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PROMOTING VALUE-ADDED MARKETING AS A MEANS TO SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NEW-GENERATION COOPERATIVES: PREPARATION MEETS OPPORTUNITY

Rodney Christianson CEO South Dakota Soybean Processors

Begin With the End in Mind

Rodney Christianson, CEO South Dakota Soybean Processor



South Dakota Soybean Processors Mission Statement

South Dakota Soybean Processors is a value added cooperative of agricultural producers with emphasis on adding value to soybeans. Our goal is to be financially strong and make a maximum value added payment to our members while maintaining growth and stock value. SDSP will maintain a competitive position in the market place by providing quality products to our customers with highly efficient and cost effective processes.

South Dakota Soybean Processors will ensure success through teams of dedicated and competent directors and associates. We will seek to meet the needs of our members in a friendly and professional manner, and to listen to suggestions from members, associates, and customers.

South Dakota Soybean Processors Mission Statement

added payment stock value. financially strong

maximum value maintaining growth and

"END IN MIND"

"The End In Mind"

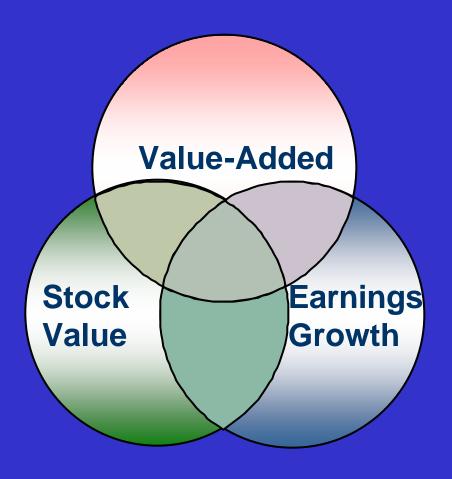
Value-Added

PROCESSED - 112 million
PROFIT - \$25.1 million
DIVIDEND - \$15.5 million

Financially Strong

EQUITY INC. - \$ 10 million

- Earnings Growth
 REINVESTED \$11 million
- Stock Value DOUBLED



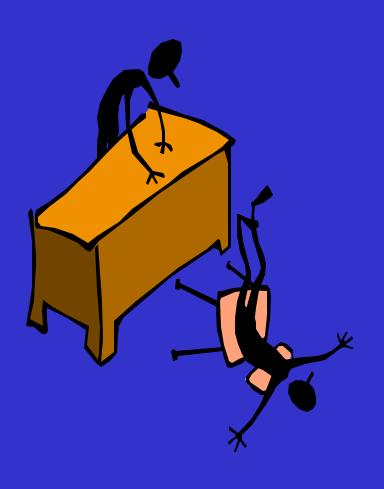


SDSP HAS BEEN LUCKY!



LUCK OCCURS WHEN PREPARATION MEETS OPPURTUNITY

SUCCESS vs. FAILURE



VISION
or
EXECUTION

Why CEOs FAIL

Fortune June 1999

SUCCESS vs. FAILURE



IBM - AT&T - BP - UBS

Kodak - American Express - McDonalds

Delta - Continental - Kmart - Philip Morris

Compaq - Digital - Sunbeam - Westinghouse

Quaker Oats- Rubbermaid - Waste Management Why CEO's Fail Fortune June 1999





EXECUTION

Why CEOs Fail

Fortune June 1999

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

- BASIC BELIEFS
- COMMUNICATIONS
- ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE
 - >OK TO HAVE PROBLEMS
- SOLVE AT BASIC CAUSE

BASIC BELIEFS.....

Establish Guidelines

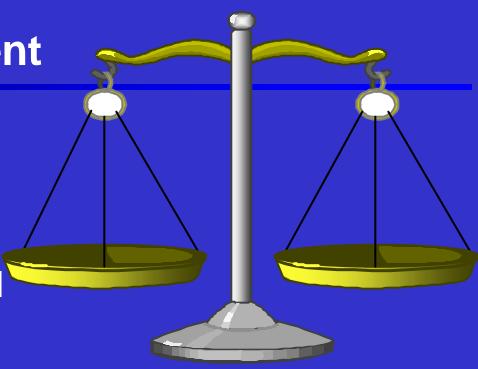
Financially Strong
Solid Equity Position

Value Added Payment

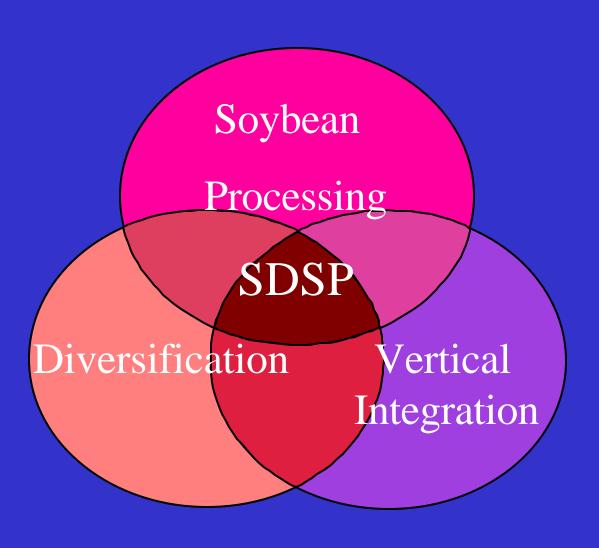
70% SDSP Cash 7 Yr Retirement

Growth
Investment - 4 years

75% of Funds Inv. ROI



BOTTOM LINE: Profit Driven!

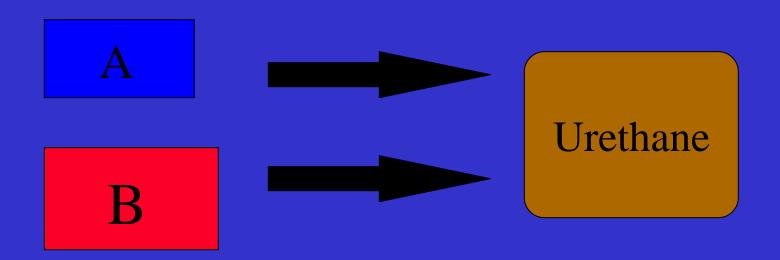


5 Year Vision...

- Soybean Crushing Facility = 100,000 bu./day
- 60% of Revenues from Value-Added Streams
- Drive to Vertically Integrate toward the End Consumer
- Willingness to develop win-win relationships with other producer groups in our industry
- IP/Producers have a major strategic advantage vs.. privates (earnings at the farm gate)
- Little effort to seek out Diversification



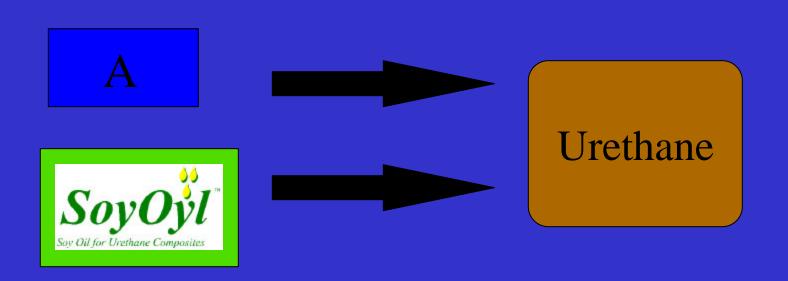
Polyurethanes 101



A - ISO

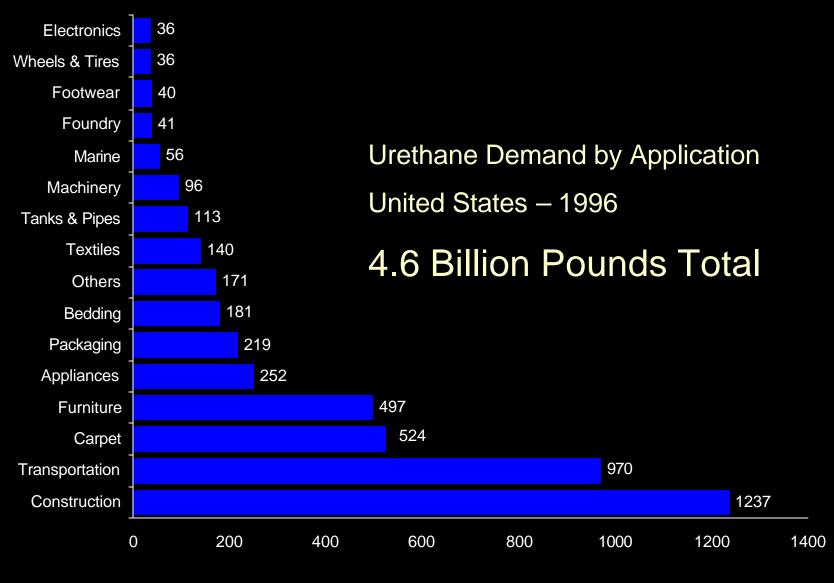
B - Petroleum Based Polyol

Polyurethanes 101



A - ISO
B - Petrolcum Based Polyol

Industries



Millions of Pounds

What We Do

USSC **SDSP Patented Technology Research & Developmen Marketing & Sales Technical Support Crude Oil Supply Polyol Processing Distribution**

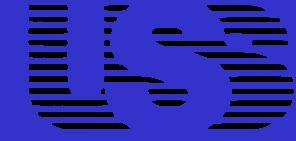
SDSP/SoyOylTM

February 2000: SDSP Patent Application

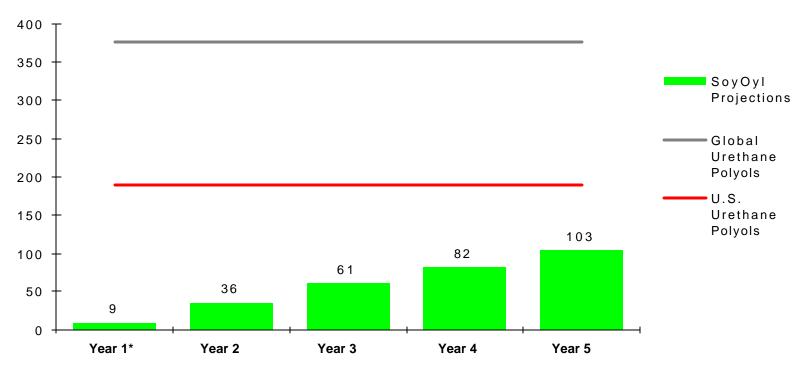
- Process Advantages
 - 80 to 90% Energy Reduction
 - Product Shrink Eliminated
 - Variable Operating Cost Reduced 70 to 80%



Are We "On Track"?



Estimated Soybean Crop Demands Millions of Bushels





Win - Win Together Returning Value

- Farmers Working Together
 MnSP & SDSP
 - Common Goals
 - Increasing Profits
 - Larger Foundation for Growth
 - Entrepreneurial Spirit

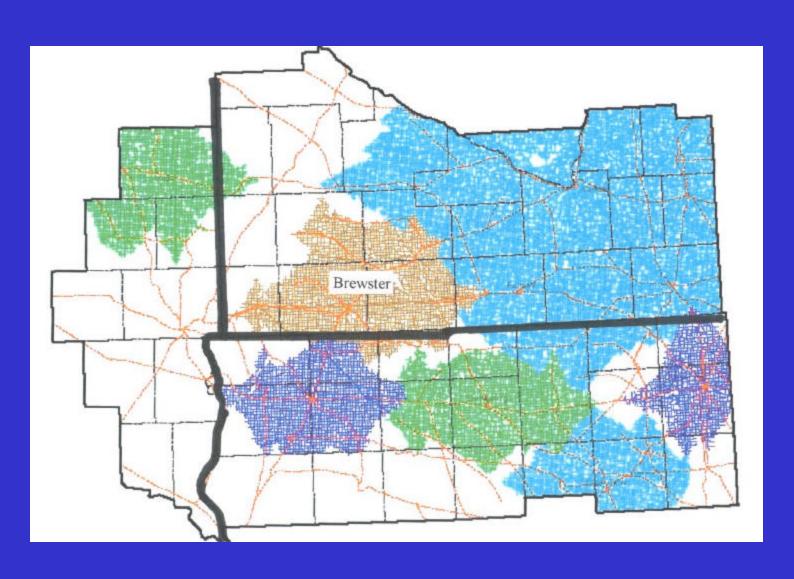


Financial Returns

- Crush Margin (Product Sales Soybean Price)
 - CBOT Board Margin (20 yrs)
 - Basis (beans, meal, oil)
 - Yields & Quality
- Operation Expense
- Marketing/Administration
 - \$500,000 Annual Savings for MnSP



Soybean Supply





WIN-WIN Together Returning Value

- Construction Management
- Management/Marketing
- SDSP Will invest in MnSP



The Project - Investment

19.5

8.6

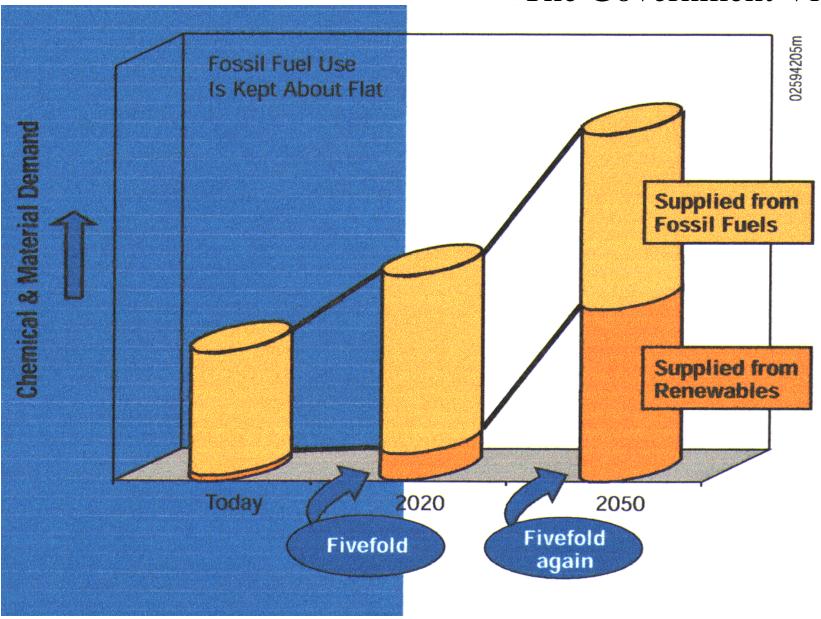
| | Million \$ | |
|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Grain Receiving & Storage | 6.6 | |
| Meal Storage / Loading | 5.2 | |
| Oil Storage / Loading | 1.4 | |
| The Process | | |
| Equipment | 13.6 | |

Total Investment \$54.9

Buildings/Installation

All Other Inc. Contingency

The Government Vision



Source: Crop-based Renewable Resources 2020

LEADERSHIP

WHEN THE HEAT'S ON

by Danny Cox

Spirit of Adventure
Desire for Personal Growth
Sense of Purpose

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The four all important words:

Dream

Study

Plan (your time & life)

Action

"We have moved from a world where the big eat the small to a world where the fast eat the slow."

-Dr. Carroll Brunthaver



