

EFFICACY REPORT CANOLA





2.5 bu/ac 140 kg/ha

CANOLA

AVERAGE YIELD INCREASE Total of 20 sites over 4 years Canada 6.5%

GROWER SPLIT FIELDS AND PLOT TRIALS

Table 1. Average increase of canola yield with AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L for different years (2018-2021).

Year	Number of sites	Untreated check (bu/ac)	AGTIV [®] IGNITE ● L yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)
2018	1	63.5	68.0	4.5
2019	6	44.6	47.1	2.5
2020	5	37.2	39.6	2.4
2021	8	32.5	35.0	2.5
Total	20 sites	38.4 ^a	40.9 ^b	2.5 bu/ac *

Table 2. Summary of canola yield trials for different sites (2018-2021).

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Year	site	Untreated check yield (bu/ac)	AGTIV [©] IGNITE ● L yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)
2018	Swan River	63.5	68	4.5
2019	Josephburg	46.8	53.2	6.4
2019	Portage la Prairie	78	78	0
2019	Saskatoon	38.8	41.8	3
2019	Swan River	53.7	55.4	1.7
2019	Taber	25.4	27	1.6
2019	Swift Current	25	27.1	2.1
2020	Josephburg	47.2	49.5	2.3
2020	Moon Lake	16.3	18.2	1.9
2020	Farm Beechy	24.2	27.8	3.6
2020	Swan River	61.2	64	2.8
2020	Taber	37.3	38.5	1.2
2021	Josephburg	23.9	25.0	1.1
2021	Saskatoon	10.3	12.5	2.2
2021	Elm Creek	36.2	37.2	1
2021	Swan River	46.9	48.2	1.3
2021	Portage-La-Prairie	36.3	38.9	2.6
2021	Westline Farms	29.7	32.5	2.8
2021	Lillico Farms	26.4	31.5	5.1
2021	Sandy Ridge Farms	41.8	44.1	2.3
Total	20 sites	38.4ª	40.9 ^b	2.5 bu/ac *



*Summary of means for IGNITE are significantly different following a combined site ANOVA and a Tukey test (p<0.05) p=0.012

► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Integrated Crop Management Services (ICMS)

Research site: Josephburg, AB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L

* Liquid inoculant applied according to manufacturer's recommended rate

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 24.4 m² plots

Variety: RR Canola 6086 CR

Previous crop: Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded on May 31, 2021, with a cone drill at a rate of 7 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content (%)
Untreated Check	23.9	-	39.1
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	25	1.1	40.2

- Fertilizer blend of 81-41-0 lbs/ac N-P-K
- Pesticides:
 - June 12, Round up Weathermax
 - September 20, Heat LQ (dessicant)
 - Combined on October 7, 2021

Month	Precipitation (mm)
June	85.3
July	112.1
August	52.5
September	53.7
TOTAL	303.6



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: New Era Ag Technologies

Research site: Swan River, MB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV® IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 30 m² plots

Variety: InVigor LL234PC

Previous crop: Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded on May 18, 2021, with a cone planter at a rate of 4 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content (%)
Untreated Check	46.9	-	37.8
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	48.2	1.3	37.8

Plot operational notes and rain fall.

- Fertilization of Urea (46-0-0) and MAP (11-52-0) on May 28
- Pesticides:
 - May 7, Edge pre burn off
 - May 27, RT 540 (emerged weeds)
 - June 13, Pounce (flee beetle) and Arrow
 - June 18, Arrow all in one and Liberty
 - August 26, Guardsman (Dessicant)

Month	Precipitation (mm)
May	33.0
June	65.9
July	45.5
August	77.1
September	39.0
TOTAL	260.5

• Combined on September 11, 2021





► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Integrated Crop Management Services (ICMS)

Research site: Portage la Prairie, MB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 24.4 m² plots

Variety: RR Canola CS2100

Previous crop: Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded on June 2, 2021, with a cone drill at a rate of 6 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content ¹ (%)
Untreated Check	36.3	-	36.8 ^{ab}
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	38.9	2.6	37.1 ^a

¹ Oil content with the same letter are not statistically different according to a Tukey HSD test (p≤0.05).

- No fertilization
- Pesticides:
 - June 14, Pounce (cutworm control)
 - June 19, Roundup Transorb
 - July 7, Pounce (Flea beetle control)
 - July 8, Proline 480 SC (sclerotinia control)
 - July 9, Roundup Transorb
 - August 9, Pounce (Flea beetle control)
- Combined on September 10, 2021

Month	Precipitation (mm)
June	90.0
July	78.4
August	68.3
TOTAL	236.7





► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Integrated Crop Management Services (ICMS)

Research site: Saskatoon, SK

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 24.4 m² plots

Variety: LL canola P501L

Previous crop: Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded on May 20, 2021, with a cone drill at a rate of 7 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content (%)
Untreated Check	10.3	-	41.8
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	12.5	2.2	42.3

- Fertilization prior to seeding by mixing a blend of 80-40-10-20 with the tillage
- Pesticides:
 - June 21, Liberty and Centurion (control emerged weeds)
- Combined on August 26, 2021

Month	Precipitation (mm)
May	35.5
June	41.7
July	17.7
August	28.9
TOTAL	123.8



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Ag-Quest

Research site: Elm Creek, MB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 33 m² plots

Variety: DEKALB DKTF 96 SC

Previous crop: Soybean

Seeding details: Seeded on May 18, 2021, with a cone drill at a rate of 6 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content (%)
Untreated Check	36.3	-	35.1
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	37.4	1.1	37.1

- Fertilization:
 - Broadcast of granular blend of 94-79-90-11 (Urea, MAP, MOP and AMS) à seeding
 - June 22, Foliar copper
- Pesticides:
 - May 19, Roundup WeatherMax
 - June 4, Pounce (control of flea beetle)
 - June 10, Roundup WeatherMax
 - June 16, Coragen and Pounce
 (Grasshoppers and flea beetle control)
 - June 24, Roundup WeatherMax
 - August 13, Pounce (control of flea beetle)
 - August 31, Reglone (Dessicant)
- Combined on September 7, 2021

Month	Precipitation (mm)
May	61.9
June	101.5
July	25.4
August	103.3
TOTAL	292.1



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Ag-Quest

Research site: Taber, AB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 25.2 m² plots

Variety: Pioneer 45CS40

Previous crop: Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded on June 11, 2020, with a cone planter at a rate of 6.41 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)
Untreated Check	37.3	-
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	38.5	1.2

- Fertilization on June 11:
 - 116.3 kg/ha of 11-52-0
 - 56.3 kg of 20-0-0-24
- Pesticides:
 - May 24, Roundup WeatherMax (emerged weeds)
 - July 17, Decis (Flea beetle control)
 - August 20, Weed Whacker
- Combined on September 23, 2020

Month	Precipitation (mm)
June	80.8
July	23.1
August	18.8
September	47.3
TOTAL	170.0





▶ PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: New Era Ag Technologies

Research site: Swan River, MB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 30 m² plots

Variety: Pioneer 45CS40

Previous crop: Soybean

Seeding details: Seeded on May 21, 2020, with a cone planter at a rate of 6 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content ¹ (%)
Untreated Check	61.2	-	38.7 ^a
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	64	2.8	40.5 ^b

¹ Oil content with the same letter are not statistically different according to a Tukey HSD test (p≤0.05).

Plot operational notes and rain fall.

- Fertilization of 163-30-35-60 as NH3, MAP, potash and AMS applied at fall 2019
- Pesticides:
 - June 5 and 16, Pounce (Flea beetle control)
 - June 23, Roundup
 - July 10, Clethodim

Combined on September 22, 2020

- July 17, Proline (Sclerotinia rot control)
- September 5, Guardsman (Dessicant)
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► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Integrated Crop Management Services (ICMS)

Research site: Moon Lake, SK

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV® IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 30 m² plots

Variety: Pioneer 45CS40

Previous crop: Field pea

Seeding details: Seeded on May 19, 2020, with a cone planter at a rate of 7 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content ¹ (%)
Untreated Check	16.3	-	41.6 ^a
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	18.2	1.9	43.6 ^b

¹ Oil content with the same letter are not statistically different according to a Tukey HSD test (p≤0.05).

- Fertilization prior to seeding by mixing a blend of 70-30-0-20 with the tillage
- No maintenance pesticides were applied during the trial
- Combined on August 31, 2020

Month	Precipitation (mm)
May	42.1
June	106.9
July	52.1
August	16.2
TOTAL	217.3



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Integrated Crop Management Services (ICMS)

Research site: Josephburg, AB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV® IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 30 m² plots

Variety: Pioneer 45CS40

Previous crop: Barley

Seeding details: Seeded on May 25, 2020, with a cone planter at a rate of 7 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content (%)
Untreated Check	47.2	-	34.7
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	49.5	2.3	36.3

- Fertilization prior to seeding by mixing a blend of 51-22-26 with the tillage
- Pesticides:
 - June 12 Roundup Weathermax and Lontrel (emerged weeds)
- Combined on October 6, 2020

Month	Precipitation (mm)
Мау	93.5
June	121.4
July	121.9
August	68.4
September	4.9
TOTAL	410.1



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Integrated Crop Management Services (ICMS)

Research site: Saskatoon, SK

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV® IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 6 repetitions, 30 m² plots

Variety: In Vigor L252

Previous crop: Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded on June 7, 2019, with a drill seeder at a rate of 7 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)
Untreated Check	38.8	-
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	41.8	3

- Fertilization prior to seeding by mixing a blend of 70-30-10-20 with the tillage
- Pesticides:
 - July 12, Liberty 150 and Centurion (emerged weeds)
 - September 9, Matador (Grasshopper control)
- Combined on October 21, 2019

Month	Precipitation (mm)
June	84.8
July	67.6
August	20.3
September	39.5
October	3.0
TOTAL	215.2



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Integrated Crop Management Services (ICMS)

Research site: Josephburg, AB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV® IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 6 repetitions, 30 m² plots

Variety: Dekalb 75-42BL

Previous crop: Barley

Seeding details: Seeded on June 1, 2019, with a cone planter at a rate of 7 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)
Untreated Check	46.8	-
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	53.2	6.4

- Fertilization prior to seeding by mixing a blend of 31-0-10-8 with the tillage
- Pesticides:
 - June 26, Roundup Weather max (emerged weeds)
- Combined on October 4, 2019

Month	Precipitation (mm)
May	0
June	0
July	153.7
August	31
September	43.7
TOTAL	228.4



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: New Era Ag Technologies

Research site: Swan River, MB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 6 repetitions, 30 m² plots

Variety: InVigor L255PC

Previous crop: Canola stubble

Seeding details: Seeded on May 21, 2019, with a drill planter at a rate of 7 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)	Oil content (%)
Untreated Check	53.7	-	49.9
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	55.4	1.7	52.1

Plot operational notes and rain fall.

- Fertilization of 90-50-0-25 broadcast at seeding
- Pesticides:
 - May 3, Avadex (pre burn of weeds)
 - June 6, Liberty and Pounce (Flea beetle control)
 - June 11, Arrow
 - June 27, Liberty and Arrow (broadleaf and grassy weeds)
 - July 12, Proline (Sclerotinia rot control)
 - September 6, Heat (Dessicant)

Month	Precipitation (mm)						
Мау	25.4						
June	26.1						
July	59.3						
August	51.8						
September	48.7						
TOTAL	211.3						

• Combined on September 22, 2019



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Prairie Ag Research Research site: Taber, AB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV® IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 6 repetitions, 16 m² plots

Variety: Pioneer 45M35

Previous crop: Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded on May 27, 2019, with a drill planter at a rate of 5.6 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)
Untreated Check	25.4	-
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	27.0	1.6

- Broadcast fertilization of 29-37-0-30
- Irrigation on June 8, 16; July 6, 15 and 28
- Pesticides:
 - May 20 Roundup WeatherMax
 - Junly 3 Roundup WeatherMax and Pounce (Flea beetle control)
 - August 8 Pounce (Flea beetle control)
- Combined on September 25, 2019

Month	Precipitation (mm)
Мау	58.7
June	47.0
July	31.3
August	22.8
TOTAL	159.8



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: Wheatland Conservation Area (WCA)

Research site: Swift Current, SK

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV[®] IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 6 repetitions, 9 m² plots

Variety: In Vigor L233P

Previous crop: Wheat

Seeding details: Seeded on May 28, 2019, with a cone seeder at a rate of 6.7 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)
Untreated Check	25.0	-
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	27.1	2.1

- Broadcast fertilization of 29-37-0-30 on May 27
- Pesticides:
 - June 25, Roundup WeatherMax
- Combined on September 25, 2019

Month	Precipitation (mm)					
May	13.3					
June	156.0					
July	11.1					
August	42.6					
September	92.1					
TOTAL	315.1					



► PLOT TRIAL

Research partner: New Era Ag Technologies

Research site: Swan River, MB

Treatments: a) Untreated Check b) AGTIV® IGNITE • L

Experimental design: Complete Randomized Block Design, 8 repetitions, 15 m² plots

Variety: InVigor L140P

Previous crop: Canola stubble

Seeding details: Seeded on June 4, 2018, with a drill planter at a rate of 5.6 kg/ha

Table 1. Summary of yields and oil content per treatment.

Treatment	Yield ¹ (bu/ac)	Yield increase (bu/ac)
Untreated Check	63.5 ^b	-
AGTIV [®] IGNITE • L	68.0 ^a	4.5

¹ Yield mean with the same letter are not statistically different according to a Tukey HSD test (p≤0.05).

- Fertilization midrow band 20-58-5-8 and broadcast 125-0-35-25
- No pesticides applied
- Combined on October 4, 2018

Month	Precipitation (mm)					
June	127.6					
July	59.3					
August	35.4					
September	51.1					
TOTAL	273.4					







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Creativity is a mix of knowledge, expertise and passion for unprecedented efficient solutions. Innovation, Research & Development and biological active ingredients have combined forces to put commercial offers to the agricultural market.

We first structured our Innovation efforts and approach back in 1983, driven by the ambition of developing value-added products derived from peat moss through technological advances. Today, **more than 260 Premier Tech team members** are devoted full-time to mastering the technologies behind the next leading-edge solutions that will make a difference to our clients, helping them stand out in their marketplaces.

Driven by a collective Culture and rooted in Values which revolve around our tradition of Innovation, the entire Premier Tech team holds a restless ambition to shake up the status quo and shift industry paradigms. Through the current innovation program IPSO: Innovation in Products-Processes, Services and commercial Offers, we are **constantly challenging the way we do business and how we can improve everything we do**.

This mindset is key to how we operate on a daily basis. Contributing to the loyalty of our clients around the world, it sets the ground rules for how collaborating with Premier Tech turns out to be a contagious experience they are willing to share with others.

We deeply believe that in order to continue to be sustainable and grow our market share, it is essential to never let our innovative spirit rest — to keep pushing forward and eliminate any barriers on the path to bringing new technologies, products and services to life in the marketplace. With the agility to truly make a difference by tapping into our full potential, **we make a difference for our clients' profitability**, and ultimately ensure our continued relevance as a strategic partner.



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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. Every day, in our labs, facilities, and in the field, highly experienced scientists, engineers, and specialists from various domains collaborate to maximize the outcomes of research and turn them into effective products making a difference on your bottom line.



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

- No contamination through a strictly controlled and aseptic environment
- Large-scale manufacturing production
- Adapted quality control for each step of the production processes, ensuring consistent high-quality inoculum

INNOVATION AND VALUE



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APPLICATION

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. Because a quality inoculant makes all the difference, our proven formulations are based on these important elements:

- Carrier compatible with the active ingredients
- Formulations that guarantee active ingredient viability until use
- Quality control at several key points ensuring the performance of active ingredients
- Various formulations also tailored for organic production

Caring about our clients' performance, each recommendation for product use takes into consideration validation by our field experts and by farmers themselves, which ensures:

- Effective application rates, at the right time and place, with the right inoculant
- Products adapted to growers' equipment
- Easy integration into farming practices
- Validation of compatibility with other agricultural inputs

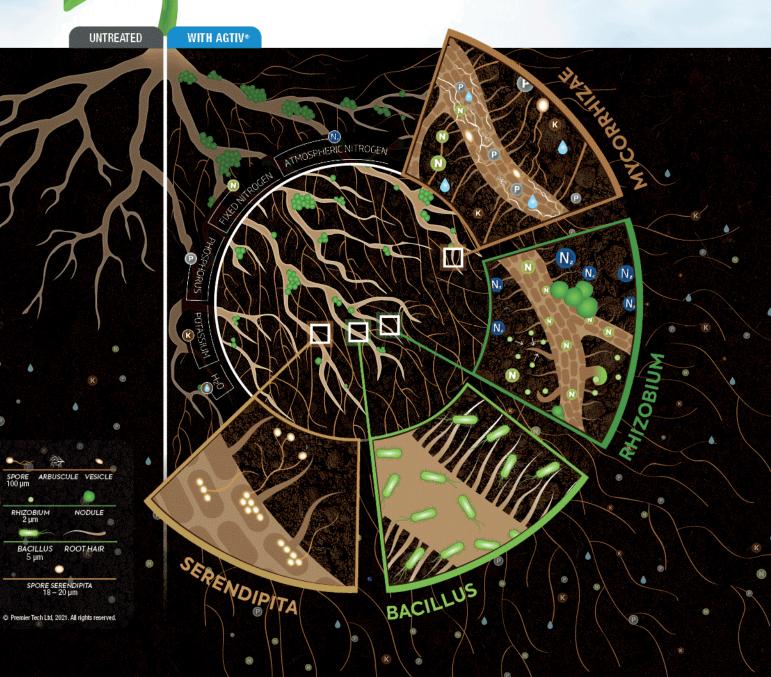


The AGTIV[®] experience combines highly effective value-added products and the access to a team of field experts dedicated to supporting your growth. From our management team and research project managers to our field specialists, our multidisciplinary team is listening to growers' needs to continuously improve our products and level of service:

- Technical support for product application, equipment compatibility and field demonstration
- Proud promoter of science education and knowledge sharing
- Partnership with agriculture retailers throughout Canada, the United States and Europe

PLANT

Nutrients and water are essential components for effective plant growth. Adding biological active ingredients, such as beneficial MYCORRHIZAE, RHIZOBIUM, BACILLUS, and SERENDIPITA, allows an earlier and efficient use of water and nutrients and helps plants reach optimum crop yield.



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BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE INGREDIENTS

Backed by more than 35 years of expertise in biological active ingredients, Premier Tech masters a unique large-scale manufacturing process that meets the highest quality control standards, allowing you to fully benefit from the highly effective inoculants of our AGTIV[®] agricultural product line. For stronger growth through better plant resistance to stresses, **higher yields** and superior **crop quality**, you can count on AGTIV[®].

MYCORRHIZAE

PTB297 Technology, Glomus intraradices

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 extraradical network of filaments that will explore the soil and access more nutrients and water, and transfer them to the plant.

- EXPAND ROOT SYSTEM GROWTH
- S ENHANCE NUTRIENT & WATER UPTAKE
- INCREASE TOLERANCE TO STRESSES
- IMPROVE SOIL STRUCTURE



RHIZOBIUM

PTB160 Technology (pulses), *Rhizobium leguminosarum* biovar *viciae*

PTB162 Technology (soybean), Bradyrhizobium japonicum Mesorhizobium ciceri (chickpea)

Rhizobium bacteria 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.

FIX NITROGEN & MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE PLANT

BACILLUS

PTB180 Technology, Bacillus pumilus

Bacillus stimulates the plant root system by inducing the proliferation of the root hairs, which favors the absorption of the nutrients. We have selected it for its beneficial action of growth stimulation.

SERENDIPITA

PTB299 Technology, Serendipita indica (formerly known as *Piriformospora indica*)

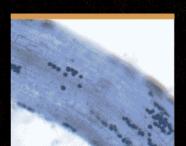
The beneficial fungus Serendipita indica, a natural microorganism, forms an association with roots of plants from the Brassicacea family, such as canola. It induces some of the plant gene expression and promotes phytohormone production.

- INCREASES NUMBER OF ROOT HAIRS FOR A BETTER NUTRIENTS' ABSORPTION
- ACCELERATES SEED GERMINATION
- GROWTH





- ✓ INCREASES CHLOROPHYLL CONTENT
- BETTER PLANT ESTABLISHMENT, GROWTH AND YIELD





AGTIV[®] FACT INFO – MYCORRHIZAE

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." ^A

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." ^B

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

"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." ^D



Efficient P uptake and transfer

Thonar et al. (2010)^E 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)^F 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. (2011)^G, 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.

"[...] 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'." ^G

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."^H

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)^I 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

at seeding time to trigger the symbiosis quickly after seed germination



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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." ^K

Duan et al. $(2011)^{L}$ 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; [...]."^M

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.^N

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AGTIV® FACT INFO - RHIZOBIUM

R 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:

- 1. 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.



Nodule formation & nitrogen fixation

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 free oxygen can stop nitrogen fixation, preventing ammonium (NH₃) synthesis and transfer to the plant. 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." A

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.*" A 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%^B. "The rate of photosynthesis increased substantially more than the C [Carbon] costs of the rhizobial and AM [Arbuscular Mycorrhizal] symbioses." B 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 [...]".



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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 &

Mycorrhizae take up P & water from soil to transfer to P plant Mycorrhizae will propagate and spread R rhizobium to other roots

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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 mycorrhizae^A. 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." ^B

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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 Zn.^C 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." ^D

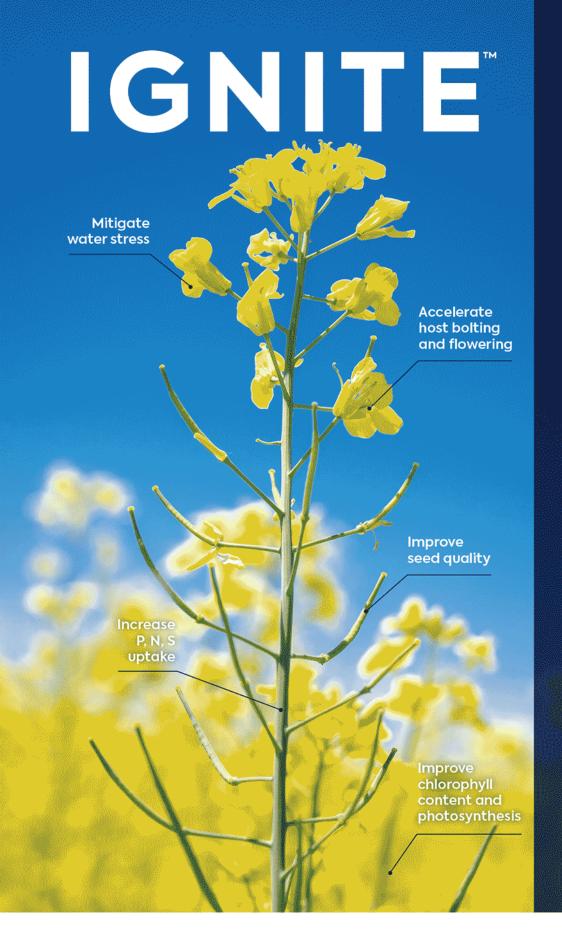
Ensure early P uptake

"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." ^E 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.





WHEN IDEAS IGNITE SCIENCE

Making a difference, is Premier Tech. Our scientists, engineers, sales and marketing specialists are always testing and working on new biologicals. In 2019, one of them, Serendipita indica, "showed great potential to bring added value for growers to important crops such as Canola, and our teams worked to ensure its viability and performance up to the day that seed goes into the ground" says Dr. Trepanier, scientific expert director at Premier Tech Growers and Consumers. This inoculant collaborates with Canola to IGNITE transcription of plant genes related to nutrient absorption and stress tolerance.



(total of 12 replicated trial sites) * Statistically different vs untreated.









AGTIV® highly effective inoculants make a difference in the field by pushing crops' yield potential and increasing growers' net returns. Lead the way with Premier Tech's expertise for AGTIVated acres.

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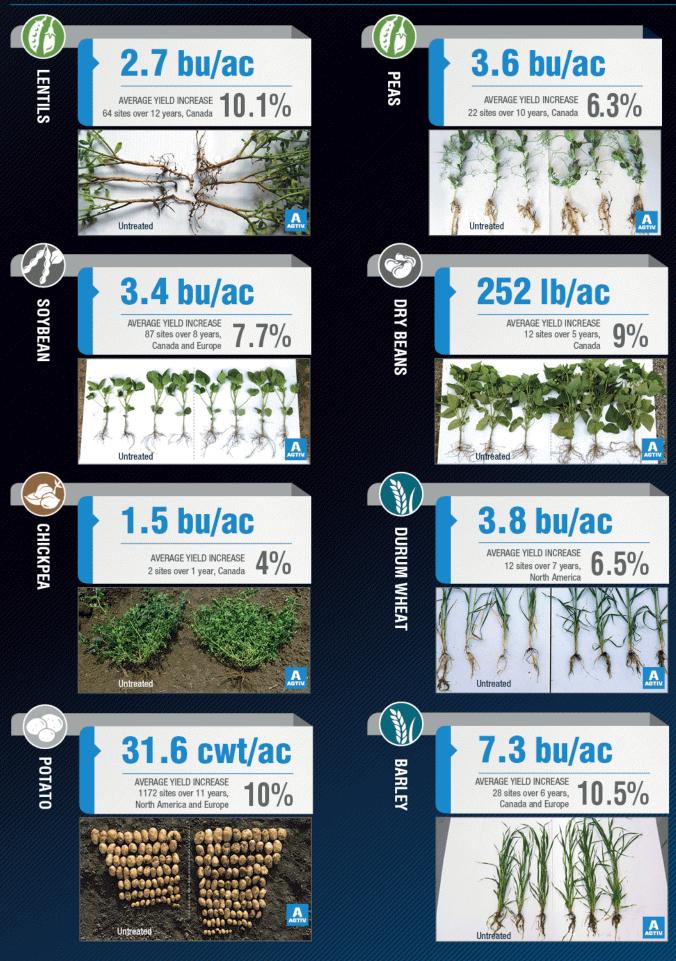




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