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# The Innovative Oilseed

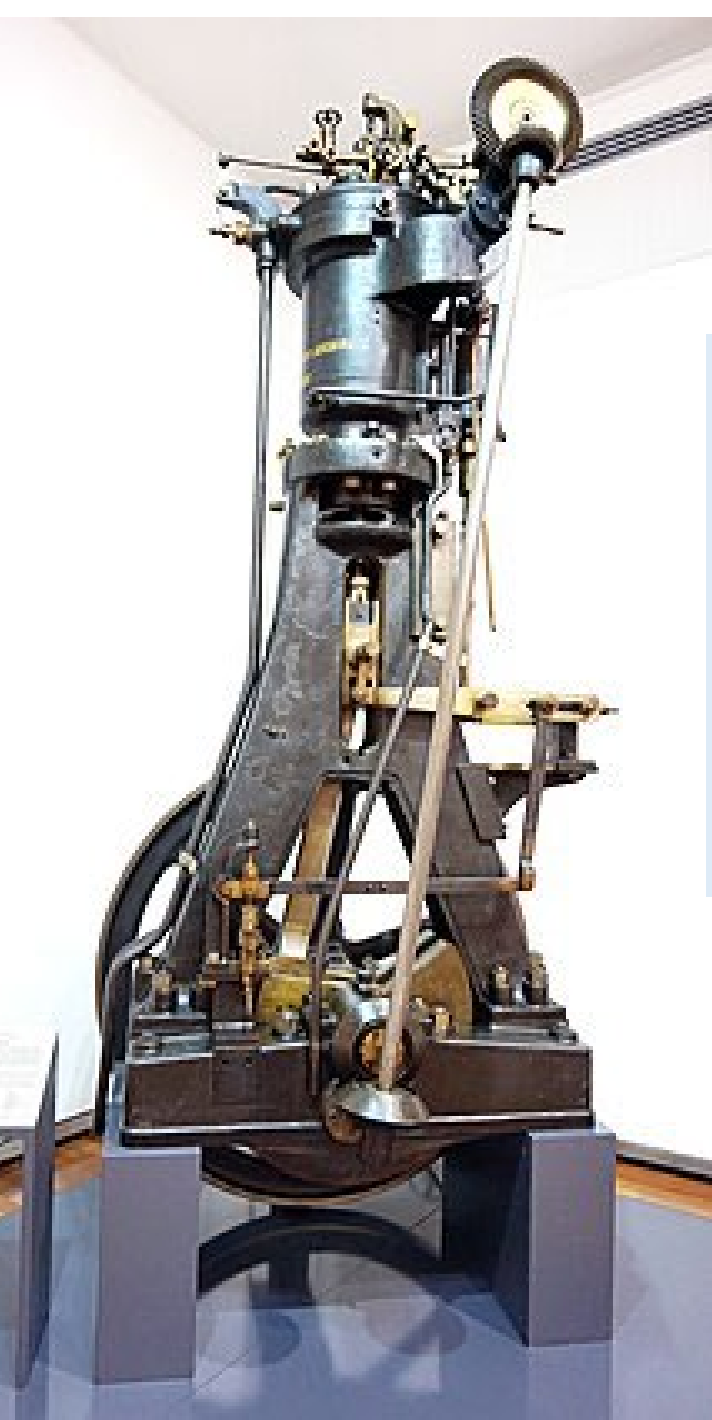
**Feeding and fuelling a growing world: sustainably**

Maurice Moloney, Managing Partner, AgritecKnowledge



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## Rudolf Diesel's innovation and vision

“The use of vegetable oils for engine fuels may seem insignificant today. But such oils may become in course of time as important as petroleum and the coal tar products of the present.”



## UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

RUDOLF DIESEL, OF BERLIN, GERMANY.

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR CONVERTING HEAT INTO WORK.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 542,846, dated July 16, 1895.

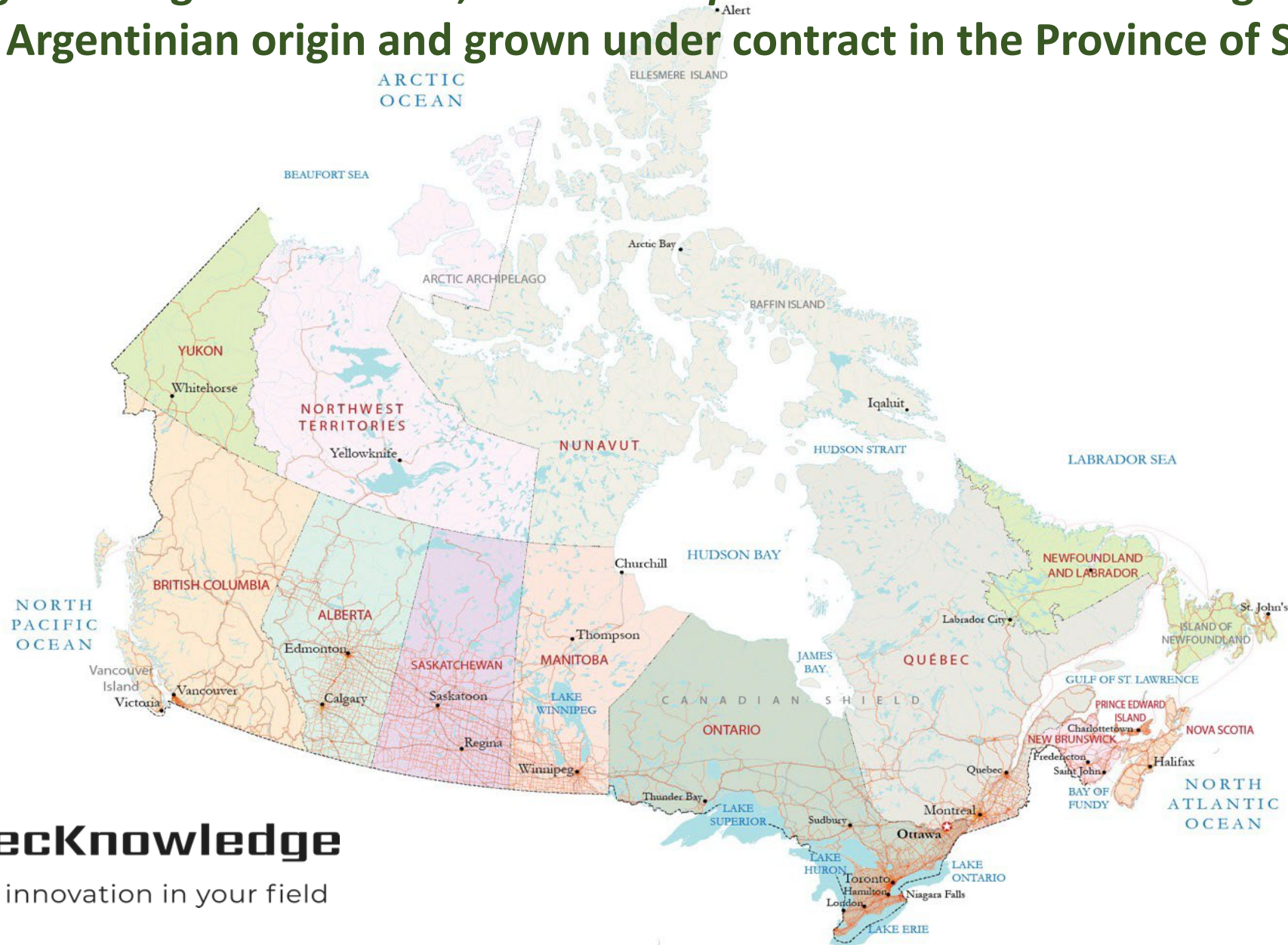
Application filed August 26, 1892. Serial No. 444,246. (No model.) Patented in Germany February 23, 1892, No. 67,207; in Switzerland April 2, 1892, No. 5,221, and in England April 14, 1892, No. 7,241.



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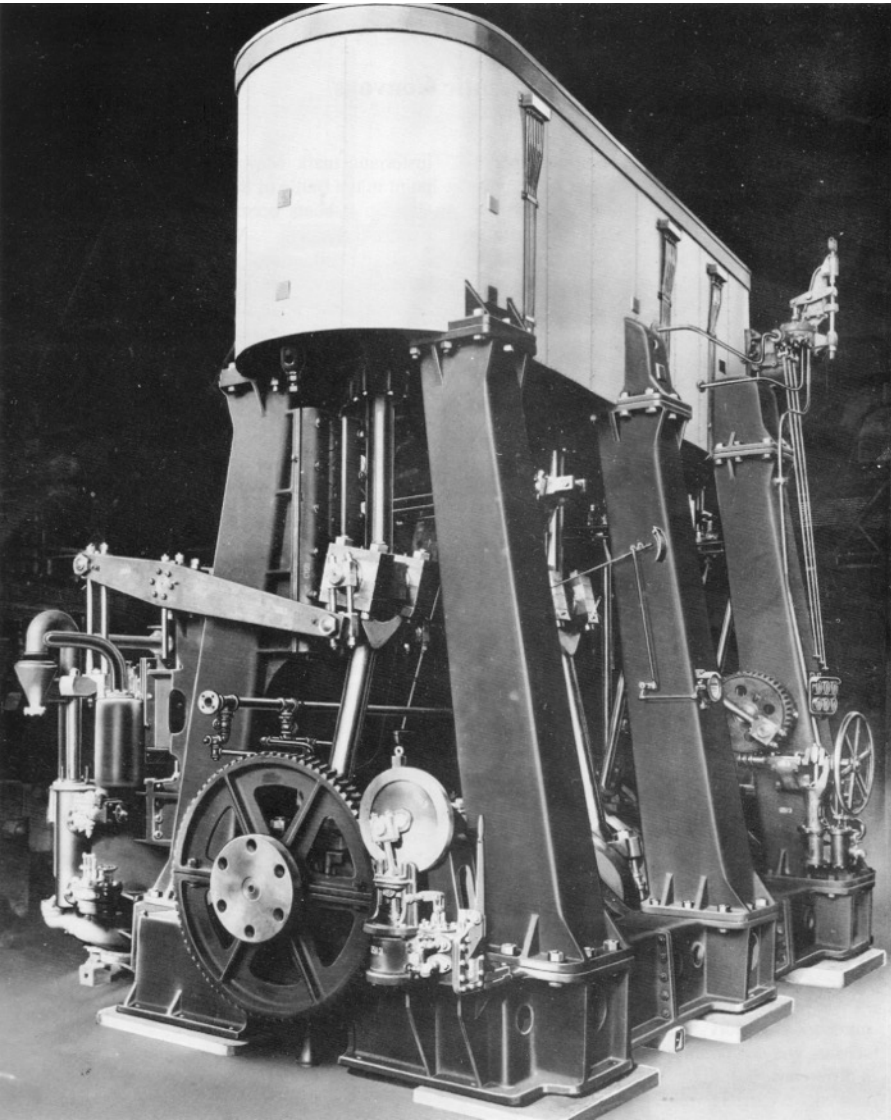
Rapeseed was first introduced into Canada from Poland in 1936. But because of oil shortages during World War II, *Brassica rapa* seeds were tested along with *B. napus* seeds of Argentinian origin and grown under contract in the Province of Saskatchewan.



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# Steam Powered Liberty Ships and High-Erucic Rapeseed Oil



Between 1943 and 1948 with a government-guaranteed price of \$.06/lb production expanded from a few acres to 79,000. When the price support was withdrawn rapeseed acreage declined dramatically



# 1950-1960: Saved by Tempura



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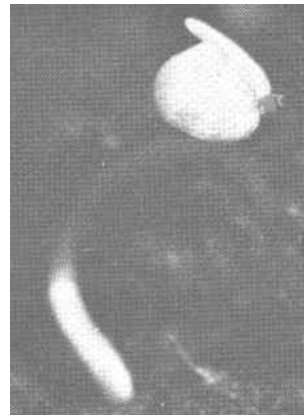
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# Innovation and the creation of Canola in the 1960s

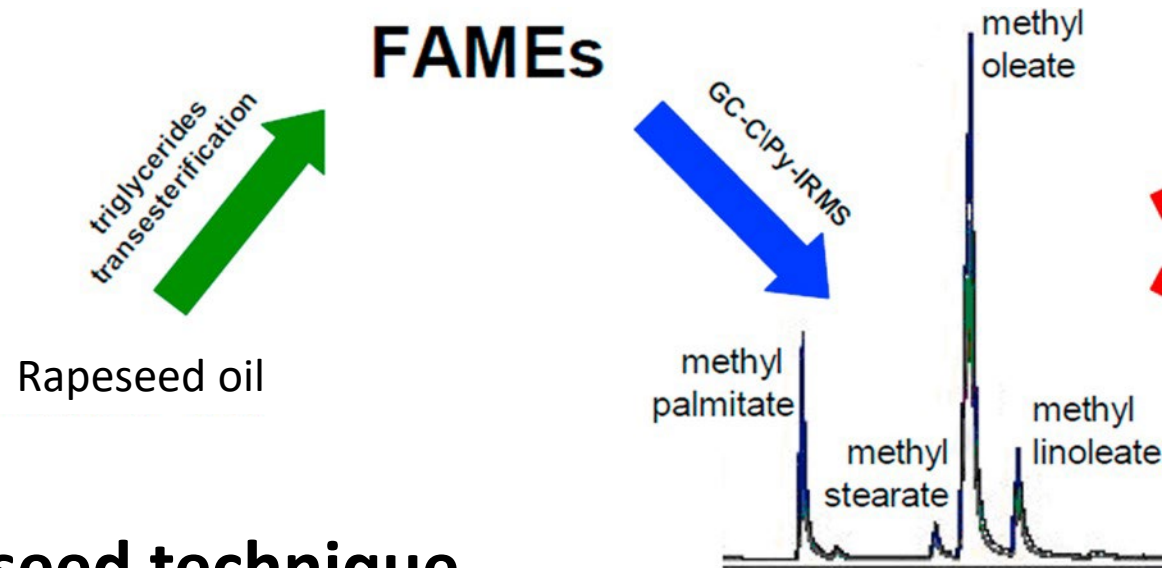


Downey and Steffanson brought *high-throughput screening* to plant breeding

Screening for low Erucic Acid oil



Half-seed technique



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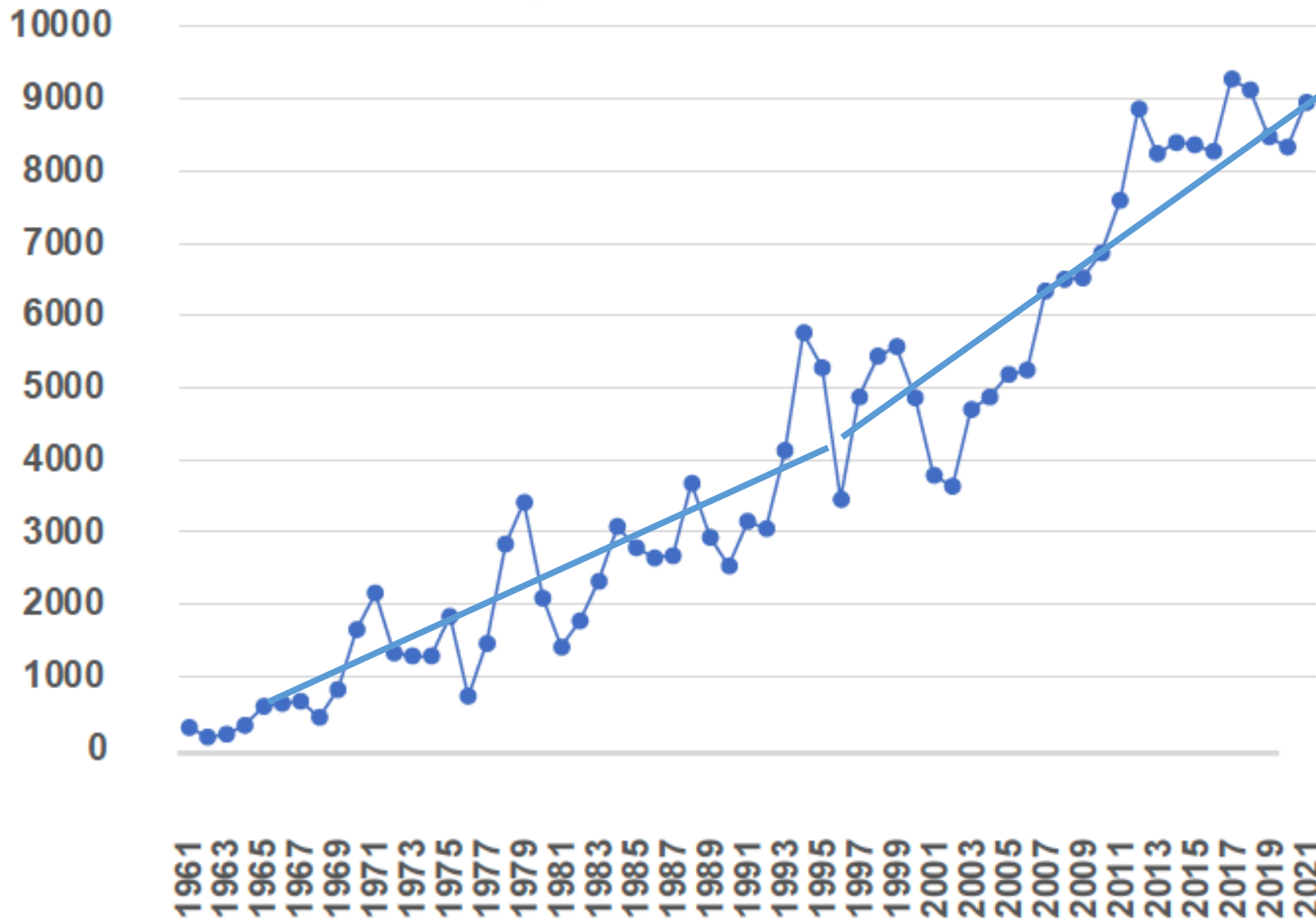
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# Rapid screening for low glucosinolate rapeseed



Glucosinolate-minus seeds were identified using diabetic testing tape

# Canola Acreage in Canada 1961-2021 x 1000ha



With the removal of erucic acid and glucosinolates, markets and acreages soared. In 2000, Canola was asserted as GRAS and in 2018 FDA allowed specific health claims

# Transgenic Brassica plants change the game



## High efficiency transformation of *Brassica napus* using *Agrobacterium* vectors

Maurice M. Moloney, Janis M. Walker, and Kiran K. Sharma

Department of Biological Sciences, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada

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**United States Patent** [19]

**Moloney et al.**

[11] **Patent Number:** **5,463,174**

[45] **Date of Patent:** \* **Oct. 31, 1995**

[54] **TRANSFORMATION AND FOREIGN GENE  
EXPRESSION IN BRASSICA SPECIES**

[75] Inventors: **Maurice M. Moloney**, Calgary,  
Canada; **Sharon Radke**, Davis, Calif.

(1986) pp. 35–36.

Pua et al., “Transgenic Plants of *Brassica napus* L.” *Bio/Technology* (1987) 5:815–817.

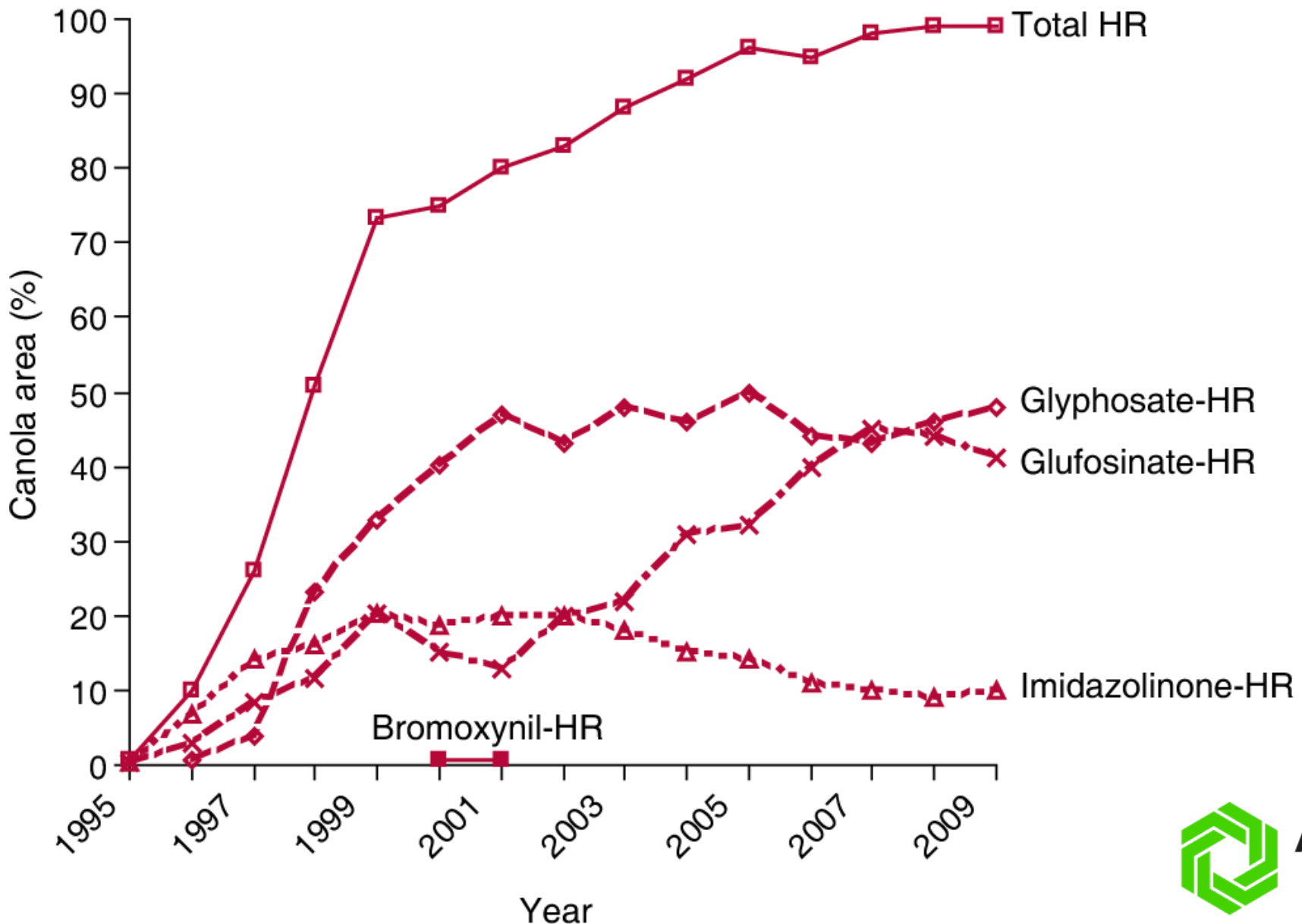
Fry et al., “Transformation of *Brassica napus* with *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* based vectors.” *Plant Cell Reports*



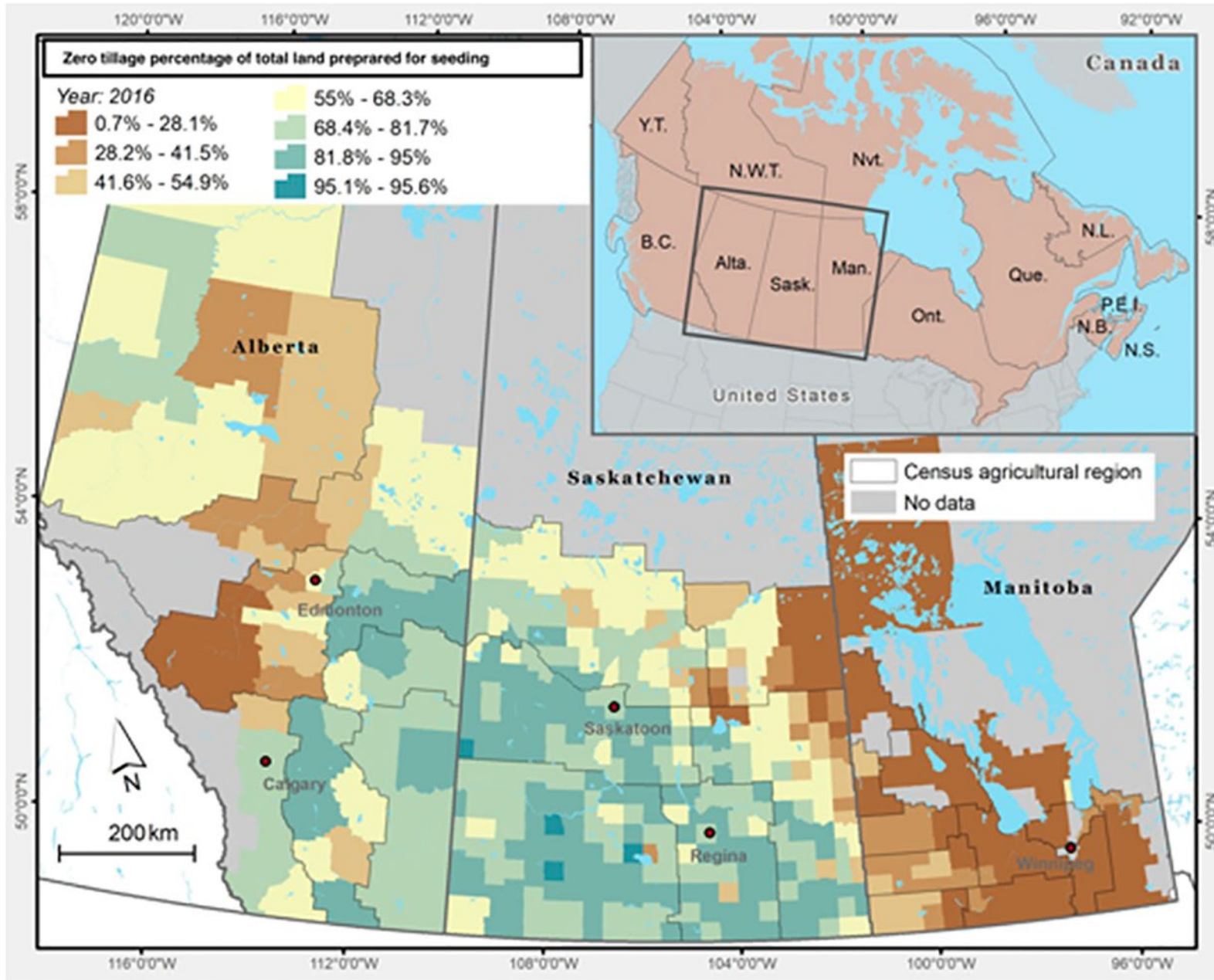
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# Adoption Rate of Herbicide Tolerant Canola



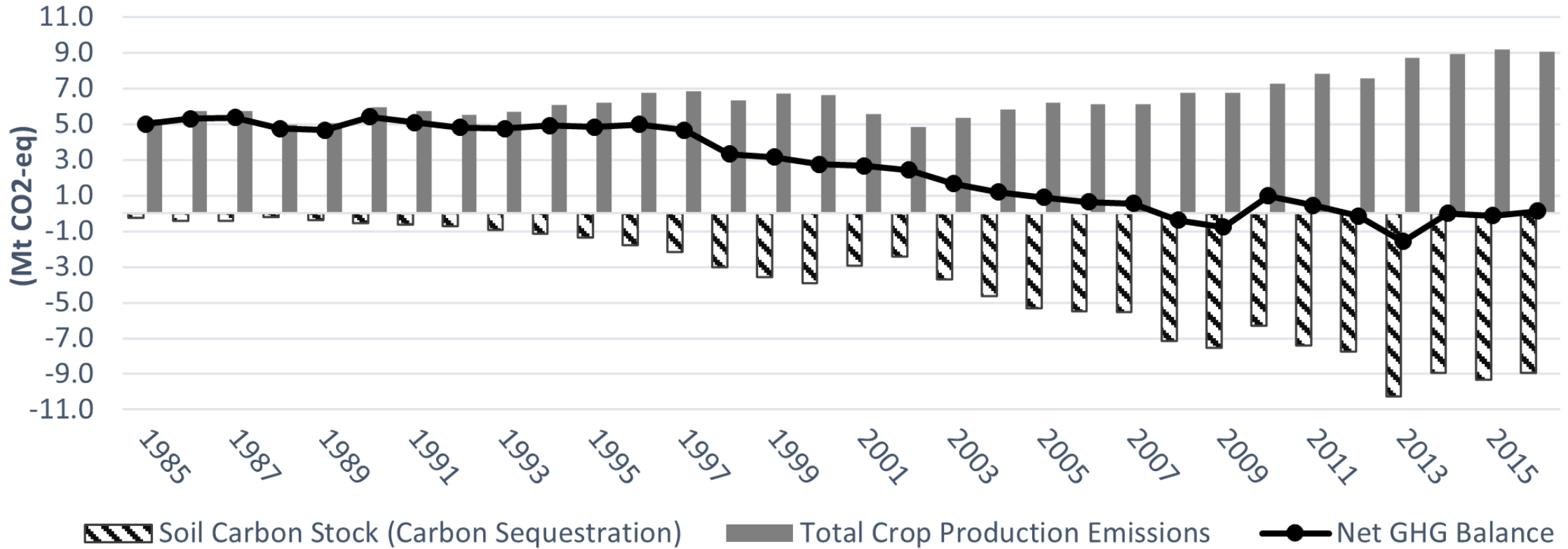
# HT-Canola and no-till agriculture in Western Canada



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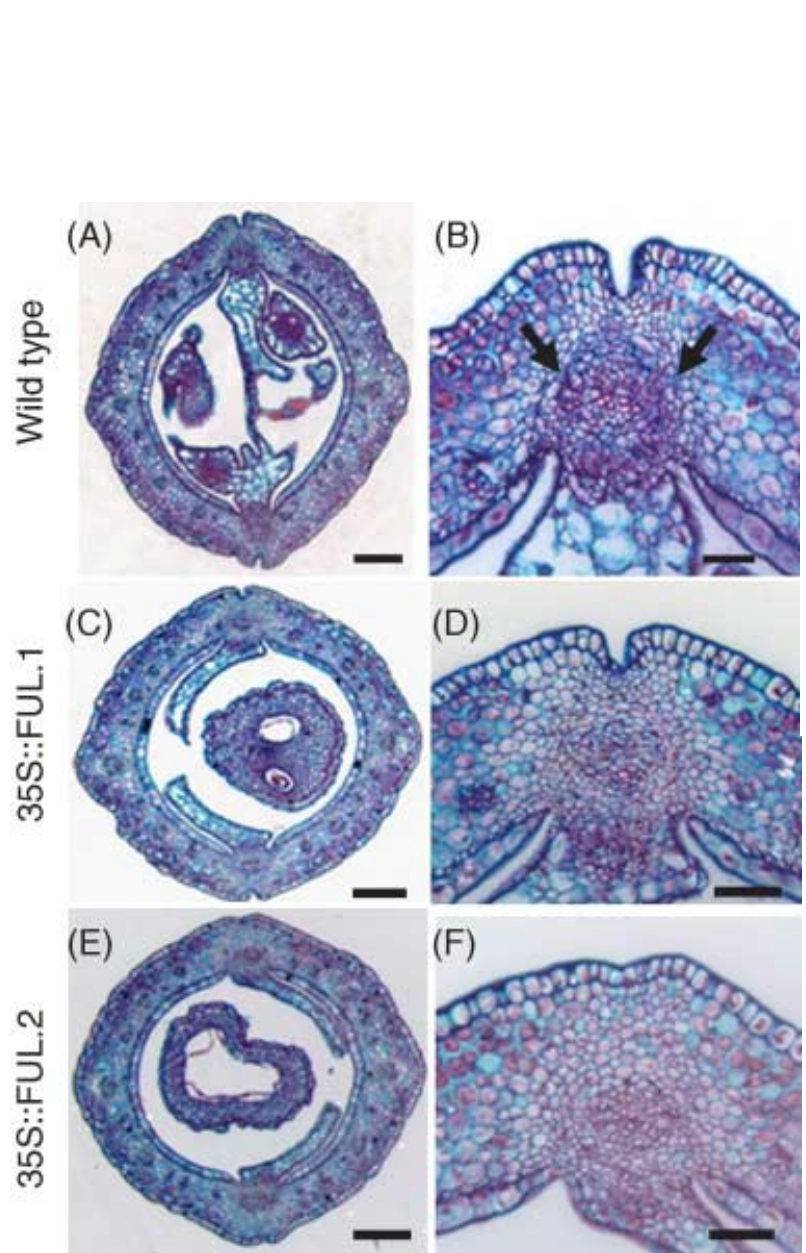
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# Effect of adoption of no-till on GHG emissions balance: Saskatchewan



Saskatchewan GHGs estimates in the crop sector (Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) (1985–2016).

# Low shattering Brassica siliques: the *Fruitfull* gene



Low shattering Canola not only improves yield, but provides flexibility on harvesting (swathing or straight combining) as well as helping to minimize green seed. >\$100M annually



# Omega-3 Canola

18:1<sup>Δ9</sup>  
Oleic acid, OA

Δ12-des ↓

18:2<sup>Δ9,12</sup>  
Linoleic acid, LA

Δ15-des ↓

18:3<sup>Δ9,12,15</sup>  
α-Linolenic acid, ALA

Δ6-des ↓

18:4<sup>Δ6,9,12,15</sup>  
Stearidonic acid, SDA

Δ6-elo ↓

20:4<sup>Δ8,11,14,17</sup>  
Eicosatetraenoic acid, ETA

Δ5-des ↓

20:5<sup>Δ5,8,11,14,17</sup>  
Eicosapentaenoic acid, EPA

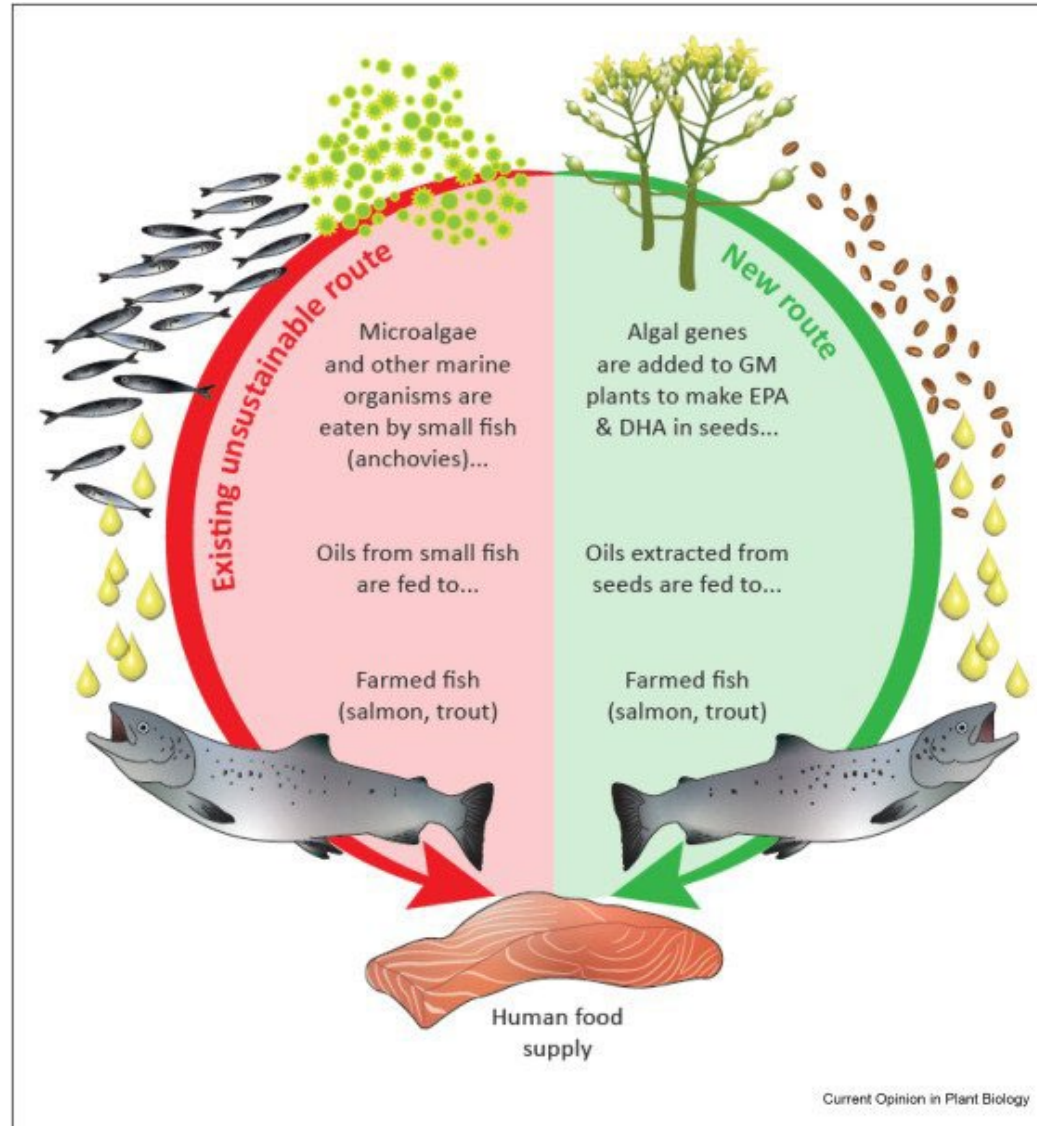
Δ5-elo ↓

22:5<sup>Δ7,10,13,16,19</sup>  
Docosapentaenoic acid, DPA

Δ4-des ↓

22:6<sup>Δ4,7,10,13,16,19</sup>  
Docosahexaenoic acid, DHA

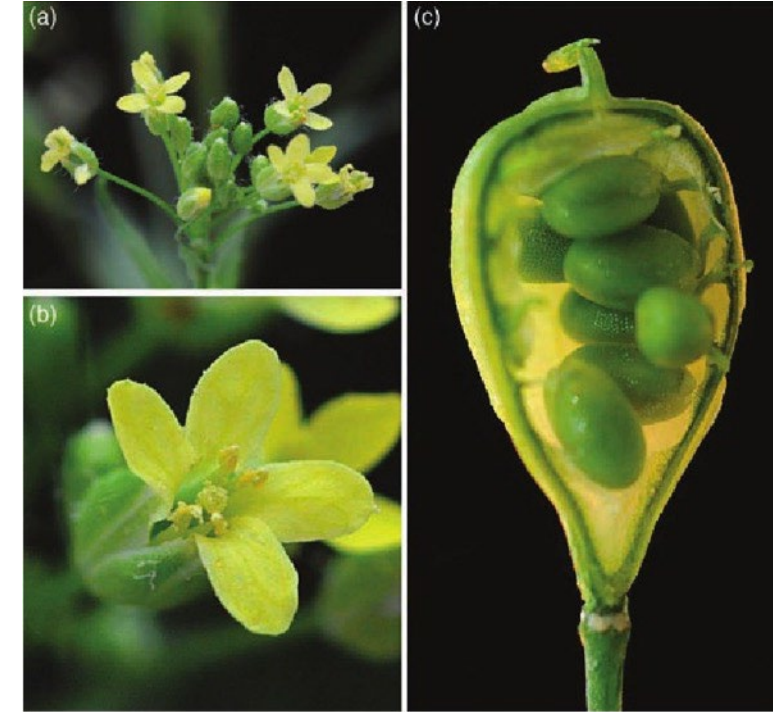
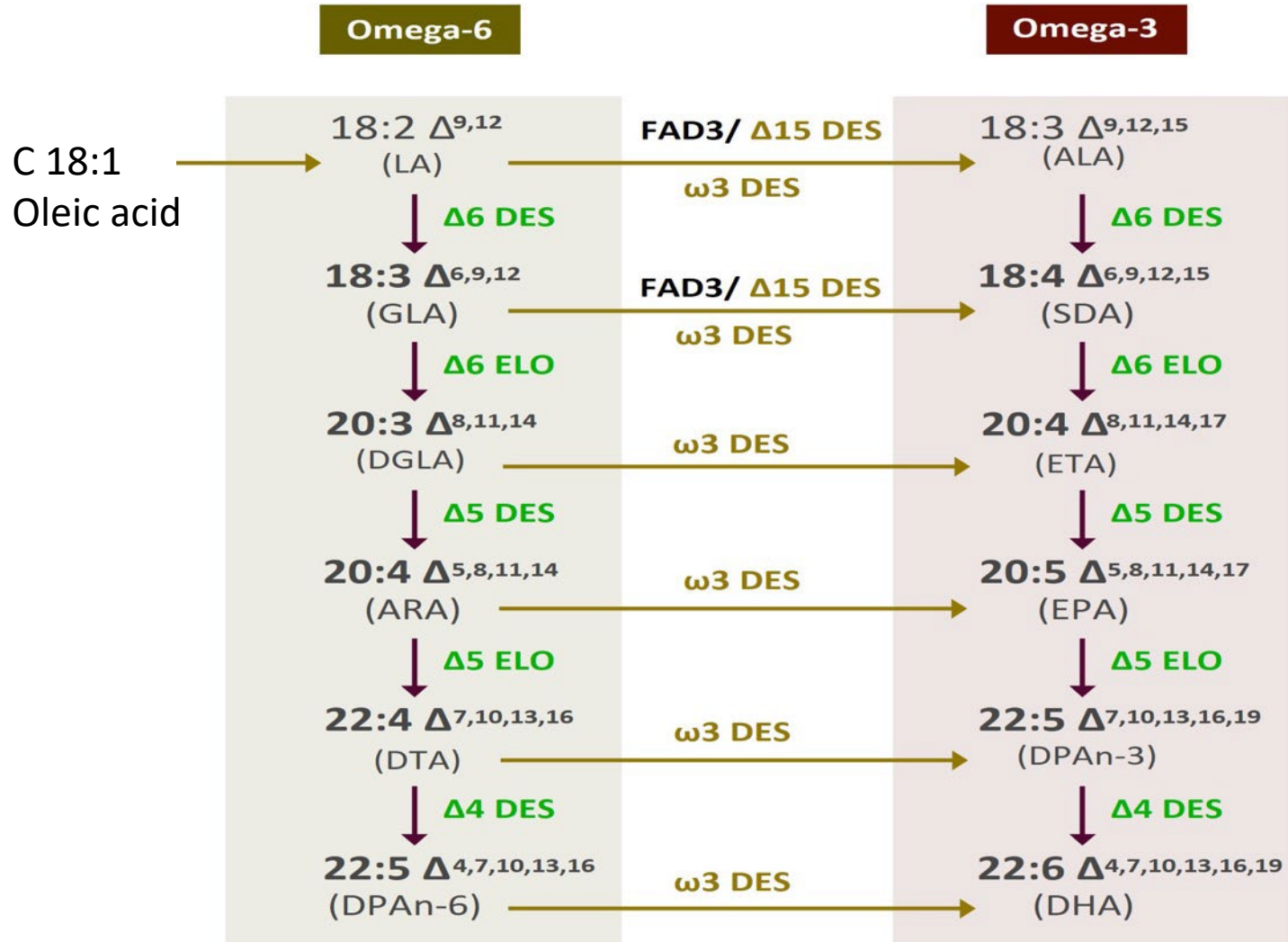
# High value long-chain Omega-3 oils in Canola: Aquaterra



Source: Napier and Betancor (2023).



# High value long-chain Omega-3 oils in Camelina



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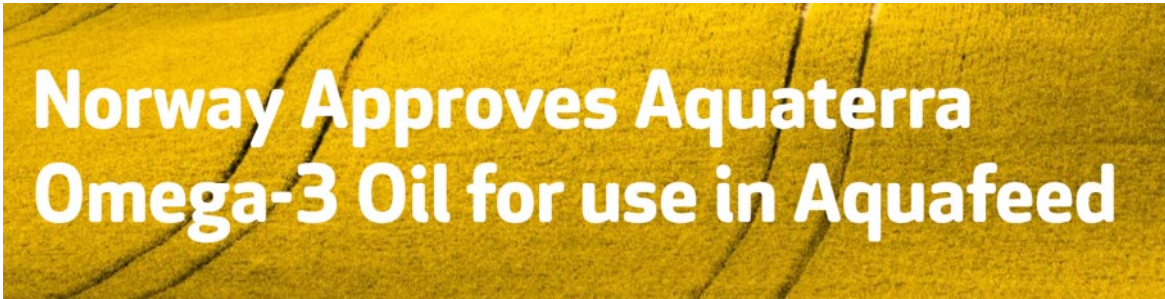
Source: Using field evaluation and systematic iteration to rationalize the accumulation of omega-3 long-chain polyunsaturated fatty acids in transgenic *Camelina sativa*

# Critical Approvals for plant-based long-chain Omega-3 oils



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3 July 2023, at 8:00am

## Aquaterra omega-3 oil approved for use in aquafeed



Announcement

**The Norwegian Food Safety Authority approves Aquaterra® rapeseed oil from genetically modified rapeseed for use in fish feed**

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The Nutriterra logo consists of a circular arrangement of blue and green dots of varying sizes, forming a partial ring.

**Nutriterra - The world's first plant-based source of total omega-3 nutrition, including DHA+EPA and ALA.**

# Fulfilling Rudolf Diesel's vision



## INCREASES CARBON SAVINGS

- 1 Removes atmospheric carbon and restores it to regenerate soil health
- 2 Reduces carbon loss
- 3 Reduces emissions, drop-in replacement for fossil oils

## REWARDS SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

- 4 Low tillage, low nitrogen, low inputs
- 5 Prevents erosion
- 6 Increases crop diversity (bee habitat, disease prevention, weed suppression)
- 7 Protects water, natural areas and no indirect land use change

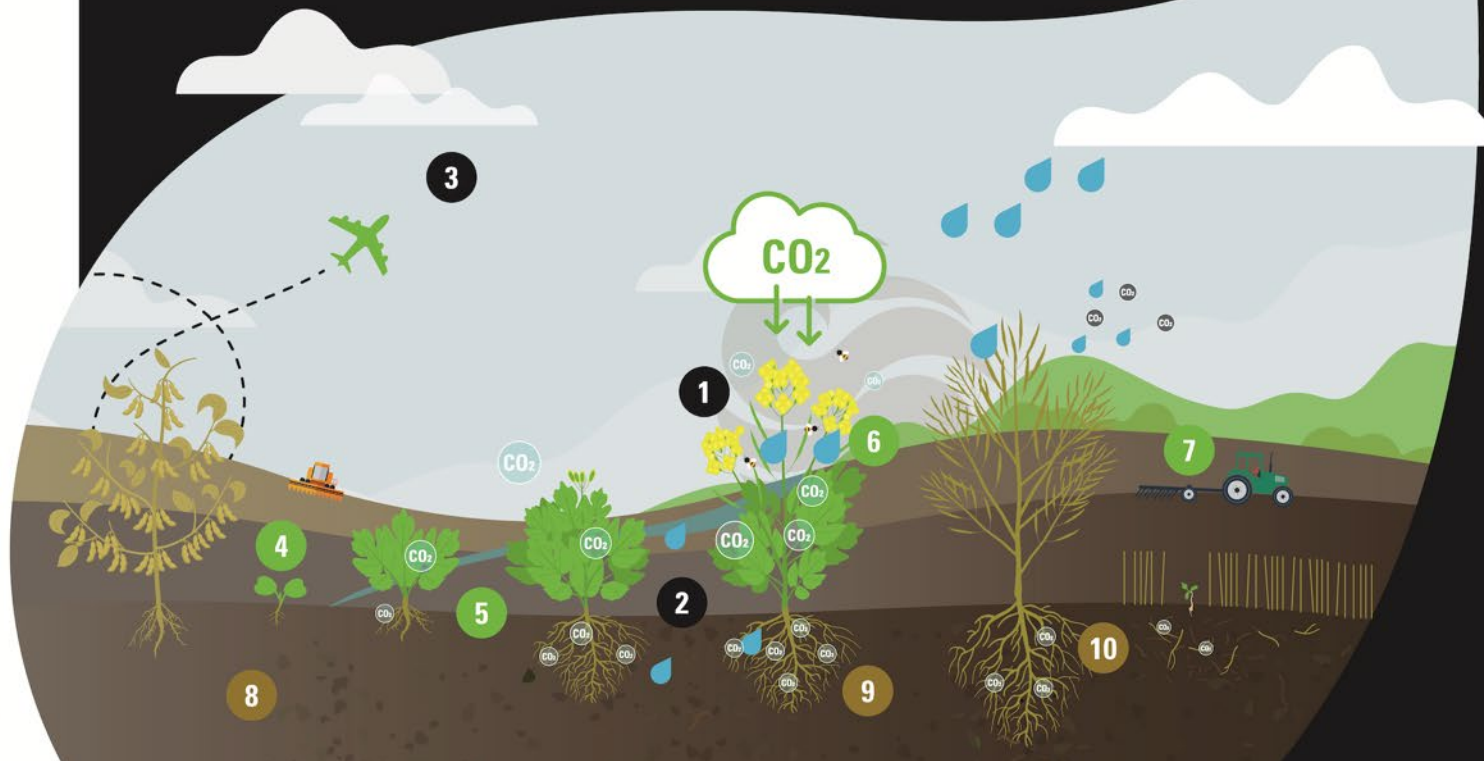
## REGENERATES SOIL

- 8 Incentives for natural fertilizer soil benefits
- 9 Decompaction, increases moisture and nutrient retention
- 10 Increases above and below ground biomass

## CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION

Nuseed Carinata is an oilseed cover crop, contract grown between main crop rotations, harvested then crushed for non-food, certified sustainable, lower carbon oil feedstock.

The independently certified, non-food oil is a traceable drop-in replacement to fossil oils that enables companies to both transition now and demonstrate maximized carbon reduction, sustainability and corporate accountability.



# Benefits of renewable biofuels from *Brassica carinata*



There's over  
**170 MILLION HECTARES\***  
that can benefit  
from cover crops



By planting only  
**1.5%** of those  
hectares to  
Nuseed Carinata


**Without displacing primary  
food crops or requiring  
additional farmland**

We could grow feedstock for  
**1 BILLION GALLONS**  
sustainable aviation fuel (SAF)  
annually from 2030\*\*



The illustration shows a green fuel pump nozzle on the left, connected to a green hose. To the right, a white commercial airplane is shown in profile, flying over a green circular background.

And  
**REMOVE**  
**8 MILLION MT CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**PER YEAR\*\*\***



The illustration depicts a green plant with a long stem and leaves. Below the ground line, the root system is shown. Several dark grey circles containing the text "CO<sub>2</sub>" are positioned around the roots, with lines indicating the absorption of carbon dioxide from the soil.

Innovation in Brassicaceae is protecting soil while providing sustainable biofuels



**Using Pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense*) as a cover crop and biofuel source:**  
**CoverCress Inc**



**Using Camelina sativa as a cover crop and biofuel source:**  
**Yield10 Inc**  
**Global Clean Energy Holdings**



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## The Innovative Oilseed continues to innovate....



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