

A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt and brown suspenders, is holding a large ear of green corn. He is looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a lush green field of corn plants under bright sunlight.

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*Committed
to Sustainable
Agriculture.*

*Committed to
Improving
Life.*

Syngenta is the world's largest company focused solely on agribusiness, committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. We offer a broad range of leading crop protection products, and work closely with our customers and partners to help ensure that products are shipped, stored and used in compliance with product stewardship guidelines and all applicable regulations. In more than 90 countries, we develop technologies that drive the environmental, economic and social sustainability of agricultural cropping systems.

Here in the United States, Syngenta Crop Protection offers the most comprehensive portfolio of weed, insect and disease control products in the industry – all designed to help growers produce high quality, high yielding crops while ensuring the long-term productivity of the land and protection of the environment – the essence of Sustainable Agriculture.



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*“Syngenta helps growers meet the challenge of growing more from less through dedication to our purpose: **Bringing plant potential to life.** Through world-class science, global reach and commitment to our customers, we help to increase crop productivity, protect the environment and improve health and quality of life.”*

– Jennifer Shaw, Head, NAFTA Sustainability, Syngenta Crop Protection



Why Syngenta is Committed to Sustainable Agriculture

More and higher quality food is needed ...

About one in every eight people in the world is either hungry or undernourished. During the next 50 years, the world's population will increase by 50 percent to almost nine billion people. Particularly in Africa and Southeast Asia, tens of thousands of infants and women die each year due to iron or vitamin deficiency.

Higher productivity is needed ...

With the increase in population, the availability of fertile soil and clean water is expected to decline substantially, making high yields increasingly critical.

Sustainability requires that farmers succeed everywhere ...

There is an urgent need to ensure that there are adequate quantities of locally-produced, high quality food. Additionally, 70 percent of the population in developing countries depends upon agriculture for their livelihood.

In the U.S., Syngenta recognizes and acts on our responsibility to support the principles of sustainable agriculture through the use of crop rotation, integrated pest management (IPM), soil and water conservation, and cropping inputs in ways that are safe to humans, animals and the environment. As urban sprawl continues to take valuable agricultural land permanently out of production and reduce land available for natural resources, Syngenta's focus – *to develop products that produce greater yields on fewer acres, degrade rapidly in the environment and are backed by a strong commitment to all facets of product stewardship* – is consistent with sustainable agriculture. The products, programs and technologies that we develop will have a profound impact on the global agricultural community, including developing nations.



Among the global efforts we are making to bridge to developing nations is the **Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture** (www.syngentafoundation.org), which assists poor, rural communities in semi-arid areas through programs designed to increase opportunities and choice. Through the Foundation and various other global programs, Syngenta supports agricultural research and investment that help developing nations find new markets, improve productivity and further sustainable agriculture.



Our values – innovation, intensity, performance and health – are evident in our commitment to sustainable agriculture.

How Syngenta is Committed to Sustainable Agriculture

Innovation in Sustainable Agriculture – through Scientific Expertise and a Commitment to Research

Science and research are the foundation of sustainable agriculture. Globally, Syngenta is an industry leader in research and development investment for new crop protection and seed products, and progressive agronomic practices. Syngenta invests more than \$800 million per year on research programs throughout the world, and has more than 400 development agreements with universities and other research organizations.

In addition to research, we support many university agricultural science programs across the U.S. with faculty recruitment programs and student scholarships. Each year, Syngenta also sponsors an **Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture Award** that recognizes the top professionals from the Entomological Society of America, American Phytopathological Society, Weed Science Society of America, American Society of Agronomy, National Association of Farm Broadcasters, American Agricultural Editors Association and the National Association of Agricultural Education.



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Intensity in Sustainable Agriculture – through Environmental Protection and Enrichment

Sustainable agriculture can only succeed if environmental stewardship is an intrinsic part of everything we do. Agriculture cannot *survive* without protecting the environment – the soil, water and biodiversity that agriculture depends upon. Likewise, agriculture cannot *thrive* without improving an environment increasingly threatened by greater population demands. Syngenta is dedicated to both the protection and enrichment of the environment through a variety of partnerships and projects focused on the interacting components of environmental stewardship.

Recognizing that our natural resources are dependent upon each other, Syngenta has decade-plus partnerships with **Trees Forever** and **Delta F.A.R.M.**, two organizations committed to water quality protection techniques such as buffers. Other partnerships include the **Conservation Tillage Information Center**, which promotes nationwide soil conservation and water quality through affordable, integrated crop management solutions; and **Ducks Unlimited**, which is using donations from Syngenta to help restore wildlife habitats and improve water quality on private and public lands. Syngenta-supported biodiversity efforts range from the protection of plant gene banks (“Seeds of Success”) to the restoration of native bee habitats by growers (“Operation Pollinator”).

Syngenta collaborates on programs that enhance our understanding of the environment, promote proactive stewardship and take aggressive steps to correct environmental problems. Water quality provides an

example of this three-tiered approach. The ongoing pesticide surface water monitoring program at **Heidelberg College Water Quality Laboratory** in Ohio provides important insights into seasonal and annual patterns of pesticide movement in surface water in the Midwest, as well as human and aquatic life exposure, while advancing state of the art water monitoring. The **Illinois Council on Best Management Practices** is a coalition of agribusiness, agricultural organizations and the University of Illinois Extension Service, committed to develop, implement and promote best management practices to protect and improve water quality. **The Watershed Research Assessment & Stewardship Project**, a water quality improvement initiative, resulted in the development and implementation of a voluntary Water Quality Plan. This partnership included the Missouri Corn Growers Association and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Environmental stewardship is a Syngenta priority from production to disposal. Syngenta is a member of the **American Agronomic Stewardship Alliance**, which ensures that all retail locations meet minimum stewardship standards set by the industry, and the **National Agronomic Safety School**, which provides safety and health education to retail suppliers, consuming industries and the public at a very low cost. Syngenta helps fund the **Ag Container Recycling Council**, which promotes and supports the collection and recycling of up to seven million pounds of plastic crop protection product containers annually from thousands of farmers and applicators nationwide, and funds research to find uses for cleaned, returned containers.



Performance in Sustainable Agriculture – through Education and Leadership

Agricultural education and leadership development programs will provide the next generation of educators and decision-makers to champion the principles of sustainable agriculture. Syngenta proudly supports FFA and 4-H programs, sponsors internships and scholarships, develops leadership training programs and provides educational Web sites, field days and phone support.

Syngenta provides matching funds when its retailers participate in the **FFA Blue Jacket Program**, which supports a variety of essential FFA leadership and student development programs and awards. Syngenta is one of the largest 4-H sponsors in North Carolina, which leads the nation in 4-H youth membership. **Leadership at its Best** is a two-day leadership and knowledge development workshop offered each year through various organizations, such as the American Agri-Women Association, the Agri-Aerial Applicators Association, the National Association of Conservation Districts, the American Soybean Association, the National Corn Growers Association and others. Internship and scholarship programs include the annual **Florida Citrus Internship Program** and the **California Strawberry Growers' Scholarship Fund**.



Syngenta Learning Centers™ in the U.S. have attracted up to 4,000 attendees annually, and our **FarmAssist®** Web site (www.FarmAssist.com) provides 24-hour access to a broad range of resources such as environmental stewardship, pest alerts, pest identification and threshold recommendations. Our first-in-class **Syngenta Customer Center** (866-796-4368) promotes best management practices, IPM, resistance management and product stewardship by handling more than 50,000 technical inquiries each year covering 60+ active ingredients, 480+ current and past products, and 2,700+ pest species.

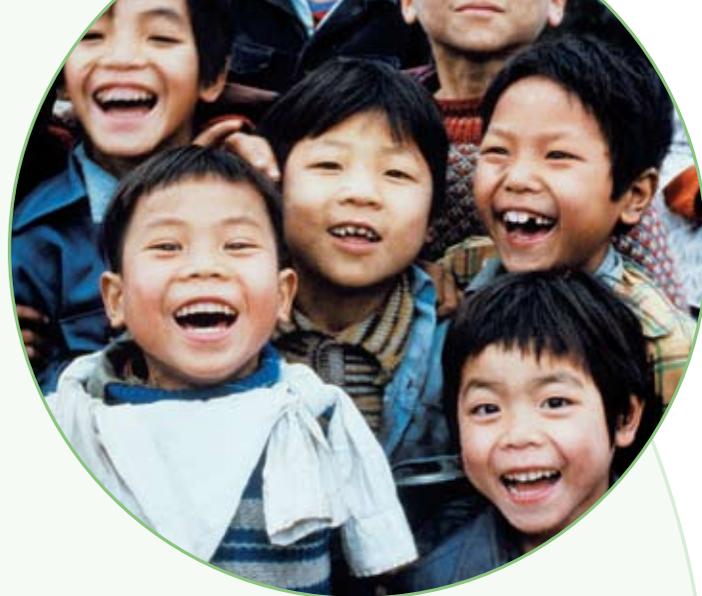
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Health in Sustainable Agriculture – through Hunger Relief and Other Charities

Hunger relief lies at the heart of agricultural sustainability. Syngenta has donated more than \$550,000 to **America's Second Harvest**, a network of 200 food-rescue programs that distribute food to more than 50,000 pantries, shelters and kitchens, providing assistance to more than 23 million low-income citizens in communities in all 50 states.



We are more than a leading agribusiness. We are citizens of the communities in which we reside and do business. Since our formation in 2000, Syngenta has donated more than \$2.4 million to United Way community-based organizations across the country. Syngenta works with the **United Way** to mobilize the caring power of communities to create a positive impact in people's lives.

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The United Nations Children's Fund reports that more than one million children die each year of causes related to vitamin A deficiency (VAD), and many more show VAD-related syndromes including loss of sight and heightened susceptibility to disease. Syngenta is a member of and contributes a range of expertise and technical support to the **Golden Rice Humanitarian Board**, a private-public partnership created to oversee the development of Golden Rice, which is fortified with pro-vitamin A. In our most significant contribution ever, Syngenta has donated seeds, research findings and intellectual property to the Golden Rice Project. We are committed to provide regulatory, licensing and other expertise to help attain the Board's vision of countering the devastating impact of this micronutrient deficiency in developing countries. This is one example of the creation of plants that make or accumulate micronutrients – biofortification – which can potentially have a significant impact on world hunger and nutrient deficiencies, by making primary food sources more nutritionally beneficial for millions of people.





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