

Lorne Hamblin: Canada



Major Crops: Soybeans, barley, wheat, oats, canola, specialty beans, grass seed

Farm Size: 2,000 acres

Years Farming: 30

First Planted Biotech Crops: 1998

Favorite Benefits: Better weed control. Diversified crop rotations. Better yields and profits.

Family: Married, three children.

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Video Transcript:

I'm Lorne Hamblin, and ... I've been farming for 30 years. ... Biotech, to us, has been just an incredible step that just takes us down the same road as science.

Biotechnology has allowed us to do things that we haven't been able to before. And that's – up until now – probably been mostly on the crop management side. ...it's given us the opportunity to clean up fields, to grow different crops. And, biotech enhances yields and the bottom line. So it's exciting. You know, there's lots to do in it yet, but it's been a great farm tool for farmers in this area. ...

Plus, when you look at resistant weeds that have been coming along over the last number of years, it's given us that extra tool in our toolbox, as they say, to take care of those resistant weeds. ...

What biotech, I think, does for the next generation is gonna sustain the farmer and probably make them viable. ... We're selling our crops today at less a price. The only thing that has saved us is yield. Well, I don't think yield's gonna save us for the next 20 years. Biotech's gonna save us...

... We just have to keep coming through with the science and the knowledge cause, you know, I believe that science base is gonna win out. And knowledge will win out. ...

What we can do with biotech and to get food products growing into specific conditions – it's a win-win for the world. It's an absolute win-win.

And, we just need to keep going down that road and be persistent on it; and keep telling our story better.