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MYCORRHIZAE RHIZOBIUM TRIPARTITE SYMBIOSIS CANOLA ROTATION

2019 AGTIV[®] PRODUCT OFFER





• 2.6 bu/ac

SOYBEANS

AVERAGE YIELD INCREASE 71 sites over 5 years Canada 5.6%



Soybean split field with AGTIV® SOYBEAN vs leading inoculant. Plant growth and health is enhanced on the right, and row closure occurs sooner in AGTIV® soybean fields.



AGTIV® soybean plants have a better developed root system with more branching and more nodules.







▶ PLOT & STRIP TRIALS

Research partners: ICMS, AgQuest, New Era research, Stoney Ridge Ag Services, South East Research Farm (SERF)

Research sites: Portage La Prairie, Morden, Oakville, Swan River, Binscarth (MB) and Redvers (SK), Canada

Treatments: a) AGTIV® SOYBEAN • Granular*;

- b) Leading inoculant competitor A*;
- c) Leading inoculant competitor B*;
- d) Leading inoculant competitor C*;

Experimental design: Total of 68 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design, and one strip trial with 2 replicated strips.

*Granular products applied according to manufacturers recommended rate.

Figure 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment, combined sites (68 reps) and years (4).

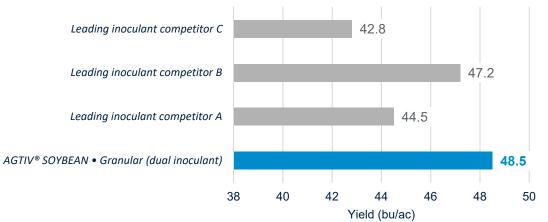


Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields (bu/ac)¹ per trial.

Location	Year	Seed variety	AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	Leading inoculant competitor A	Leading inoculant competitor B	Leading inoculant competitor C
Morden (MB)	2015	Northstar, Anola	31.8 ª	27.8 ^b	30.5 ^{a,b}	
Portage La Prairie (MB)	2015	Pride Seeds, PS0035	57.3	55.4	58.2	
Oakville (MB)	2016	Legend Seeds, Eclipse	79.7	77.8	77.7	
Swan River (MB)	2017	Prograin, Dario	40.7 ª	35.0 ^{b,c}		32.5 °
Portage La Prairie (MB)	2017	Northstar, Richer	58.3	54.5	54.5	54.7
Binscarth (MB)	2017	Pioneer Ultra Early	30.11 ª	27.71 ^b	28.99 ^{a,b}	28.46 ^b
Redvers (SK)	2018	Prograin, Dario	31.1	28.2	25.8	
Swan River (MB)	2018	Prograin, Dario	57.7	47.2	54.3	55.5
Portage La Prairie (MB)	2018	Secan, Barker	49.4	47.2	47.8	

¹ Average yields followed by different letters are significantly different at p≤0.05.



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: South East Research Farm (SERF)

Research site: Redvers (SK), Canada

- Treatments: a) AGTIV® SOYBEAN Granular applied at 5 lb/ac*;
 - b) AGTIV[®] FIELD CROPS Liquid applied at 48 ml/ac and Liquid Rhizobial inoculant applied at 279 ml/ac;
 - c) Leading inoculant competitor A; applied at 5 lb/ac*;
 - d) Leading inoculant competitor B; applied at 4.5 lb/ac*;

Experimental design: 8 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design

Soybean variety: Dario

Previous crop: Canola stubble

Seeding details: Seeded May 28th 2018 at 210 000 seeds/ac with 15 cm row spacing

*Granular products applied according to manufacturers' recommended rate.

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac)
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	31.1
AGTIV [®] FIELD CROPS • Liquid and Liquid Rhizobial inoculant	28.2
Leading inoculant competitor A	25.8
Leading inoculant competitor B	29.7

- No tillage
- Fertilization: 58 lb/ac of P
- Glyphosate applied twice during growth
- Combined on September 27th 2018

Month	Precipitation (mm)
May	13.8
June	44.3
July	19.5
August	17.4
September	27.6
TOTAL	122.6



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Integrated Crop Management Services (ICMS)

Research site: Portage La Prairie (MB), Canada

Treatments: a) AGTIV[®] SOYBEAN • Granular applied at 5 lb/ac*;

- b) AGTIV[®] FIELD CROPS Liquid applied at 48 ml/ac and Liquid Rhizobial inoculant applied at 279 ml/ac;
- c) Leading inoculant competitor A; applied at 5 lb/ac*;
- d) Leading inoculant competitor B; applied at 4.7 lb/ac*;

Experimental design: 8 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design

Soybean variety: Barker

Previous crop: Fallow

Seeding details: Seeded June 6th 2018 with 24 m² per plot.

*Granular products applied according to manufacturers' recommended rate.

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac)
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	49.4
AGTIV [®] FIELD CROPS • Liquid and Liquid Rhizobial inoculant	47.4
Leading inoculant competitor A	47.2
Leading inoculant competitor B	47.8

- No fertilization
- Pesticides:
 - Round up on July 5th
 - Thiram on July 10th, 17th & 27th
- Combined on October 19th 2018

Month	Precipitation (mm)	
June	65.1	
July	41.1	
August	31.8	
September	115.3	
TOTAL	253.3	



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: New Era Ag Research

Research site: Swan River (MB), Canada

Treatments: a) AGTIV® SOYBEAN • Granular applied at 5.1 lb/ac*;

- b) Leading inoculant competitor A; applied at 5 lb/ac*;
- c) Leading inoculant competitor B; applied at 4.45 lb/ac*;
- d) Leading inoculant competitor C; applied at 7.14 lb/ac*;

Experimental design: 8 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design

Soybean variety: Dario

Previous crop: Canola stubble

Seeding details: Seeded May 21st 2018 at 200 000 seeds/ac with 25 cm row spacing

*Granular products applied according to manufacturers' recommended rate.

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac)
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	57.7
Leading inoculant competitor A	47.2
Leading inoculant competitor B	54.3
Leading inoculant competitor C	55.5

- No tillage
- Fertilization:
 - 30 lb/ac of P
 - 40 lb/ac of K
- Pesticides:
 - Glyphosate on June 6th, 25th and July 5th
 - Proline on July 10th
 - Round up + Heat on September 12th
- Combined on October 6th 2018

Month	Precipitation (mm)
Мау	38.4
June	127.6
July	59.3
August	35.4
September	51.1
TOTAL	311.8



► STRIP TRIAL

Research partner: Stoney Ridge Ag Services

Research site: Binscarth (MB), Canada

- Treatments: a) AGTIV[®] SOYBEAN Granular applied at 5.0 lb/ac;
 - b) Leading inoculant competitor A; applied at 5.0 lb/ac;
 - c) Leading inoculant competitor B; applied at 5.0 lb/ac;
 - d) Leading inoculant competitor C; applied at 5.0 lb/ac;

Experimental design: 2 replicated strips of 1.36 acres per treatment

Soybean variety: Pioneer Experimental Ultra-Early variety, treated with Optimize St.

Previous crop: Canola

Seeding details: Seeded 20 May, at 180 000 seeds/ac at 15 in row spacing using DB60

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac) ¹
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	30.11 ª
Leading inoculant competitor A	27.71 ^b
Leading inoculant competitor B	28.99 ^{a,b}
Leading inoculant competitor C	28.46 ^b

¹ Average yields followed by different letters are significantly different (P < 0.05, 1-way ANOVA + Tukey-Kramer Significance Test)

- A blend of 5-23-23-13 applied at 231 lb/ac fall broadcast and incorporated
- Preplant application of Roundup Weathermax + Express SG
- Incrop application of Roundup Transorb HC + Xtendimax and second incrop application of Roundup Weathermax + Pursuit.
- Combined on September 18th and weighed using J&M Speed Tender



► STRIP TRIAL

Research partner: Down to Earth + PAMI

Research site: Saskatoon (SK), Canada

- **Treatments:** a) AGTIV[®] SOYBEAN Granular applied at 5.0 lb/ac + Taurus Advanced Acre (TAA) + fungicide application;
 - b) AGTIV[®] SOYBEAN Granular applied at 5.0 lb/ac + Taurus Advanced Acre (TAA) & no fungicide application;
 - c) BRADYRHIZOBIUM INOCULANT for SOYBEAN by AGTIV[®] in granular form applied at 4.0 lb/ac + designed fertility

Experimental design: 2 replicated strips for a total of 540 ft ² per treatment

Soybean variety: Syngenta, M2 variety, treated with 1.82 ml/kg Optimize St.

Previous crop: Canola / wheat / oats split

Seeding details: Seeded 20 May, at 180 000 seeds/ac at 10in row spacing using Seed Master plot Drill by Down to Earth

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac)
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular + TAA + Fungicide	39.1
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular + TAA & No Fungicide	41.1
BRADYRHIZOBIUM INOCULANT for SOYBEAN by AGTIV [®] in granular form + designed fertility	34.9

- Fertility Seed placed 2-15-0 -0 actual lbs/ac
 Side band 17-20-15-15 actual lbs/ac
- Viper+UAN applied at 400 ml/ac + 81 ml/ac at 2-3 trifoliate,
 Roundup was applied at 0.67 L/ac at 3-4 trifoliate
- Combined on September 18th with a Wintersteiger and weighed & moisture averaged by PAMI
- Total rainfall: 100.4 mm
- 1. Designed Fertility Program: a calculated fertility program based on soil tests and targeted yield. Target yield for Soybean was 40 bushels/ac
- 2. The Taurus Advanced Acre[™]: Using the Designed Fertility Program with the addition of key Taurus solutions.
- **3.** The Taurus Advanced Acre[™] with no Fungicide: Using the Designed Fertility Program with the addition of key Taurus solutions without the addition of fungicide.



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: ICMS

Research site: Portage-La-Prairie (MB), Canada

- Treatments: a) AGTIV[®] SOYBEAN Granular applied at 5 lb/ac*;
 - b) BRADYRHIZOBIUM INOCULANT for SOYBEAN by AGTIV[®] in granular form applied at 4 lb/ac*;
 - c) Leading inoculant competitor A; applied at 5.0 lb/ac*;
 - d) Leading inoculant competitor B; applied at 4.5 lb/ac*;
 - e) Leading inoculant competitor C; applied at 7 lb/ac*;
 - f) Leading inoculant competitor D; applied at 0.063 g/1000 seeds*.

Experimental design: 6 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design

Soybean variety: Northstar Seeds, Richer

Previous crop: Canola

Seeding details: Seeded June 1st at 165 000 plants/ac with 15 cm row spacing using a cone planter

*Granular products applied according to manufacturers recommended rate.

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac)
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	58.3
BRADYRHIZOBIUM INOCULANT for SOYBEAN by AGTIV® in granular form	54.6
Leading inoculant competitor A	54.5
Leading inoculant competitor B	54.5
Leading inoculant competitor C	54.7
Leading inoculant competitor D	54.9

- 288 lb/ac of 0-80-40-20 N-P-K-S blend was applied and incorporated just before seeding
- Conventional tillage before spring
- Roundup TR 540 was applied at 0.7 L/ac on June 26th and July 14th. Cygon to control aphids was applied on August 8th.
- Combined on October 12th with Winterstieger plot combine

Month	Precipitation (mm)
May	26.8
June	69.9
July	29.4
August	8.8
September	83.8
TOTAL	218.7



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: New Era research

Research site: Swan River (MB), Canada

Treatments: a) AGTIV[®] SOYBEAN • Granular applied at 5.1 lb/ac*;

- b) Leading inoculant competitor A; applied at 5.0 lb/ac*;
- c) Leading inoculant competitor A; applied at 10 .0 lb/ac;
- d) Leading inoculant competitor C; applied at 7.1 lb/ac*;
- e) Leading inoculant competitor C; applied at 14.3 lb/ac.

Experimental design: 8 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design

Soybean variety: Prograin, Dario, treated with 2 ml/kg CBMV and 1.82 ml/kg Optimize

Previous crop: Canola

Seeding details: Seeded 23 May, at 200 000 seeds/ac at 10 in row spacing using seedhawk air drill

*Granular products applied according to manufacturers recommended rate.

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac) ¹
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	40.7 ª
Leading inoculant competitor A low rate	35.0 ^{b,c}
Leading inoculant competitor A high rate	36.5 ^b
Leading inoculant competitor C low rate	32.5 °
Leading inoculant competitor C high rate	35.3 ^{b,c}

¹ Average yields followed by different letters are significantly different (P < 0.05, Student-Newman-Keuls)

- A blend of 7-34-20-0 applied at 102 lb/ac spring broadcast
- Viper+UAN applied at 400 ml/ac + 81 ml/ac at 2-3 trifoliate, Roundup was applied at 0.67 L/ac at 3-4 trifoliate and Guardsman at 607 ml/ac at R8.
- Combined on October 10th with Hedge 140 plot combine
- Total rainfall: 197.1 mm



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: ICMS

Research site: Oakville (MB), Canada

Treatments: a) AGTIV® SOYBEAN • Granular applied at 5 lb/ac*;

- b) Leading inoculant competitor A; applied at 5 lb/ac*;
- c) Leading inoculant competitor B; applied at 4.5 lb/ac*;
- d) Leading inoculant competitor C; applied at 7 lb/ac*.

Experimental design: 5 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design

Soybean variety: Legend Seeds, Eclipse

Previous crop: Fallow

Seeding details: Seeded at 95 kg/ha with 15 cm row spacing using plot dill and double disc openers

*Granular products applied according to manufacturers recommended rate.

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac) ¹
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	79.7
Leading inoculant competitor A	77.8
Leading inoculant competitor B	77.7
Leading inoculant competitor C	75.7

¹ Average yields followed by different letters are significantly different using Duncan's multiple range test at p=0.05.

- The plot area was cultivated one week before planting
- Roundup TR 540 was applied at 0.66 L/ac one month after planting to control weeds.
- Combined with Winterstieger plot combine

Month	Precipitation (mm)		
May	58.5		
June	90.3		
July	86		
August	99.9		
September	43.6		
TOTAL	384.3		





► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: AgQuest		
Research site: Morden (MB), Canada		
 Treatments: a) AGTIV[®] SOYBEAN • Granular applied at 5 lb/ac*; b) Leading inoculant competitor A: applied at 5 lb/ac*; c) Leading inoculant competitor B: applied at 4.5 lb/ac* 		
Experimental design: 8 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design		
Soybean variety: NORTHSTAR genetics, ANOLA variety		
Previous crop: Canola		
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*Granular products applied according to manufacturers recommended rate.

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac) ¹
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	31.8 ª
Leading inoculant competitor A	27.8 ^b
Leading inoculant competitor B	30.5 ^{a, b}

¹Yields followed by different letters are statistically different at alpha 0.05.

Plot operational notes and rain fall.

- Soybeans were planted on June 2nd 2015 at 18 cm row spacing and 100 kg/ha
- In season maintenance, Roundup TR 540 was applied at 0.61 L/ac
- Combined with Winterstieger plot combine on Sept 30th 2015.

Month	Precipitation (mm)
May	62.8
June	87.1
July	47.0
August	47.3
TOTAL	244.2



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► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: ICMS

Research site: Portage La Prairie (MB), Canada

 Treatments: a) AGTIV[®] SOYBEAN • Granular applied at 5 lb/ac*; b) Leading inoculant competitor A: applied at 5 lb/ac*; c) Leading inoculant competitor B: applied at 4.5 lb/ac*
 Experimental design: 7 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design

Soybean variety: PRIDE SEEDS genetics, PS 0035 NR2 variety

Previous crop: Canola

*Granular products applied according to manufacturers recommended rate.

Table 1. Summary of Soybean yields per treatment.

Inoculant	Yield (bu/ac) ¹
AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	57.3
Leading inoculant competitor A	55.4
Leading inoculant competitor B	58.2

¹ Average yields followed by different letters are significantly different using Duncan's multiple range test at p=0.05.

- Soybeans were planted on May 29th 2015 at 15.2 cm row spacing and 100 kg/ha
- In season maintenance, Roundup TR 540 was applied at 0.61 L/ac
- Combined with Winterstieger plot combine on Oct 6th 2015.

Month	Precipitation (mm)		
May	76.2		
June	52.6		
July	176.7		
August	64.2		
September	18.4		
TOTAL	388.1		



EFFICACY REPORT 2017 – MYCORRHIZAL INOCULANT

► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Blackcreek Research

Research site: Bright (ON), Canada

- Treatments: a) Seeds without mycorrhizal inoculant b) Seeds treated with AGTIV[®] mycorrhizal inoculant
- Experimental design: 8 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design

Soybean variety: ELITE SEED, Katonda R2

Previous crop: Winter Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded June 9 at 168 000 plants/ac with 38 cm row spacing using a cone planter

Table 1. Soybean yields per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac) ¹
Seed without mycorrhizal inoculant	41.4ª
Seed applied mycorrhizal inoculant	44.0 ^b

¹Average yields followed by different letters are significantly different (Tukey's test, $p \le 0.05$)

- · No fertilizer was applied
- · Conventional tillage in spring
- Boundary Lqd applied à 2.47 l/ha, Broadstrike Rc at 87.5 g/ha, on June 10; Classic at 36 g/ha on June 29.
- Combined on October 19th with Winterstieger plot combine

Month	Precipitation (mm)		
Мау	120.0		
June	53.5		
July	81.0		
August	106.0		
September	32.0		
TOTAL	392.5		





EFFICACY REPORT 2017 – MYCORRHIZAL INOCULANT

► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Independent consultant
Research site: St-Simon – #1 (QC), Canada
Treatments: a) Seeds without mycorrhizal inoculant b) Seeds treated with AGTIV[®] mycorrhizal inoculant
Experimental design: 4 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design
Soybean variety: ELITE SEED, Auriga
Previous crop: Corn
Seeding details: Seeded May 25 at 182 000 plants/ac with 33 cm row spacing using a cone planter



Table 1. Soybean yields per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (kg/ha)	Yield (bu/ac)
Seed without mycorrhizal inoculant	3119	46.8
Seed applied mycorrhizal inoculant	3280	49.9

- No fertilizer was applied
- Conventional tillage before spring. Vibro before seeding.
- Dual II Magnum at 1.75 l/ha, Firstrate at 20.8 g/ha and Pursuit at 0.312 l/ha on May 25.
- Combined on September 27 with Delta plot combine

Month	Precipitation (mm)		
May	81.5		
June	120.4		
July	57.4		
August	57.6		
September	45.0		
TOTAL	361.9		



EFFICACY REPORT 2017 – MYCORRHIZAL INOCULANT

► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Independent consultant
Research site: St-Simon – #2 (QC), Canada
Treatments: a) Seeds without mycorrhizal inoculant b) Seeds treated with AGTIV[®] mycorrhizal inoculant
Experimental design: 4 replicated plots per treatment in randomized complete block design
Soybean variety: ELITE SEED, Auriga
Previous crop: Corn
Seeding details: Seeded May 25 at 182 000 plants/ac with 33 cm row spacing using a cone planter

Table 1. Soybean yields per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (kg/ha)	Yield (bu/ac)
Seed without mycorrhizal inoculant	2953	44.3
Seed applied mycorrhizal inoculant	3058	45.9

- No fertilizer was applied
- Conventional tillage before spring. Vibro before seeding.
- Dual II Magnum at 1.75 l/ha, Firstrate at 20.8 g/ha and Pursuit at 0.312 l/ha on May 25.
- Combined on September 27 with Delta plot combine

Month	Precipitation (mm)		
May	81.5		
June	120.4		
July	57.4		
August	57.6		
September	45.0		
TOTAL	361.9		





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Established manufacturer and marketer, Premier Tech builds on innovation and collaboration with local partners and growers to offer reliable high-quality inoculants.

A fully integrated product development that relies on a distinctive know-how integrating Production, Formulation and Application of its technologies supported by a dedicated customer service.









PRODUCTION -

In 2000, Premier Tech set up a world-first endomycorrhizal inoculum plant, developing a new mycoreactor process for industrial scale production. Backed by 35 years of expertise in active ingredients, Premier Tech constantly develops and innovates in terms of production of mycorrhizae, rhizobium and other active ingredients:

- No contamination
- Large-scale manufacturing production
- Consistent high-quality

FORMULATION

Premier Tech's know-how makes it possible to adapt formulations with multiple active ingredients, concentrations and carriers tailored to different crops and application methods. Our proven formulations are based on these important elements:

- Carrier compatible with the active ingredients
- Formulations for active ingredient viability
- ✓ Rigorous quality control

APPLICATION -

Each recommendation for product use takes into consideration validation by our field experts and by farmers themselves, which ensures:

- ✓ Effective application rates
- Products adapted to growers' equipment and farming practices
- Compatibility validation with other inputs

SERVICE -

From our management team and research project managers to our field specialists and representatives, our multidisciplinary team is listening to growers' needs to always improve our products and level of service:

- Technical support
- Proud promoter of science education
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MYCORRHIZAE are beneficial associations between a mycorrhizal fungus and roots. The mycorrhizal spores germinate in the soil and produce filaments (hyphae) which will enter into root cells. This association will allow the formation of an intra and extra-radical network of filaments that will explore the soil and access more nutrients and water, and transfer them to the plant.

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RHIZOBIUM

are bacteria that live and thrive in symbiosis in root nodules produced by the plant. They are responsible for fixing the atmospheric nitrogen and making it available for the plant.

٠ RHIZOBIUM 2 μm NODULE

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PLANT

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MYCORRHIZAE

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Production: An exclusive aseptic production process developed by Premier Tech using standards of the high-technology industry to obtain viable mycorrhizal spores of a consistent high quality.

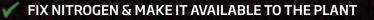
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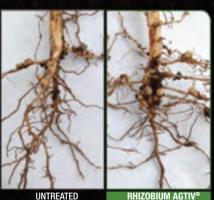
RHIZOBIUM

RHIZOBIAL INOCULUM

Technologies: PTB160 (pulses), PTB162 (soybean) Rhizobium leguminosarum biovar viciae, Bradyrhizobium japonicum

Production: Premier Tech's rhizobia technologies include a specific production process in a sterilized environment as well as a highly-efficient quality control process for superior inoculum.





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MYCORRHIZAE AGTIV



EFFICACY – VERSATILITY – COLLABORATION

Why use Premier Tech's mycorrhizae?

Mycorrhizal fungi have existed since the first plants appeared on dry land more than 450 million years ago. AM (Arbuscular Mycorrhizae) symbiosis applies to over 80% of all plants and plays a major role in plant nutrition and productivity. "Over the last 35 years, numerous scientific studies have clearly highlighted the fundamental role that mycorrhizal fungi play in natural eco-systems, and in those managed by man."¹

How does the technology work? Mycorrhizae develop a network that explores the soil and accesses more nutrients and water to transfer to the plant. The beneficial alliance between mycorrhizal fungi and roots accelerates root development and stimulates plant growth.

Absorption capacity

Premier Tech's mycorrhizal technology makes P more available in the soil, and actively absorbs and transfers it via its filament network (hyphae) directly to the root. The filaments in the soil also have the ability to absorb water and elements such as Cu, Zn, B, Fe, Mn which are important in nodule formation and grain filling.

Mycorrhizae have been shown to improve soil structure by releasing a "biological glue" called glomalin and to increase the presence of other beneficial micro-organisms in the root environment.

"Although mycorrhizal fungi do not fix nitrogen, they transfer energy, in the form of liquid carbon to associative nitrogen fixers." ^E

"Mycorrhiza deliver sunlight energy packaged as liquid carbon to a vast array of soil microbes involved in plant nutrition and disease suppression." ^G

"The absorptive area of mycorrhizal hyphae is approximately 10 times more efficient than that of root hairs and about 100 times more efficient than that of roots." ^E



Efficient P uptake and transfer

Thonar et al. (2010)^M compared three species of AMF and observed "*Glomus intraradices*, *Glomus claroideum* and *Gigaspora margarita* were able to take up and deliver P to the plants from maximal distances of 10, 6 and 1 cm from the roots, respectively. *Glomus intraradices* most rapidly colonized the available substrate and transported significant amounts of P towards the roots."

Cavagnaro et al. (2005)^N found that "*Glomus intraradices* was found to be one of the arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi that was able to control nutrient uptake amounts by individual hyphae depending on differing phosphorus levels in the surrounding soils."

Collaborating Species

The mycorrhizal species used in Premier Tech products (*Glomus intraradices*) is among the most 'collaborative' species in various articles.

"According to the article by Kiers et al.^B, it has been shown that the different species of mycorrhizae are not equally effective when it comes to transferring nutrients from the soil to the plant. Under controlled conditions, certain species of mycorrhizae have been shown to be more 'cooperative' and to transfer most of the phosphorus absorbed from the soil to the root, while other mycorrhizae species use it or store it as reserve.

Glomus intraradices' versatility in different conditions

There are more than 200 species of AMF (Arbuscular Mycorrhizae Fungi) and Premier Tech offers a versatile species. Selected more than 35 years ago, it has been tested continuously under various conditions and has performed well in a range of soil pH from 5.2 to 8.1.

"*G. intraradices* has turned out to be a "great fungus" in several surveys, and field trials so far has shown it to be equal or superior to mixtures of other fungi." ^A

"[...] Moreover, when host plants were colonized with three AM fungal species, the RNA of the cooperative species (*G. intraradices*) was again significantly more present than that of the two less-cooperative species (*G. aggregatum* and *G. custos*)"^B. "This illustrates key differences in fungal strategies, with *G. intraradices* being a 'collaborator' and *G. aggregatum* a less-cooperative 'hoarder'." ^B

Indigenous Populations

Some articles demonstrate that mycorrhizal populations in agricultural soils are highly heterogeneous or not sufficient to have the desired beneficial effect.

A survey conducted by Hamel et al. (2008)^H reported low biodiversity and occurrence of AM fungi in cultivated soils of Saskatchewan. The survey was conducted for 3 years. Dai, M. et. al. (2013)^J noticed that the relative abundance as well as diversity of AM fungal communities is lower in cropland soils of the prairies compared to the roadsides environments which favors diversity.

The recommendation of Premier Tech, approved by Agriculture Canada, to add a mycorrhizal inoculant at the time of seeding stands on 4 points:

- ✓ The right mycorrhizae for the plant at least 80% of plants can be colonized with *Glomus intraradices*, a collaborative species
- Available in the right place on or close to the seed in order to trigger the symbiosis quickly
- In the right quantity

the proven and registered mycorrhizal rate

✓ At the right time

adding the mycorrhizae at seeding time to trigger the symbiosis quickly after seed germination



Quick colonizer

It has been shown that plants favour certain species according to their effectiveness.

"We show that order of arrival can influence the abundance of AMF species colonizing a host. These priority effect can have important implications for AMF ecology and the use of fungal inoculant in sustainable agriculture." ^F

Duan et al.^D (2011) using our *Glomus intraradices* isolate (DAOM181602) with *G. margarita* (WFVAM 21), wrote "Furthermore, *G. margarita* developed slowly compared with G. intraradices when they were inoculated separately and it seems likely that the latter fungus dominated the symbiosis with medic when both fungi were inoculated together." He adds "The positive effect of *G. intraradices* was probably enhanced by its ability to colonize quickly and it may well have contributed a much larger fraction of fungal biomass than *G. margarita*, when both were inoculated together". In conclusion, he writes "When inoculated together *G. intraradices* may have dominated the activity of symbiosis, both in terms of rapidity of early colonization and functionality, including tolerance to disturbance."

Drought resistance

Mycorrhizae increase tolerance to various environmental stresses (diseases, drought, compaction, salinity, etc.), and play a major role in the soil particle aggregation process and contribute to improving soil structure which leads to better water penetration, better aeration, less erosion and leaching.

Benjamin Jayne and Martin Quigley of the University of Denver mentioned that "[...] our meta-analysis reveals a quantifiable corroboration of the commonly held view that, under water-deficit conditions, plants colonized by mycorrhizal fungi have better growth and reproductive response than those that are not."^K "Most measures of growth are augmented by the symbiosis when plants are subjected to water stress; [...]."^K

It has been found that plants with AMF association display greater hydraulic conductivity in roots and reduced transpiration rate under drought stress. This may be due to their capacity to regulate their ABA levels (abscisic acid – a plant hormone) better and faster than non-AM plants. This establishes a greater balance between leaf transpiration and root water movement in drought situations and drought recovery (Aroca et al. 2008).^L

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RHIZOBIUM FERTILITY – PRODUCTIVITY – COLLABORATION

Why is rhizobium important?

Peas, lentils and soybeans play a big role in a crop rotation by promoting nitrogen fixation (the conversion of nitrogen gas to plant-available ammonium) and returning some nitrogen to the soil. However, these crops can't take all the credit: because it's only possible thanks to a symbiotic relationship between select legumes and rhizobium bacteria.

These bacteria can't fix nitrogen on their own. To do so, they need to colonize the root of a host plant. As in all symbiotic relationships, both the rhizobium and the pulse or soybean plant get something of value from the relationship. For the legume, it is a readily available form of nitrogen (ammonium) as well as important amino acids. The rhizobium get three things in return:

- A Home the bacteria inhabit the nodules formed by the plant
- Food / energy provided in the form carbohydrates (heterotrophic bacteria cannot create their own food through photosynthesis)
- 3. Oxygen which is necessary for respiration

Roots of the rhizobium relationship

Approximately 20% ^A of all legumes form mutualistic relationships with rhizobium. Soybean, peas, clover, lentils and faba beans are among them. Interestingly, Rhizobium species are very plant specific. Pulses form relationships with a rhizobium called *Rhizobium leguminosarum*, while soybeans engage with another member of the family called *Bradyrhizobium japonicum*.

When a rhizobium and a host legume are present, the plant makes the rhizobium aware of its presence by sending out a chemical signal (via flavonoids and isoflavonoids) from the root. This attracts the rhizobium bacteria, which responds by sending out signals of its own, known as Nod factors.^B

How does the technology work? Rhizobium are a bacteria that live and thrive in symbiosis in root nodules produced by the plant. These nodules house the bacteria responsible for fixing the atmospheric nitrogen and makes it available for the plant.



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The bacteria start the "invasion process" by penetrating the root-hair wall and enter the plant cells. This primes a gene within the plant that initiates the root nodulation. Within these nodules, the rhizobium differentiate into a non-motile form, which go to work fixing the raw atmospheric nitrogen (N_2) into plant accessible ammonium. They achieve this by producing nitrogenase enzyme, which starts the conversion process, consuming a great deal of energy. Maximum N-fixation is reached when the plant is sufficiently nodulated.

Ammonium absorption / exchange of services

After the nodule formation, the plant converts the ammonium into amino acids which are exported throughout the plant. At this point, the plant releases the simple sugars and O_2 to the rhizobium bacteria, fulfilling its end of the bargain.

This last step is important, as the presence of oxygen can stop nitrogen fixation – and cause it to be lost to the atmosphere as a gas. Fortunately, the rhizobium take the oxygen and bind it using a protein called leghemoglobin (was first discovered in legumes and is very similar to the hemoglobin found in human blood). Like blood, leghemoglobins appear red in the nodules, due to the presence of iron molecules.

Legume plants are known to have a lower phosphorus use efficiency. This is a problem, because the process of nitrogen fixation is very energy-intensive for pulse and soybean plants. For this reason, they consume more phosphorus (P) than other plants. The increased demand can be alleviated thanks to another symbiotic association, the mycorrhizal symbiosis. Mycorrhizae are symbiotic fungi that colonize the roots of most plants, and dramatically improve the plant's ability to absorb phosphorus. The plant will photosynthesize 51%^C more and grow faster, and the rhizobium will fix more nitrogen if more phosphorus is available. For this reason, having a healthy mycorrhizal association is of particular benefit to pulses and soybeans.

What modulates / influences nodulation?

- Successful infection depends on the competitiveness, specificity, infectivity and effectiveness of the rhizobia.^D
- Infection rate & effectiveness of rhizobia are influenced by soil low N status and is a necessary requisite to trigger symbiosis.^E
- Successful infection requires the bacteria to actively colonize root-hair tips (motility) and reach the Quorum sensing of the rhizobium. ^F
- N fixation relies on a cascade of effector molecules events in multi-steps series of reactions and depend on effector availability, concentration and localization, synchronization, host specificity and environmental factors.

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AGTIV® FACT INFO – TRIPARTITE SYMBIOSIS

THE TRIPARTITE SYMBIOSIS HELPS YOU GET BIGGER YIELD

How can the tripartite symbiosis improve crop productivity?

Each phase of the plant growth requires a lot of nutrients and energy to obtain higher yield. "[...] *the tripartite interactions between legumes, AMF* [Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi] *and rhizobia cause increases in legume productivity, and the N:P:C supply ratio as influenced by the tripartite symbiotic associations plays a fundamental role in controlling the legume's photosynthetic rate and biomass productivity.*"¹

How do the technologies work? Mycorrhizae develop a network that explores the soil and accesses more nutrients and water to transfer to the plant; rhizobium fixes nitrogen and makes it available to the plant. By working together, they influence positively the plant for increased yield.

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Help feed the plant

N and P are major nutrients for the plant. *"Tripartite associations of host plants with both rhizobia and AMF* [Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi] *benefit the host plant by increased P uptake through the mycorrhizal association balancing the high input of N through rhizobial N-fixation."* ¹ In addition, mycorrhizae reach more water and nutrients needed by legumes such as B, Ca, Cu, Fe, K, Mn, Mo and Zn, key components for energy production.

Higher photosynthesis

When used in combination, mycorrhizae and rhizobium increase the photosynthetic rate by 51%². *"The rate of photosynthesis increased substantially more than the C* [Carbon] *costs of the rhizobial and AM* [Arbuscular Mycorrhizal] *symbioses."*² The total increased sugar production by the plant far outweighs the cost to "house" the partners.

Better productivity

Better nutrient use efficiency and bigger biomass result in higher yield from each legume plant (harvest index). For example, "[...] *it has been found that pea plants coinoculated with Rhizobium leguminosarum and AMF* [Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi] *has shown best results regarding plant height, plant dry mass, nodule fresh weight, number of seeds, seed weight, seed yield, number of root nodules, number of pods per plant, average pod weight and pod length* [...]".³

TRIPARTITE SYMBIOSIS

BIOLOGICAL INTERACTIONS BETWEEN MYCORRHIZAE, RHIZOBIUM AND PLANTS

By enhancing root system growth and creating a network of filaments, mycorrhizae help plants to uptake more nutrients, such as phosphorus, and increase the nodulation process for the rhizobium.

Plant will photosynthesize 51% more and grow faster

Plant can give more P to R rhizobium to fix more N carbon to its R rhizobium & M mycorrhizae partners

Mycorrhizae take up P & water from soil to transfer to P plant

Mycorrhizae will propagate and spread R rhizobium to other roots

AGTIV[®] FACT INFO – CANOLA ROTATION

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THE CANOLA ROTATION INOCULANT HELPS YOU COUNTER REDUCED YIELD AFTER CANOLA

What affects your soil biology?

Many crop practices (tillage, fallow land, flooding and crop rotation) contribute to decreasing the beneficial biology, such as mycorrhizal fungi population, in your agricultural soils. For example, it is well known that crops following Brassicaceae plants (canola and mustard), in a rotation generally tend to demonstrate reduced yield, compared to results when seeded after another crop. It can largely be explained by the relationship (or lack of relationship) between Brassicaceae and beneficial microorganisms, such as mycorrhizae¹. Canola roots exude a toxic compound that reduces populations of those beneficial microorganisms in the soil. Furthermore, the "absence of a mycorrhizal host plant during the fallow period decreases mycorrhizal colonization potential for the succeeding crop and results in P deficiency symptoms in plants that are mycorrhizal dependent, such as corn, soybean, sunflower, and cotton." ²

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Reach more nutrients and water

Sufficient nutrient and water uptake is critical for effective plant growth and ultimately to maximize your yield potential, especially for low mobility nutrients such as P and Zn³. By adding a mycorrhizal inoculant, the plant develops a secondary root system (mycorrhizal hyphae) allowing it a larger soil contact surface and thus better to access to nutrients and water. "The absorptive area of mycorrhizal hyphae is approximately 10 times more efficient than that of root hairs and about 100 times more efficient than that of roots." ⁴

Ensure early P uptake

"Phosphorus plays a critical role in energy reactions in the plant [such as photosynthesis. Phosphorus is also a key component in building blocs for plant.] Deficits can influence essentially all energy requiring processes in plant metabolism. Phosphorus stress early in the growing season can restrict crop growth, which can carry through to reduce final crop yield." ⁵ Mycorrhizae make soil phosphorus (P) more available to the plant, and actively absorb and transfer it via the mycorrhizal filament network (hyphae) directly to the root.

Increase your yield potential

By introducing mycorrhizal inoculant close to the seed at seeding, you get the association working early with the full benefits of increased nutrient and water uptake when plants need them. Therefore, get more out of the fertilizer you have already invested into the crop.

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Premier Tech Agriculture puts its expertise at the service of growers to help them lead the way and push their yield potential by integrating our proven solutions. AGTIV[®] highly effective inoculants provide sustainable results in the field for increased net returns on AGTIVated acres.

EFFECTIVE EASY TO USE PROVEN RESULTS



	FIELD CROPS Mycorrhizae & Rhizobium inoculants	ACTIVE INGREDIENT F	APPLICATION MODE
	AGTIV [®] PULSES • Powder		
	F: Powder (peat) S: 4.7 kg (10.3 lb) pail C: Peas & faba beans: 16 ha (40 acres) – Lentils: 24 ha (60 acres)	MR	
PEAS, LENTILS & FABA BEANS	AGTIV [®] PULSES • Granular	A-0.3	
	F: Granules (peat) S: 18.2 kg (40 lb) bag – 364 kg (800 lb) tote bag C: Peas, lentils and faba beans: Bag: 4 ha (10 acres) – Tote bag: 80 ha (200 acres		
	RHIZOBIUM INOCULANT by AGTIV [®] for PULSES	10000	
	 F: Granules (peat) S: 18.2 kg (40 lb) bag – 364 kg (800 lb) tote bag C: Peas, lentils and faba beans: Bag: 4 ha (10 acres) – Tote bag: 80 ha (200 acres) 		
	AGTIV® SOYBEAN • Powder		
	F: Powder (peat) S: 4.7 kg (10.3 lb) pail C: Soybean: 16 ha (40 acres)	MR	
	AGTIV [®] SOYBEAN • Granular	1000	
SOYBEAN	F: Granules (peat) S: 18.2 kg (40 lb) bag – 364 kg (800 lb) tote bag C: Soybean: Bag: 3.2 ha (8 acres) – Tote bag: 64 ha (160 acres)	MR	
	BRADYRHIZOBIUM INOCULANT by AGTIV [®] for SOYBEAN		
	F: Granules (peat) S: 18.2 kg (40 lb) bag – 364 kg (800 lb) tote bag C: Soybean: Bag: 4 ha (10 acres) – Tote bag: 80 ha (200 acres)	R	
	AGTIV [®] CHICKPEA • Granular		
	F: Granules (peat) S: 18.2 kg (40 lb) bag – 364 kg (800 lb) tote bag C: Chickpea: Bag: 3.2 ha (8 acres) – Tote bag: 64 ha (160 acres)	MR	
	AGTIV® FORAGES • Powder		
FORAGES	F: Powder (diatomaceous earth) S: 1.6 kg (3.5 lb) pail C: Alfalfa, mix forages & grass: 8 ha (20 acres)	Μ	• *
	AGTIV [®] FIELD CROPS - O • Powder		
	 F: Powder (peat) S: Case of 4 x 800 g (4 x 1.75 lb) pails C: Cereals, flax & dry beans: 32 ha (80 acres) per case Alfalfa, mix forages & grass: 16 ha (40 acres) per case 	Μ	• 3
	AGTIV [®] FIELD CROPS • Powder		
CEREALS, FLAX	F: Powder (diatomaceous earth) S: 2 kg (4.4 lb) pail C: Cereals, flax & dry beans: 16 ha (40 acres)	Μ	• *
& DRY BEANS	AGTIV [®] FIELD CROPS • Granular		
	F: Granules (zeolite) S: 18.2 kg (40 lb) bag – 364 kg (800 lb) tote bag C: Cereals, flax & dry beans: Bag: 3.2 ha (8 acres) – Tote bag: 64 ha (160 acres)	Μ	•
	AGTIV [®] FIELD CROPS • Liquid F: Spores in liquid suspension S: Case of 2 x 950 ml (2 x 32 fl. oz) bottles C: Cereals, flax & dry beans: 16 ha (40 acres) per case		• 3
	AGTIV® products also available for potato and specialty crops. ACTIVE INGREDIENTS: MMYCORRHIZAE PTB297 Technology PTB160 Technology (pulses) PTB162 Technology (soybear	S:Size	 For organic use * Non eligible for organic use. Contact us for more details.