

# Daily Note

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## BASF expands cotton seed portfolio in US

BASF has announced that it has expanded its FiberMax and Stoneville cotton seed portfolio with four new varieties for the 2024 growing season in the US. These additions, featuring Axant Flex herbicide tolerance technology, contribute to a total of 18 varieties in the portfolio. The new varieties aim to provide growers with versatile options for high-yield potential, fiber quality and effective insect and weed control. The varieties include FM 765AX for the high plains, FM 868AXTP for the southwest and far west regions, FM 823AXTP for the high plains and rolling plains of Texas and Oklahoma and ST 6000AXTP suitable across the cotton belt. Axant Flex Technology is reported to offer excellent weed control and includes traits for pest resistance and disease tolerance. The availability of cotton seed with Axant Flex Technology for the 2024 season is subject to various factors and may not be universally accessible.

## BVT announces product trials

Bee Vectoring Technologies (BVT) has announced that South African agricultural technology company Microbial Biological Fertilizers International (MBFi) has initiated trials of BVT products in South Africa. The trials involve testing BVT's patented bee vectoring dispenser for the honeybees with Vectorite powder, comparing it with traditional spray applications using MBFi's own biological strain. Vectorite with CR-7 is a broad-spectrum preventative microbial biofungicide for the control or suppression of many important plant diseases. MBFi manufactures agricultural products in South Africa and is interested in BVT's bee vectoring application as an effective and environmentally friendly way to deliver biological agents. The trials cover various crops, including macadamias, avocados, apples, strawberries, blueberries, cherries, sunflowers and canola, with the goal of entering the South African market and expanding BVT's revenue streams. The collaboration also involves registering BVT's proprietary microbe, *Clonostachys rosea* CR-7 (CR-7), for South African regulatory approval.

## Sinon to expand availability of Sinsmart

As reported by [S&P Global Commodity Insights](#), Taiwan-based agrochemical company Sinon Chemical (Taichung) plans to expand the availability of its microbial fungicide/bactericide, Sinsmart (*Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain CL3). The product is registered in Brazil, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine and Vietnam to control a wide spectrum of fungal and bacterial diseases on row crops, fruits and vegetables.

The product was developed in collaboration with the Taiwan Agriculture Chemicals Research Institute, which is part of the Ministry of Agriculture. "Sinsmart is effective, has a minimum two-year shelf life, high stability, and requires no special conditions for shipping or storage," explains Sinon.

Registration reviews for the product are ongoing in the US, Japan, Europe and Latin America.

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