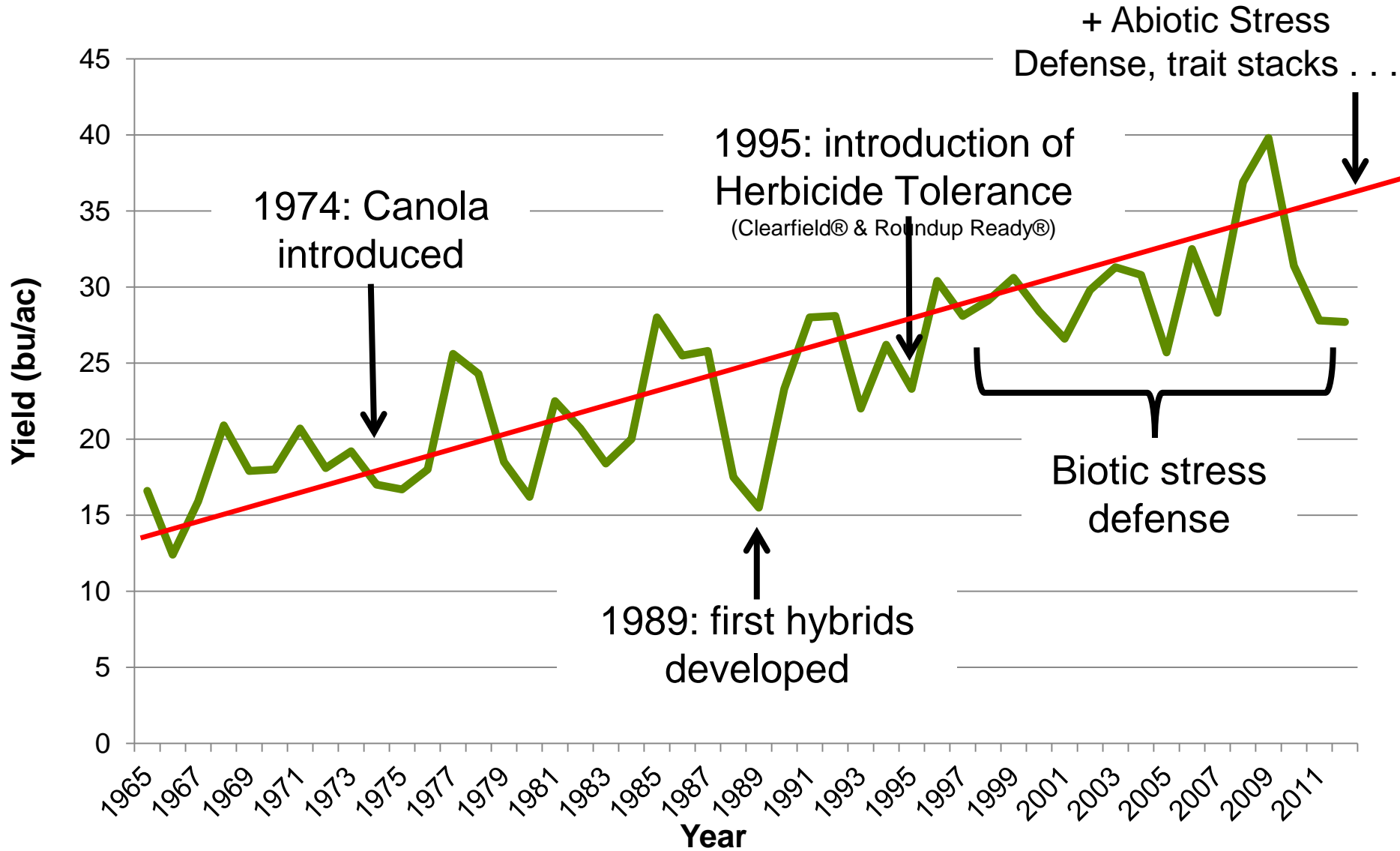


**2012:**

- Hybrid and herbicide tolerant canola (99%) dominate the market.
- Canola planted ~ 21.2 million ac
- Average yield ~ 27.7 bu/ac  
(1,385 lbs/ac)

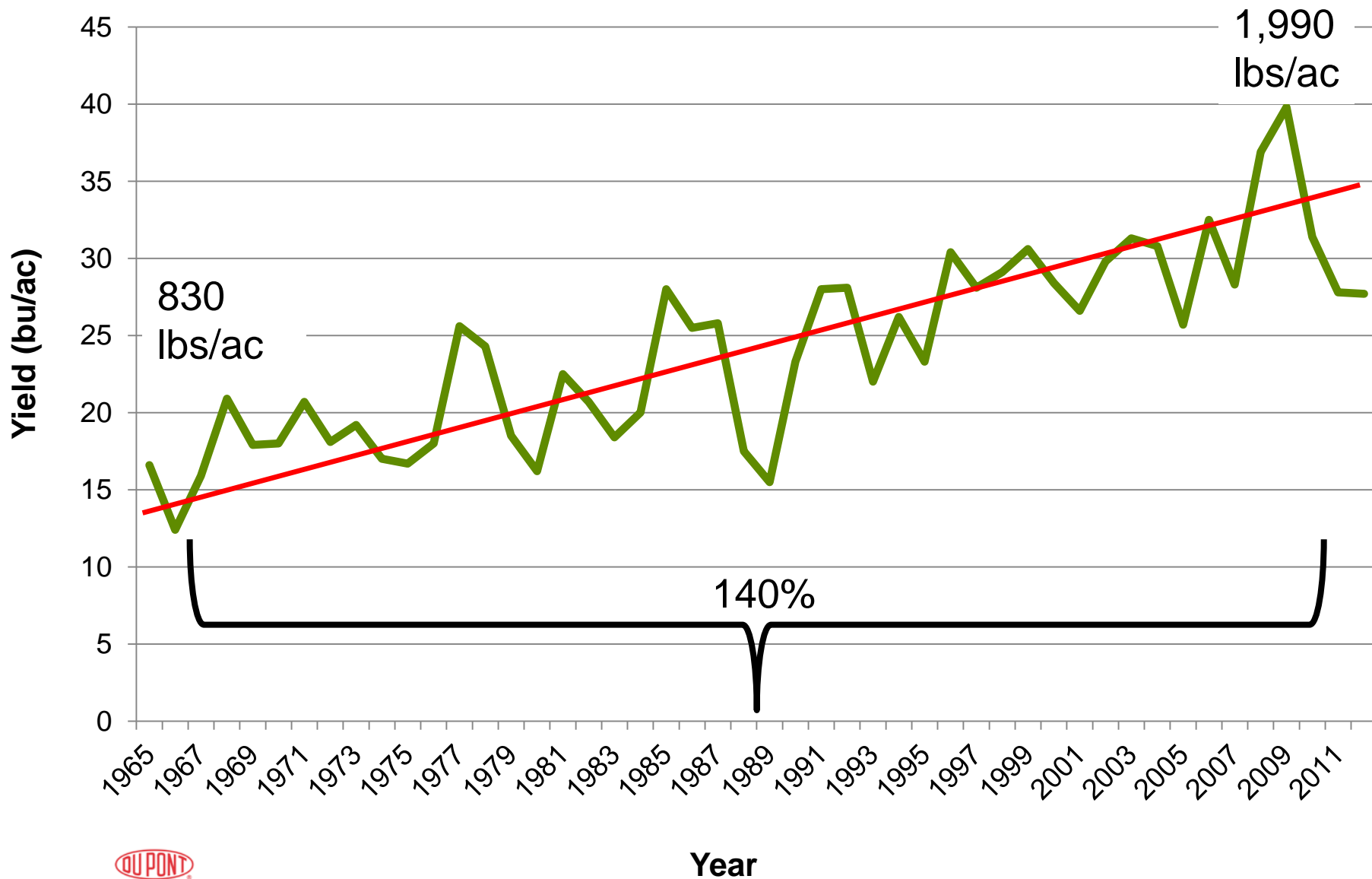


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# DuPont Pioneer 2013 Canola Overview

- Canola GM Trait Development
  - Pioneer® brand Optimum® Gly herbicide tolerant Canola
  - Pioneer® brand canola with Liberty Link® trait
- Pioneer Protector® brand Sclerotinia & Clubroot
- Native Traits
- Increased R&D Investment into canola from Pioneer

## Optimum(R) GLY herbicide tolerant canola

- De-Regulated in Canada and US (first developed GM trait from DuPont Pioneer)
- Trait selected and hybrid integration taking place; performance looks encouraging
- Increased crop safety – opportunity for greater weed control flexibility
- Pending all over-seas regulatory approvals -- on track for mid-decade launch



## Pioneer® brand canola with the LibertyLink®

- Deregulated in US and Canada
- Hybrid development fully engaged; performance is very encouraging
- Field scale product testing and evaluation will take place in 2014
- Seed production risk taken to ensure good supply for mid-decade launch





**“NEW” way to manage  
Sclerotinia (White Mold)**



# Stem Comparisons

45H31 - 55% infected



45S52 - 13% infected



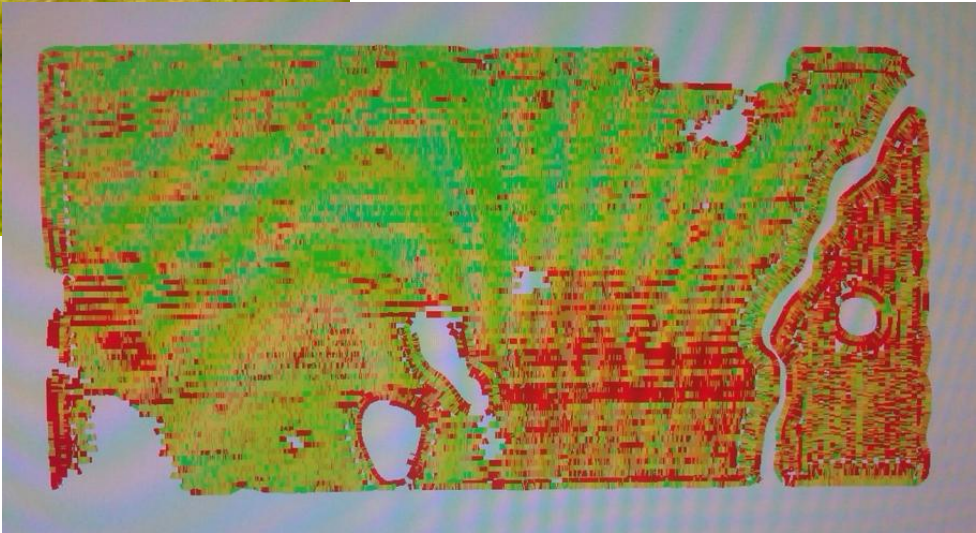
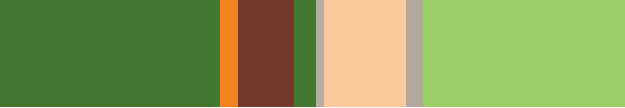
*Nanton, AB; August, 2012*

- Both stem and leaf resistance
- Pioneer has a 15-20 year history into the research, breeding, and development of sclerotinia tolerant products!



45H28

45S52



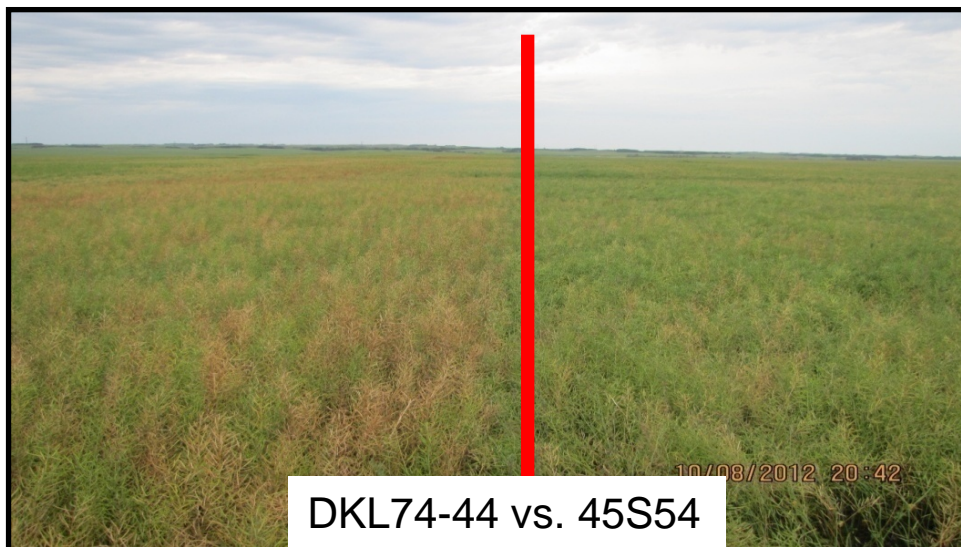
400 lbs/ac difference at harvest

Seed Premium at \$3-5 /ac

# Recent Technological Advancements from DuPont Pioneer



Pioneer® hybrid 45S51 –  
*first commercial sclerotinia  
resistant hybrid (2009)*

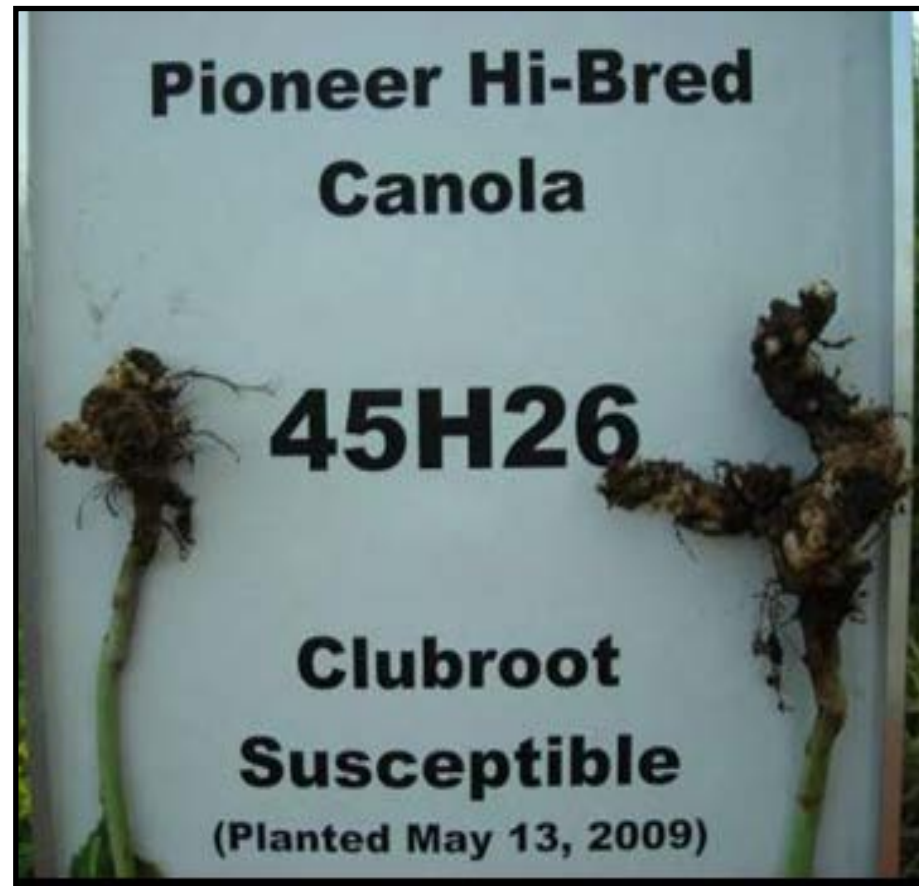


DKL74-44 vs. 45S54

*... Where do we go from  
here ...*

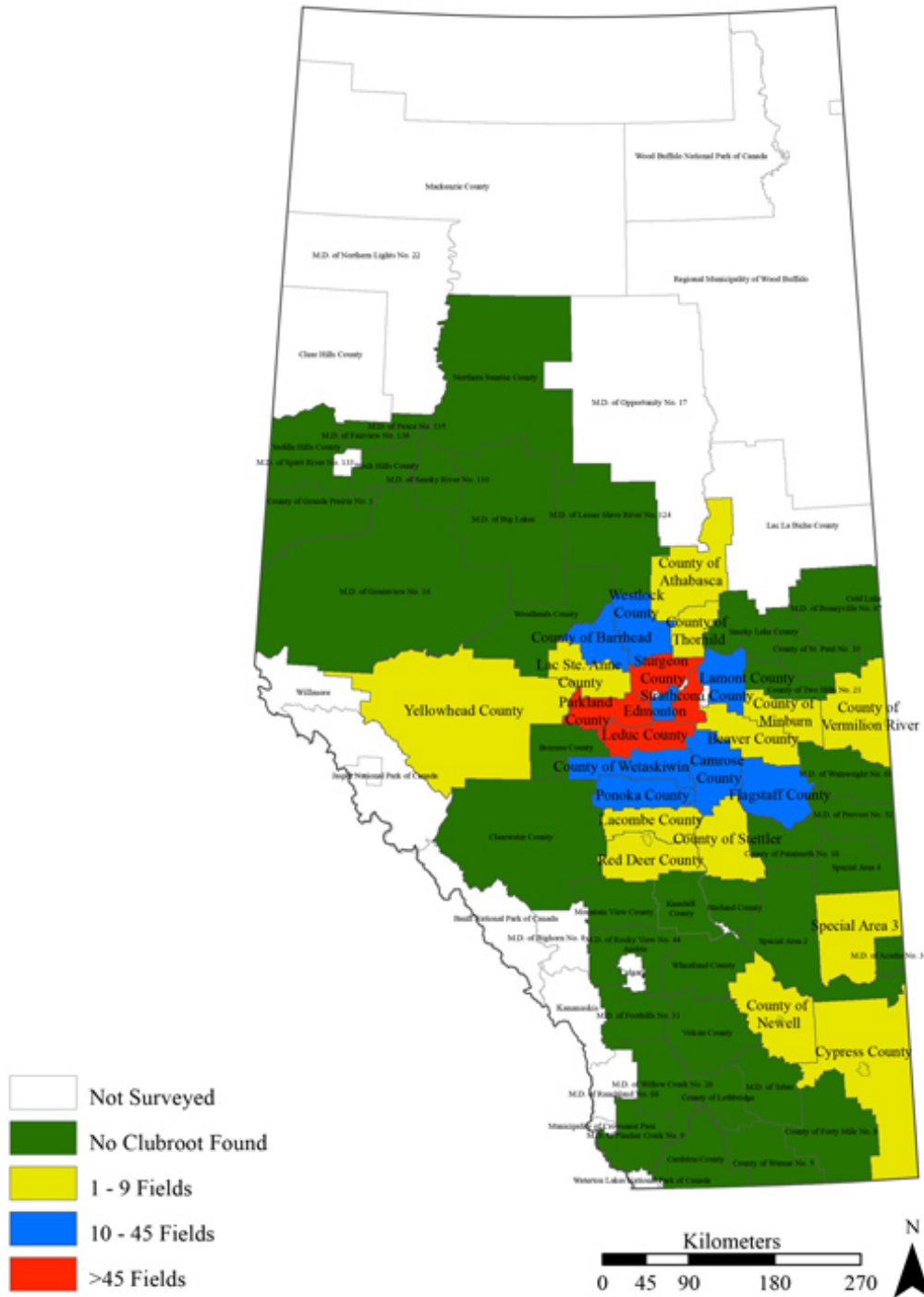


**Pioneer® hybrid 45H29**  
**The *first* Clubroot Resistant**  
**Canola Hybrid (2009)**



Pioneer® hybrid  
45H29 – *first*  
*commercial clubroot*  
*resistant canola in the*  
*market*





**Clubroot is moving significantly in Alberta over the last 10 yrs (2003).**

**Some fields in Saskatchewan now confirmed and identified.**

**Manitoba infestation confirmed in two fields.**

**N.Dakota infestation confirmed in one field (2013).**

Source: Cumulative Clubroot Infestations (2003-2012), University of Alberta, Alberta Government

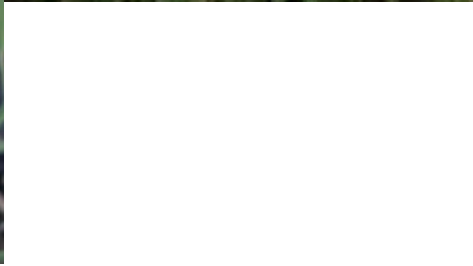
# Native Traits

- Future of plant breeding is in enhanced native trait expression
  - Molecular marker selection
  - Able to legally gain proprietary protection
  - Economically more feasible to bring to market
  - No regulatory hurdles/delays



# Canola Research Targets for Native Traits:

- Shattering Tolerance
- Cold tolerance / stress tolerance
- Blackleg
- Drought Tolerance
- Nitrogen Use Efficiency
- Flea Beetle (GM)
- Trait Integration
- Stacks (CR/Sclero, Shatter/Sclero, etc.)





# PIONEER PORTFOLIO: CANOLA TRAITS

Trait	Challenge Met	Grower Benefit	R&D Progress	Status
Sclerotinia Resistance (SCL1)	Global disease: Significant yield loss & fungicide use.	Reduce disease incidence & yield loss by 50-60% (moderate)		First to market in NA (2009), no competitive offering yet. Transfer of trait to other markets underway
★ Sclerotinia Resistance (SCL2)	Global disease: Significant yield loss & fungicide use.	Reduce disease incidence & yield loss by 75-80%, make fungicide use uneconomic.		Early pre-commercial, launch by 2015 in NA
★ Enhanced Blackleg Resistance	NA/EU/AU: Yield loss, reduced oil content.	Improved resistance & yield protection under a range of rotational scenarios		Advanced pre-commercial in all markets
Clubroot Resistance	NA/EU: Disease spreading, new races emerging. Substantial yield loss & risk.	Yield protection, reduced inoculum, normal rotations possible.		Commercial: North America Advanced Pre-commercial: EU
★ Reduced Shatter	Reduced yield loss, increased harvest flexibility	Increased harvest flexibility, reduced yield loss under adverse conditions.		Advanced development in North America
★ Optimum® GLY Canola	Weeds reduce grain & yield quality. Shifts in weeds can complicate rotations.	Superior option for broad spectrum post emergent weed control		Pre-commercial (pre-launch)
★ LibertyLink® Trait	Weeds reduce grain & yield quality. Shifts in weeds can complicate rotations.	Valuable rotational herbicide offering.		Pre-commercial (pre-launch)

- In Development  
 - Pre-commercial  
 - Commercial

In-Development: Abiotic Stress Defense ~ i.e. cold tolerance; trait stacks



Lethbridge, AB – Canola seed production facility and seed production research

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Georgetown, ON – Worldwide canola breeding HQ and parent seed facility for Pioneer

## Investment – Carman, MB



# Thank You Questions?



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