

Our History

Discover the rich history and heritage of Corteva Agriscience

Making Indianapolis home Corteva

Indianapolis is named as the new Corteva headquarters, bringing the heart of the company closer to its operations, technology, and customers.

Diversity recognition Corteva

Corteva Agriscience Named to *Forbes* Best Employers for Diversity 2022 List.

Enlist registered Corteva

Corteva Announces U.S. EPA Registration of Enlist One® and Enlist Duo® Herbicides through 2029.

Commitment to ID&E Corteva

Corteva Advances Commitment to Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, Sets Five-Year Diversity Targets.

Biologicals

Corteva cements its position as a global leader in the rapidly expanding Biologicals market with the acquisitions of Symborg and Stoller.

Growing investments in seeds

Corteva Agriscience Invests in Africa Middle East Seed Treatment Capability.

Seed applied technology center

Corteva Agriscience Opens Its First Seed Applied Technology Center in Europe
Corteva Seed Applied Technology Center Europe CSAT.

New leadership

Chuck Magro appointed CEO.

PhytoGen acquired

Corteva

Corteva Agriscience Acquires Full Ownership of PhytoGen Seed Company, LLC Joint Venture.

A standalone company

Corteva

Corteva Agriscience spins from DowDuPont, becoming a standalone company June 1, 2019.

Corteva Agriscience

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Corteva Agriscience, agriculture division of DowDuPont, brand unveiled.

Danisco acquired

DuPont

DuPont acquires Danisco, a world-leading company in nutrition and health and industrial biosciences.

Investing in Pioneer

DuPont

DuPont becomes 100 percent owner of Pioneer.

Corteva

Eschbach R&D center

Construction of Integrated R&D Center Begins in Eschbach, Germany.

Corteva

Inatreq™ Active

Corteva Agriscience Launches Inatreq™ Active in Cereals in Europe.

Corteva

Brevant® seed brand debuts in U.S.

Corteva announces the launch of Brevant® seeds — high-performance corn and soybean genetics, technology, and traits.

DowDuPont

Merger of equals

Dow and DuPont announce a definitive agreement under which the companies will merge, then subsequently spin off into three independent companies.

DuPont

Pioneer enters China

Pioneer enters into a joint venture to market seed corn in China.

Genomics in Corn

Pioneer

Pioneer is the first to start a genomics effort in corn.

#1 in soybeans

Pioneer

Pioneer becomes the number one brand of soybeans in North America.

Charles J. Pedersen

DuPont

Charles J. Pedersen, wins the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his work with DuPont in describing the methods of synthesizing crown ethers.

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Dow launches new insecticide

Dow

Dow launches Lorsban® insecticide, now one of the most widely used insecticides in the world.

Lannate®

DuPont

DuPont introduces Lannate methomyl insecticide, which goes on to become one of its most successful crop protection products.

Dow

Dow AgroSciences

Dow acquires 100 percent ownership of DowElanco and renames it Dow AgroSciences.

DuPont Dow

DuPont Dow Elastomers

DuPont Dow Elastomers opens for business in 1996 as a joint venture between DuPont and The Dow Chemical Company.

DowElanco

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Dow and Eli Lilly form DowElanco, a joint venture to produce agricultural products.

DuPont

Conoco

DuPont buys petroleum manufacturer Conoco, Inc. At the time, the largest merger in corporate history.

Pioneer

Changes at Pioneer

The company changes its name to Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., and establishes a separate overseas subsidiary.

Kevlar® discovered

DuPont

Stephanie L. Kwolek develops the first liquid crystal polymer, which provides the basis for Kevlar® brand fiber.

Lycra®

DuPont

Lycra brand elastane fiber caps two decades of research to produce a good synthetic elastomeric fiber.
Lycra is a registered trademark of Invista.

Pioneer® hits a million

Pioneer

Annual sales of Pioneer brand seed corn in North America pass the million-unit mark.

Canadian Expansion

Dow

Dow's first expansion begins with Dow Chemical Canada, Ltd.

Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company

Pioneer

The company changes its name to Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company.

Dow

Ziploc®

Dow begins test-marketing Ziploc® bags. ZIPLOC is a trademark of S. C. Johnson & Son.

Dow

Billion-dollar milestone

Dow annual sales exceed \$1 billion.

Dow

Saran Wrap®

Dow introduces Saran Wrap for household use.

Saran Wrap and logo are trademarks of S.C. Johnson & Son Inc.

Pioneer

Pioneer Hi-Bred Canada

Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company of Canada is founded.

Pioneer

US Vice President

Pioneer's Henry Wallace is elected US Vice President under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Chemical expansion

DuPont

DuPont purchases the Grasselli Chemical Company. Grasselli was a long-time manufacturer of inorganic and organic insecticides.

Dow's first agricultural product

Dow

Dow produces its first agriculture product at a time when the value of US farms had soared to \$30 billion

E.I. du Pont

DuPont

With his first powder mill, E.I. du Pont establishes the iconic company that bears his name, on the banks of the Brandywine River

Dow

Dow's first female researcher

Dow hires its first woman researcher, Sylvia Stoesser. Five of her patents helped unlock the secrets to treating oil wells.

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Hi-Bred Co.

The start of Hi-Bred Corn Company

Founder Henry A. Wallace incorporates the Hi-Bred Corn Company, ushering in a new era of farmer acceptance of hybrid corn

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Dow

The Dow Chemical Company is founded

Electrochemical pioneer and unsinkable optimist, H.H. "Crazy Dow" Dow, founds Dow Chemical Company, a one-product start-up that would rewrite history.

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