



OPTIMAL FISHFOOD

Who We Are

Optimal Fish Food is a pond and lake feed company committed to producing the highest quality, performance-driven fish feed in the marketplace by utilizing innovative technologies and novel ingredients to promote health and longevity across a wide range of freshwater species.





OPTIMAL AQUAFEED

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Optimal Aquafeed is a multifaceted nutritional partner for fish producers worldwide. We listen to the exact needs and goals of our clients and empower them to produce fish that can exceed their targeted growth, health, flavor, and price. As your nutritional partner, we assist in strengthening feeding programs as well as provide specialized high-quality feeds, blends, and ingredients designed specifically for our clients fish, system, needs, and goals.





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“ I started feeding Optimal Bluegill 2 years ago. The fish have loved it from the start, no rejection, a few redear (not many, but some!) eat it, and the growth rates, WOW. Easy ordering and to my door delivery is a sweet benefit too. ”



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“ After 6 weeks of attempting to feed train my RES on a competitor feed and observing no pellet strikes, on day 10 of feeding Optimal I observed 102 strikes in 15 minutes on a half cup feeding. Impressive stuff. Well done guys. ”



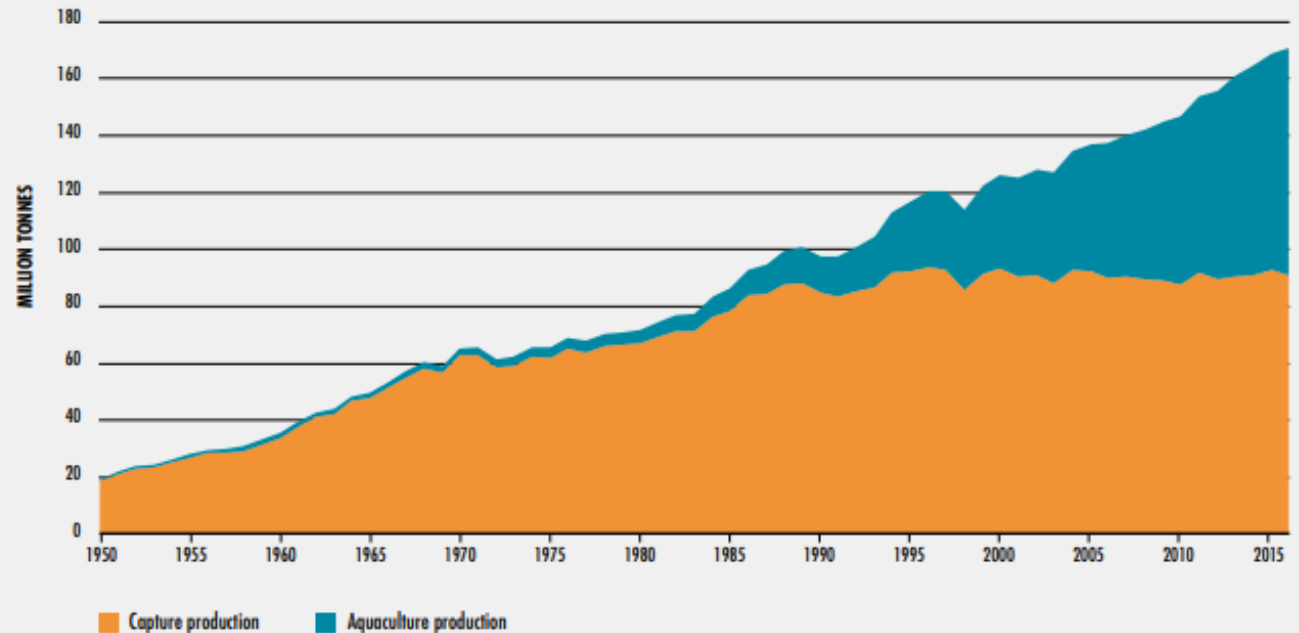
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Aquaculture

- Estimated to be a \$219.4 billion industry
- \$18.2 billion dollar trade deficit
- \$2.7 billion dollar industry in U.S.
- FCR for fish is near 1:1

FIGURE 1
WORLD CAPTURE FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION



NOTE: Excludes aquatic mammals, crocodiles, alligators and caimans, seaweeds and other aquatic plants



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RAS

- There are ~1265 aquaculture sites in the USA
- Recirculating Aquaculture Systems
- Large commercial projects planned on East Coast
- Significant investments into growth of RAS





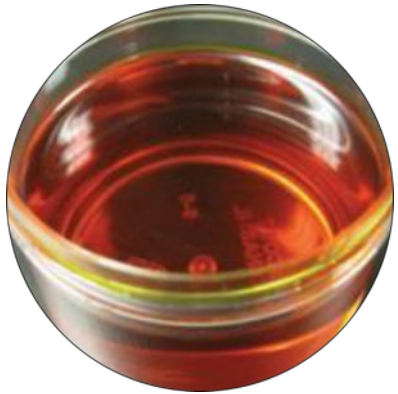
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Innovate



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PROTEIN



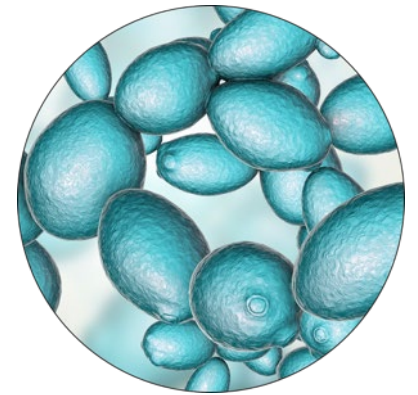
FIBER



SUGAR



ALGAE



YEAST



Corn Distiller Grain - Challenges

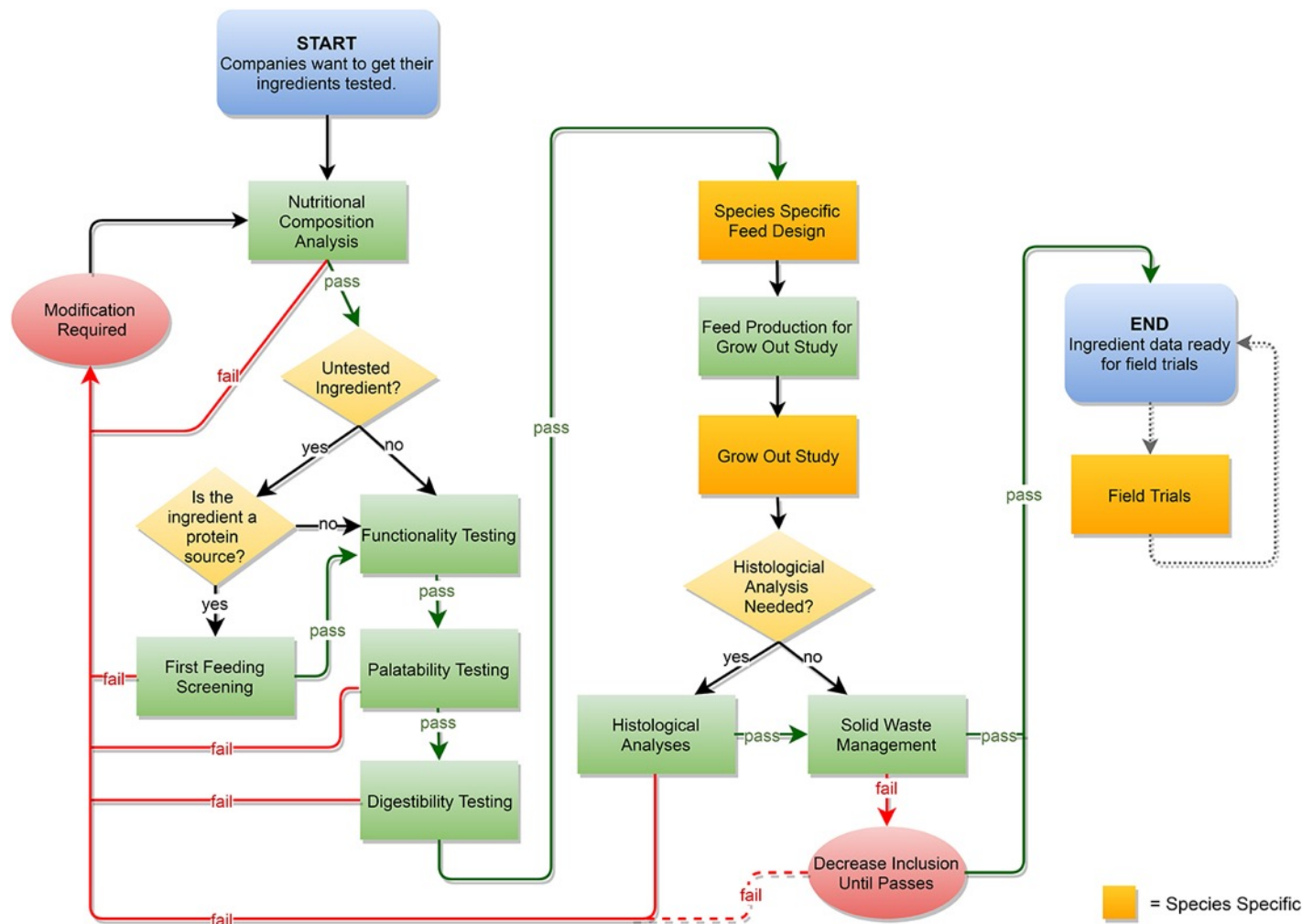
- **Corn**
- **Consistency & Supply**
- **Protein Levels & Quality**
- **Enteritis**
- **Pigmentation**





Evaluate

Draft protocol is based on procedures from the US Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service (USDA/ARS) and Glencross et al. (2007), and the contribution of the F3 team was to standardize the workflow and present it pictorially.





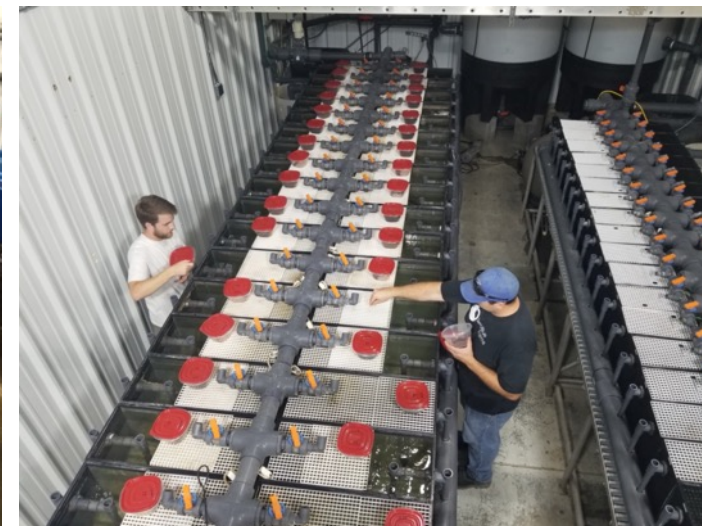
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- Research and Innovation



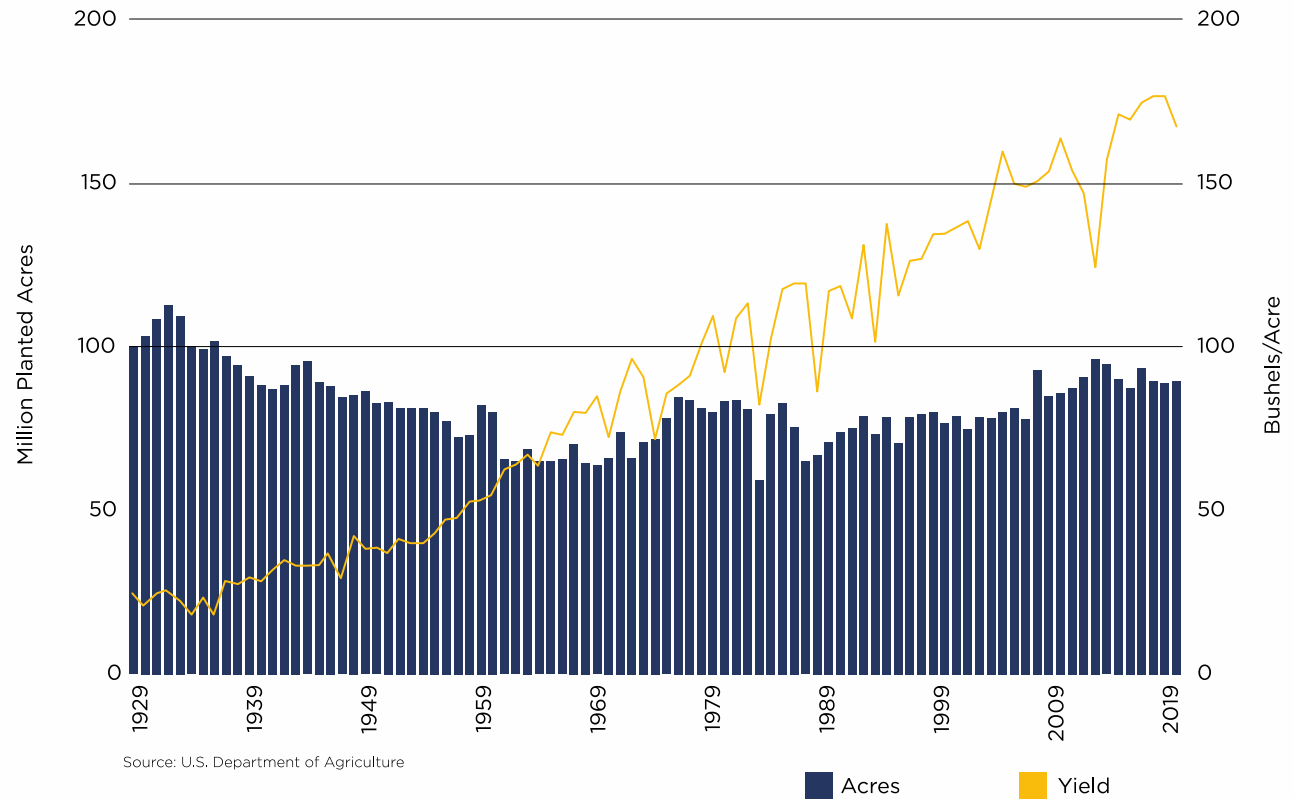


CORN

- Offers a sustainable solution
- More protein without increasing gmo's or acreage

Corn Distiller Grain - Solutions

U.S. Corn Acreage and Average Yield



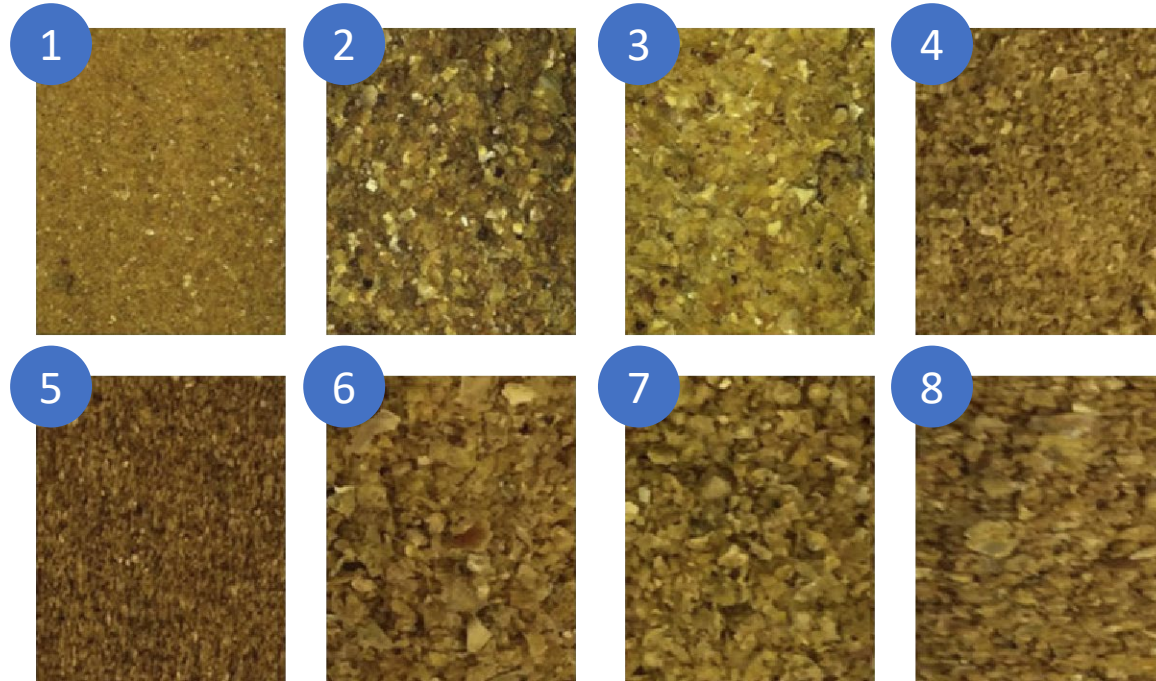


CONSISTENCY & SUPPLY

- Sophisticated systems to produce protein with the intention of producing protein

Corn Distiller Grain - Solutions

Variations in Corn dried Distiller Grain with Solubles





PROTEIN LEVELS & QUALITY

- New products have >49% protein with opportunities to push even higher
- Lower fat levels allow for higher inclusions
- Digestibility – more sophisticated drying systems reduce protein damage from heat
- N supplementation, flocculants, and low moisture levels are red flags

Corn Distillers Grains - Solutions



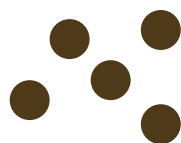


Enteritis

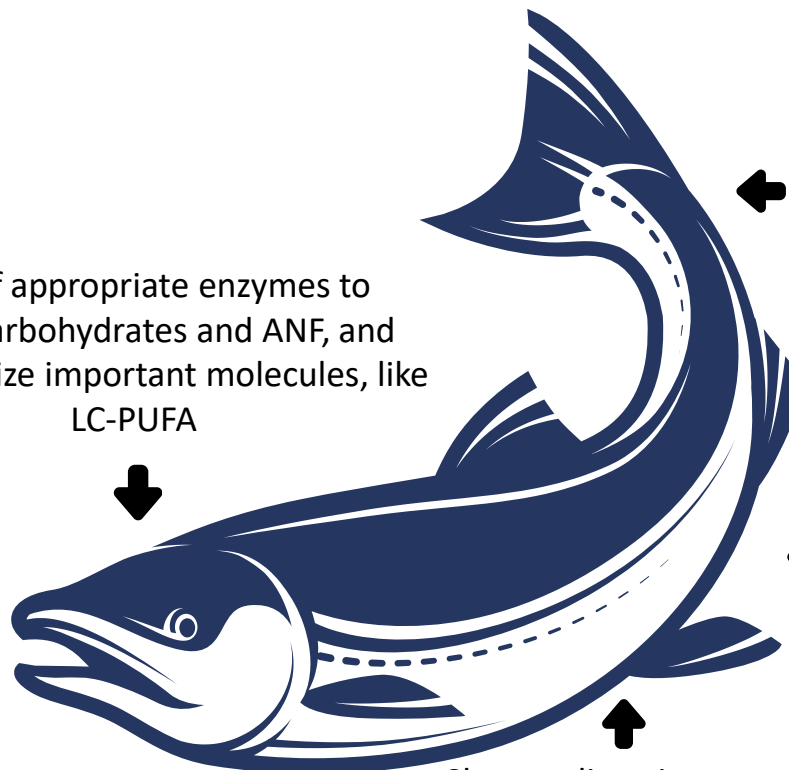
- Elevated yeast inclusions

Corn Distillers Grains - Solutions

ANF in plants can prevent digestion and absorption of nutrients



Lack of appropriate enzymes to digest carbohydrates and ANF, and to synthesize important molecules, like LC-PUFA



Reduction in growth, Due to lack of digestibility and absorption of nutrients



Physiological changes in intestinal cells can lead to inflammation and enteritis



Shorter digestive tract and shorter gut transit time

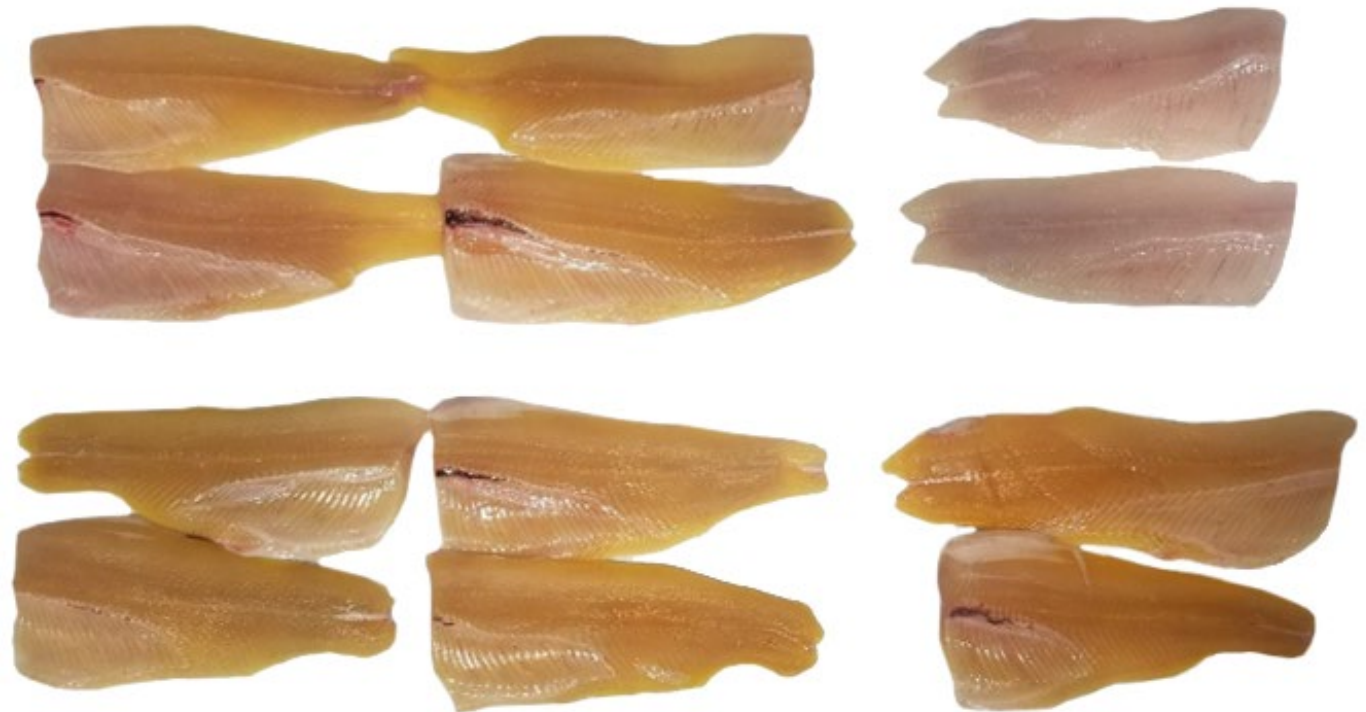


Pigmentation

- Fermentation and process impacts amount of pigment present in fillet

Corn Distillers Grains - Solutions

Evaluating the Impact of Corn on Filet Color





Commercialize

- We happily pay premium prices for premium ingredients
- Early access to innovative ingredients provides us a valuable competitive advantage
- Pilot scale supply is enough to begin commercialization in low-risk environment
- As commercial volumes scale and move to larger customers, we look to next generation of products





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SOLitude Lake Management

- Successful inclusion of high protein distillers grain

Case Study – Success Story

SOLITUDE
LAKE MANAGEMENT

