

A More Resilient Future for Agriculture in Delaware, and Across the Globe

Corteva Agriscience has committed to ambitious goals to advance sustainability for farmers, for the land, for communities and in their operations **BY ANNE ALONZO, SVP, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER**

AS WE WRAP UP our first year as a stand-alone company, we continue to navigate the Covid-19 pandemic and prepare for a post-pandemic world. Two critical issues are emerging on both a local and global scale: agricultural sustainability and food security.

These interconnected issues are not new to us at Corteva, to our colleagues in the food supply chain, or to farmers who continue to do what they've always done: produce a safe, nutritious and abundant food supply while stewarding the land.

However, this year's events have created a crossroads, adding extra emphasis to the need to reimagine a stronger and more resilient future.

Producing more food, sustainably

Farmers across the US, including those here in Delaware, have long invested in the sustainability of their operations. Helping them continue to strengthen and stabilize their operations for the long run - as well as the industry as a whole - is critical. You see, in the backdrop of the pandemic lies the need to double productivity in the next 30 years just to meet the needs of the growing global population, while continuing to protect the land, water and air resources that make food production possible.

Even before the pandemic, more than 121,000 Delaware residents struggled with hunger, including more than 38,000 children, according to Feeding America.

As the only U.S.-based, major agriscience company completely dedicated to agriculture, Corteva sits at the heart of these and so many other critical challenges facing farmers and society.

We provide farmers with integrated solutions that combine seeds, seed-applied technologies, agronomy advice, and digital services with crop protection products with favorable environmental profiles. We help farmers increase their productivity while, at the same time, enabling them to sustainably produce sufficient and healthy food.

Our commitment to sustainability and our communities

On June 1, we announced a robust set of 14 sustainability goals to continue our ongoing work to increase the resilience of our global food system over the next 10 years.



The Corteva Farm at the Food Bank of Delaware features two high tunnels and a propagation house.

They span a wide range of initiatives for farmers, the land, communities where Corteva Agriscience employees and customers live and work, and in our operations. Improvements in soil health, on-farm productivity, climate action, water stewardship, biodiversity, supply chain transparency and worker safety, among others, are included.

Helping the communities where we live and work is a key pillar in our sustainability work.

One shining example is the support we provided to the Food Bank of Delaware underscoring the commitment we have to providing sustainable solutions for food security. We were proud to donate financially and to provide volunteer support to help establish the Corteva Farm, an on-site, four-acre produce farm that supplies food for the community supported agriculture (CSA) program, retail sales and hunger-relief programs. In fact, the farm is expected to produce 60,000 pounds of food annually by 2022.

These advances also created hands-on gardening and agriculture learning opportunities for individuals and groups, including students and previously incarcerated adults who seek a better future through a career in foodservice and the culinary arts.

Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long shared that the Corteva Farm “provides Delawareans with better access to the food they need, improve nutrition, and help train the next generation of leaders to ensure agriculture continues as a leader of industry in our state.”

This spring, in response to the food security needs in our community, Corteva continued our history of support by creating a corporate challenge grant to encourage other companies to donate. We also invited employees to show their support by contributing to a virtual food drive, leveraging the Food Bank's purchasing power which allows donations to go further than it would at the grocery store.

We're In It for Good

As we advance along our journey to be a positive force in the communities in which we live and work and be a positive impact in the world, please know that Corteva is in the sustainability business and ...we're in it for good!

Learn more about Corteva and our commitment to agriculture and sustainability at www.sustainability.corteva.com. ■