Benefits

We strive to ensure that the plant biotechnology products and services which result from our research will present tangible, enduring benefits for humans, animals and the ecosystem. We will use sound and innovative science and thoughtful and effective stewardship in the delivery of those products and services. We will endeavour to apply plant biotechnology in production systems in support of sustainable agriculture, resulting in a net gain for the environment, the conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable use of biological resources, in accordance with principles of sustainable development.

High Scientific Standards

We use the highest scientific standards when researching and developing plant biotechnology products. We conduct and publish scientific research in compliance with the law and with the highest standards of professionalism. We will also implement processes to ensure that relevant ethical issues are considered in the decisions to invest in areas of scientific research. We support the development and implementation of internationally harmonized approaches to plant biotechnology safety analysis and promote the creation of a predictable and scientifically-sound regulatory framework to reduce scientific uncertainty, manage potential risks and assure public confidence.
Safety

The safety of our industry’s employees, the communities where our companies operate, the customers, consumers and the environment is our highest priority. We develop plant biotechnology products for both human food and animal feed that are as safe as their conventionally-produced counterparts, using the best available scientific knowledge. Safety and health issues and environmental protection take precedence over economic considerations. We are committed to support appropriate stewardship practices and safety standards to minimize risks in developing, producing or using our products.

Dialogue

We regularly listen to diverse points of view, including religious, cultural and ethical considerations of people throughout the world, and engage in thoughtful dialogue with stakeholders (shareholders, customers, society, employees) to help broaden our industry’s understanding of issues. Through dialogue, we can better address the needs and concerns of society and include these considerations in the decision-making process for plant biotechnology products. We promote these principles of behaviour throughout the value chain, including producers and farmers, processors and retailers.

Transparency

We actively inform the public about the relevant benefits, risks and potential implications of plant biotechnology, and encourage others to do the same. We support transparent regulatory processes through which these products are assessed prior to commercial approval. We make relevant safety-related information accessible and understandable.

Sharing Knowledge

We participate in outreach efforts and explore opportunities to make the benefits of plant biotechnology products available to all, – in both developed and developing countries. This involves sharing knowledge and technology in order to advance scientific understanding, to improve agriculture and the environment, to improve crops and to deliver products whose benefits may serve to enhance the living standards of developing world farmers and the food availability of consumers in those countries. We endeavour to be socially and culturally responsible when sharing this knowledge and appropriate technology. We inform our customers and suppliers of our responsibility standards and encourage them to adopt the same. We seek opportunities to work with business partners, public institutions and research centres, NGOs and farmer groups to develop, test and promote biotechnology products for the benefit of all.

Respect for Intellectual Property Rights

We are supportive of intellectual property protection for agricultural biotechnology innovation and refrain from willfully infringing proprietary rights.