

Eric Tedford, PhD

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Eric Tedford, PhD, joined Summit Agro in mid-2020 to drive the R&D programs for fungicides, insecticides, herbicides, and biologicals, as well as product technical support and development, product labels and evaluating new product opportunities.

Dr. Tedford is focused this year on launching REGEV® HBX, a new hybrid fungicide containing tea tree oil and difenoconazole formulated and priced for use on soybean, rice and pecan crops. He also helped launch REGEV®, a similar product designed for high-value specialty crops, including fruits, vegetables, and sugar beets.

“I’m excited about REGEV HBX as it delivers disease control stemming from eight powerful mechanisms of activity against both fungal and bacterial pathogens with preventive and curative control,” Dr. Tedford said. “REGEV and REGEV HBX provide growers a unique set of protective mechanisms to protect and enhance the health and yield of their crops.”

He spent much of his career in a wide range of global and domestic R&D, commercial development, and technical training positions with Syngenta (and Zeneca), with a heavy focus on novel fungicides including commercialization of post-harvest fungicides.

Dr. Tedford earned his BS in plant pathology at the University of Massachusetts, his MS in plant pathology at Clemson University and his PhD in plant pathology at the University of California, Davis. In addition to his academic achievements, Dr. Tedford served as a teaching assistant at Clemson, UC Davis, and the University of Kentucky. He has authored numerous publications, technical bulletins, book chapters, and technical product sales materials.

“Summit Agro is a great fit for what I want to accomplish at this point of my career,

Dr. Tedford said, “Within a smaller organization, we all can roll up our sleeves and make remarkable gains. REGEV HBX is but one example.”

Eric and his wife, Paula, live in Greensboro, NC. He enjoys walking, tennis, golf and fishing.