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## Protecting crops more precisely

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### Agriculture is a dynamic environment impacted by global trends



- Shifting climate creating new pest and weed patterns
- Need for technologies that minimize harmful effects on the environment
- Increased demand for environmentally conscious, sustainable food production
- Growing population, higher demand for food and plantbased protein
- Regulatory changes leading to active ingredient phaseouts and reductions in chemical use
- High societal awareness for pollinator health

- Predictive and precision application of inputs
- Tools to maximize crop yield and reduce input costs

#### Impact on agriculture



## Improved weed management for more sustainable, efficient and environmentally conscious crop and food production



- Today, farmers control weeds by spraying the whole field with herbicides
- For economic reasons, farmers compromise between cost and performance to spray whole field
- Moving from field to plant-specific application will improve performance and reduce environmental impacts



## Agronomic intelligence based on three R&D pillars, using farm data to provide timely, precise and actionable advice

#### **Digital agronomy**

- Evaluate yield potential
- Optimize input intensity
- Adapt to field/farm variability
- Model crop development
- Model pests, weeds and diseases
- Adjust product recommendations

#### Data

- Collect, generate, process and analyze data
- Use artificial intelligence, machine learning and data automation
- Develop data pipeline and intuitive data visualization



Capture machine data



- Utilize remote sensing such as weather, satellites, drones
- Constantly focusing on product enhancements
- Internet of Things connectivity

Smart digital products xarvio® Digital Farming solutions xarvio Agronomic Decision Engine (ADE)

Smart machinery for best execution Bosch BASF Smart Farming JV





## **Bosch BASF Joint Venture provides an integrated hardware and software solution combining the power of two global leaders**





- Agronomy-based software (using xarvio technology)
- Agronomic competence





- Hardware, embedded software (image recognition, connectivity)
- System integration competence





Recognition

algorithms

## ONE SMART SPRAY for precision weed control, efficient herbicide use and reduced environmental impact

Real-time, automated weed identification and management for:

- green-on-brown (pre-emergence) application
- green-on-green (post-emergence) application

Weed control based on xarvio agronomic decision engine customized herbicide strategy<sup>1</sup> See and act: 36 integrated cameras<sup>2</sup> scan the field, detect weeds in milliseconds and activate spray nozzles to spot apply herbicide only where needed

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<sup>1</sup> incl. product type, dose rate, sensitivity thresholds and optimized timing of application <sup>2</sup> Number of integrated cameras dependent on OEM set-up **BASF** We create chemistry



Non problematic weeds, with no impact on crop growth, are not sprayed based on set threshold sensitivity levels.



### Dedicated R&D program for smart spraying concept conducted in various crops in key markets under real growing conditions



#### xarvio intelligence and threshold logic

- Threshold sensitivity logic built on Bosch crop and weed image recognition algorithms
- Threshold logic has 3 sensitivity levels max control, balanced and max savings
- Programmed into agronomic decision engine for best weed control and savings
- 20+ crop growth stage models created and proven for optimal herbicide application timing



#### xarvio product recommendation

- 10.000+ recommendations for herbicide product application
- Prioritized product efficacy
- Resistance management
- Compliant in line with local regulation



#### System performance testing

- In-field testing with 15 prototypes
- 6 countries in North America, South America and across Europe
- 6 major crops covered (soy, corn, cotton, canola, sunflower, sugar beet)
- 650+ weed species controlled
- 1 million data points per hectare collected and refined to confirm logic

### **ONE SMART SPRAY achieves optimized herbicide use**

## Weed control above 95%, with up to 68% less herbicide use



Example: Cornfield, May 2023, Germany

## ONE SMART SPRAY will be launched in 2024





### **Protecting crops more precisely**

BASF's advanced xarvio Digital Farming Solutions platform transforms crop production in a resource-efficient way ONE SMART SPRAY makes weed management more efficient, sustainable and profitable for farmers

The system optimizes crop production with precision technology, while minimizing the environmental impact

In 2024, the solution will be commercially available with major agriculture machinery manufactures in North America, South America and Europe



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