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## **The Problem?**



#### Take a Bountiful Resource



# **Apply Technology**



#### **Produce Bio-Res Products**





#### **Bio-Res PLA**

#### **Bio-Res Powder**

#### Light Weighting in Thermosets





#### **Bio-Res Pellets Injection Molding**



#### A plastic Pot



## Or Not?



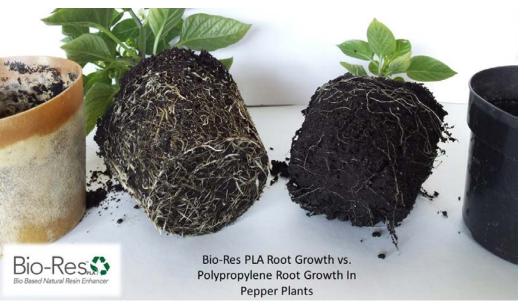
## **Discovering Value**





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## Standards





#### COMPOSTABLE IN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

Check locally, as these do not exist in many communities. Not suitable for backyard composting. CERT # 10528558

# Value Add In Plant Pots

- Compostable
- >Target is Soil Degradable
- >Nutrient Effect
- Root Growth Effect
  - Less Root Wrap
- Renewable, plant based content
- Shorter Greenhouse Cycle Time
- »Better Transplant Survival
- Less returns

## What We Have Done

- Invented a Technology
- Developed a Process
- Tested and Scaled Up
- Secured Feedstock
- Designed and Built a Plant
- Quality Assurance/Consistency
- Developed Relationships
- Understand what Customers Want.

#### Business and Industrial Guaranteed Loan

- VSDA Rural Development
  - Lengthy, Difficult Process
  - High Value to Launch of Project
- Security Bank, Laurel Nebraska
  - Huge Value in Local Partnership

#### USDA Biobased Certification and Label

- Qualification Process
- Value to Market
  - Limited recognition and value in non governmental marketplace.
- Applicability to Bio-Res Products
  - Bio-Res Products are components of finished good.
  - Would like to see change:
    - If all components that go into final manufactured part are qualified products than final product is qualified.



# **USDA BioPreferred Program**



# **Bio Fuels**

- We strongly support ethanol
- Ethanol industry will continue to improve efficiency
- It is estimated that each pound of traditional plastics we replace with Bio-Res products saves 1/3 of a gallon of oil.
- Conversion of cellulose from distillers grain to Bio-Res may be a better energy trade off than conversion of this cellulose to ethanol.

# Policy in the Marketplace

- How do we understand policy
- How do we influence Policy
- How do we share information across groups
- Lack of policy that drive bioplastics in the commercial market



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