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## BASF Podcast: Plant Health - Fit with Fungicides

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In this podcast you will learn how innovative fungicides from BASF help to improve plant health.

In the agricultural industry plant diseases such as fungal attacks can seriously damage the production of foodstuffs. And according to estimates, more than 40% of the crop yields that are theoretically achievable are lost because of threats such as plant diseases, bacteria and viruses, as well as from environmental impacts like drought. This is the motivation that drives the researchers at BASF to develop new approaches and solutions to combat these problems. The means they employ against these fungal attacks are the so-called fungicides.

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