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- Benson Hill has a limited operating history, which makes it difficult to evaluate its current business and prospects and may increase the risk of investment.
- Benson Hill faces significant competition and many of its competitors have substantially greater financial, technical and other resources than Benson Hill does.
- Benson Hill's business activities are currently conducted at a limited number of locations, which
 makes us susceptible to damage or business disruptions caused by natural disasters or acts of
 vandalism.
- To compete effectively, Benson Hill must introduce new products that achieve market acceptance.
- Any collaboration arrangements that Benson Hill may enter in the future may not be successful, which could adversely affect Benson Hill's ability to develop and commercialize its product candidates.
- If Benson Hill's early testing of pipeline products is unsuccessful, it may be unable to complete the development of product candidates on a timely basis or at all.
- The successful commercialization of Benson Hill's products depends on its ability to produce highquality products cost-effectively on a large scale and to accurately forecast demand for its products, and Benson Hill may be unable to do so.
- If Benson Hill fails to manage future growth effectively, its business could be materially adversely
 affected.
- The successful commercialization of Benson Hill's products may face challenges from public perceptions of gene-edited products and ethical, legal, environmental, health and social concerns.
- If Benson Hill's products become adulterated, misbranded, or mislabeled, it might need to recall
 those items and may experience product liability claims if consumers or animals are injured.
- Products that Benson Hill develops, and food containing its products, may fail to meet standards established by third-party non-GMO verification organizations, which could reduce the value of Benson Hill's products to customers.
- If we are sued for defective products and if such lawsuits were determined adversely, we could be subject to substantial damages, for which insurance coverage is not available.

- Benson Hill has identified a material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting. If Benson Hill
 is unable to remediate the material weakness, or if Benson Hill identifies additional material weaknesses in
 the future or otherwise fails to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, this
 may result in material misstatements or restatements of Benson Hill's consolidated financial statements or
 cause Benson Hill to fail to meet its periodic reporting obligations.
- Benson Hill may need to raise additional funding to achieve its goals, and a failure to obtain this necessary
 capital when needed on acceptable terms, or at all, may force us to delay, limit, reduce or terminate
 product development efforts or other operations.
- Benson Hill depends on key management personnel and attracting, training and retaining other qualified
 personnel, and its business could be harmed if Benson Hill loses key management personnel or cannot
 attract, train and retain other qualified personnel.
- Benson Hill's management has limited experience in operating a public company.
- Benson Hill will incur increased costs as a result of operating as a public company, and its management will devote substantial time to new compliance initiatives.
- Benson Hill relies on information technology systems and any inadequacy, failure, interruption or security breaches of those systems may harm its ability to effectively operate its business.
- The estimates and assumptions on which Benson Hill's financial projections are based may prove to be inaccurate, which may cause Benson Hill's actual results to materially differ from such projections, and which may adversely affect Benson Hill's future profitability, cash flows and the market price of Benson Hill's common stock.
- · Future acquisitions or investments could disrupt Benson Hill's business and harm its financial condition.
- Adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, crop disease, pests and other natural conditions can impose significant costs and losses on Benson Hill's business.
- the commercialization of its products, which may have an adverse effect on Benson Hill's results of operations and financial condition.
- Benson Hill relies upon information technology systems and any inadequacy, failure, interruption, or security breaches of those systems may harm its ability to effectively operate its business.
- Benson Hill depends on key management personnel and attracting, training and retaining other qualified personnel.
- Benson Hill management has limited experience operating a public company.

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TRANSFORMING OUR FOOD SYSTEM



Star Peak II has Identified Benson Hill as the Leading Food Technology Platform Driving the Plant-Based Revolution

The Business

- · Consumer-centric approach driving crop innovation to improve food by unlocking the natural genetic diversity of plants
- Leading platform that integrates data science with plant genomics and food science
- Near term focus on supplying plant-based ingredients

Offering Size

- Star Peak Corp. II (NYSE: STPC) is a special purpose acquisition company with ~\$403 million of cash in trust
- PIPE size of \$225 million

Valuation

- Pro forma enterprise value of ~\$1.35 billion
- Attractively valued entry multiple

Capital **Structure**

- Benson Hill shareholders rolling 100% of their equity
- ~\$625 million gross proceeds (assuming no redemptions) retained to fully finance forecasted growth

Benson Hill Investors Include



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Matt Crisp President & CEO



Natalie DiNicola. Chief of Staff



Mike C. Morgan Chairman



DeAnn Brunts CFO



Adam Javan Chief Strategy Officer



Jason Bull CTO



Anthony Kingsley Director, Impact & ESG



Eric Scheyer





Star Peak's Extensive Due Diligence Process Validates Benson Hill as an Exceptional Investment Opportunity

- Star Peak engaged on an exclusive basis to complete a detailed due diligence process
- Diligence process included review by leading industry advisors and consultants
- Star Peak conducted interviews with numerous customers and partners, validating Benson Hill's market leading position

 Star Peak conducted onsite due diligence at Benson Hill's St. Louis headquarters and a soybean crush facility in southern Indiana

Due Diligence Summary





Former
Agricultural
Industry
Executives

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Full Scope Diligence and Market Landscape

Technology Infrastructure for CropOS®

Global Plant Protein Market and Facility Diligence Environmental, Legal & Corporate

Separate Calls with Customers, Partners and Board Members

Current Food System Must Evolve to Improve Human Health and the Planet



HUMAN HEALTH IMPACT



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



CONSUMERS WANT CHANGE

Amount Americans spend annually on food⁽¹⁾

\$1.7tn \$1.7tn+ 27%

Annual economic cost of diet-related illness in America (2)

of total GHG emissions are caused by agriculture⁽³⁾

GtCO2e

of GHG emissions caused by cattle and dairy, equivalent to U.S. emissions(3)

of consumers are open to changing their eating habits that harm the environment⁽⁴⁾

of Americans actively trying to incorporate more plant based foods into diet⁽⁵⁾

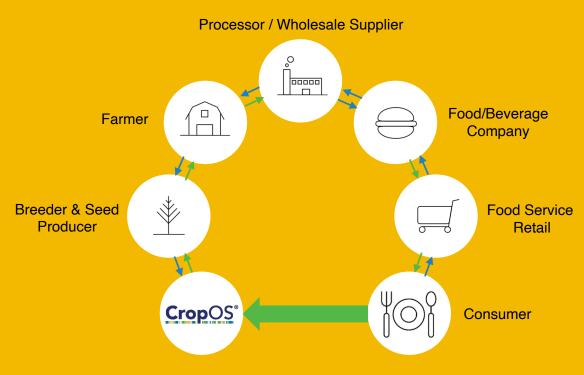
Unlocking the Full Potential of the Plant-Based Revolution Requires...

...A Better Seed...



Seed innovation enables more healthy, sustainable, great tasting food and ingredient options

...and an Integrated Solution



Benson Hill's model spans the value chain, linking consumer trends back to the seed, the foundation of the food system



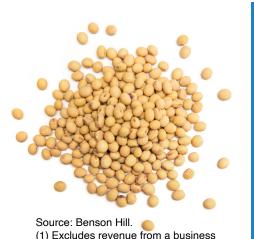
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An Innovative Food Technology Company

Building a Modern Food Company with a Consumer-Centric Approach Across the Food System

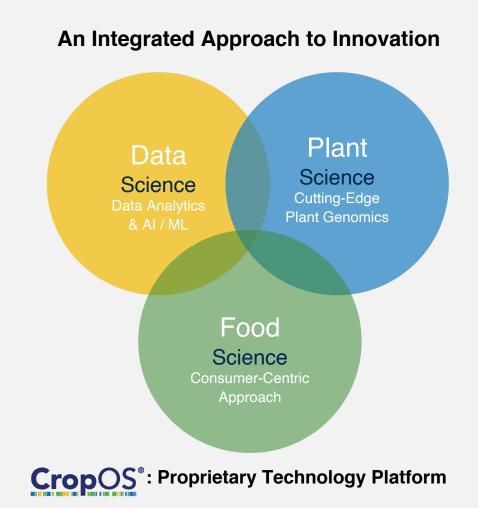






divested in 2020.









A Food Technology Leader Supplying the 'Picks and Shovels' of the Plant-Based Revolution

Significant and Growing Addressable Market

- \$140bn near-term TAM opportunity in plant-based meat segment⁽¹⁾
- ~70% increase in global demand for food expected by 2050⁽²⁾
- \$5tn opportunity⁽³⁾ across the full AgriFood industry via CropOS[®] platform

Unique and Proprietary Innovation Engine: CropOS®

- Unmatched data library
- · Predictive design capabilities
- · Increases speed to market
- Ability to reduce initial development costs by up to 90%

Capitalized for Growth

- ~\$625mm gross proceeds ready to deploy to capitalize on market opportunity⁽⁴⁾
- Transaction fully finances forecasted growth plan

Rapidly Growing Revenue at Commercial Inflection

- \$102mm of revenue in 2020⁽⁵⁾
- ~46% projected revenue CAGR from 2020 to 2027, driven primarily by growth in existing products⁽⁵⁾
- ~48% anticipated gross margin by 2027

Benson Hill is a pure play ESG investment opportunity



















Our Robust Pipeline of Products Targeting Large and Rapidly Expanding Markets

Description

Product	
Human Food Protein	

Human Food Protein Ingredient (2)

Next-Generation Protein Ingredient Product

Premium Yellow Pea Protein Concentrate

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		Commercial ⁽¹⁾	
Textured plant protein	Low cost, sustainable	2021/2022	Plant-Based Foods
Textured plant protein (80%+ protein)	Low cost, sustainable	Medium Term	Plant-Based Foods
Great tasting, high protein yellow pea	Cleaner label, sustainable	Medium Term	Plant-Based Foods

Value Proposition

Producing/

Market

Target	Customer	Base
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Vegetables/ Vegetable Oil

Plant-Based



Vegetable Oil Product

Healthy Vegetables

_TM	High protein soy meal	Low in anti-nutrients	2021/2022	Animal Feed
y	Soy Protein Concentrate substitute	Low cost, sustainable	2021/2022	Animal Feed
	High heat soy cooking oil	Rich with heart-healthy omega-9 fatty acids ⁽³⁾	2020/2021	Cooking Oil
t	Sustainable vegetable oil with healthy fats	Healthy fats for multiple markets	Medium Term	Confectionary and Plant-Based Foods
	Various fresh vegetables	Flavorful, nutrient dense, extended shelf life	Longer Term	Whole Vegetables

Source: Benson Hill. (1) Commercial equals first full year of sales. (2) For human food derived from Ultra High Protein™ soybeans (3) Supportive but not conclusive scientific evidence suggests that daily consumption of about 1½ tablespoons (20 grams) of oils containing high levels of oleic acid, when replaced for fats and oils higher in saturated fat, may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. To achieve this possible benefit, oleic acid-containing oils should not increase the total number of calories you eat in a day. One serving of high oleic soybean oil provides 10 grams of oleic acid (which is 11 grams of monounsaturated fatty acid).

Recent Highlights and Upcoming Milestones

Recent Successes

- ✓ Ultra-High Protein commercial launch accelerated to 2021/2022
- √ 5 MOUs with top global AgriFood companies
- Strategic collaboration to expand soybean production and grower relationships
- Added industry-leading experience to Board of Directors and hired public-company ready CFO
- √ Expanded Scientific Advisory Board
- ✓ Met / exceeded 2020 budgeted revenue and EBITDA

Expected Near-Term Milestones

- Contracting at / above targeted 2021 acreage, providing visibility into 2022 revenue
- √ Commercial launch of Human Food Protein Ingredient⁽²⁾
- ✓ Introduction of premium soy meal brands for animal feed markets
- √ Launch of Crop Accelerator
- Expansion of integrated business model
- √ Complete new product LCAs⁽¹⁾

Positioned to Capitalize on Massive Growth Opportunity

Gross Proceeds Available for Growth

~\$625mm⁽¹⁾

Balance Sheet Strength

Provides flexibility to attack large and growing markets

Debt on Balance Sheet Working Capital and Supply Chain

Extend leadership position and commercial scale in plant-based ingredients

CropOS® and Product Development

Utilize platform to expand portfolio and invest in additional proprietary data

Geographic Expansion

Expansion into rapidly growing international markets with new and existing partners

Acquisitions and Joint Ventures

Build synergistic channels and partnerships to accelerate growth and profitability

Technology Required to Meet Evolving Consumer Demands



QUALITY HAS BEEN SACRIFICED

CONSUMER DEMAND FUELING MASSIVE MARKET OPPORTUNITY

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION ELIMINATES THE NEED TO COMPROMISE ON QUALITY

Over the last 30 years...



This reduction in protein content is the equivalent of \$60bn+ in plant-based retail value⁽⁷⁾

>50%

CPG category growth driven by sustainably marketed products⁽³⁾

>50%

Consumers willing to reduce meat intake⁽⁴⁾

2x

global protein consumption by 2050⁽⁵⁾ >6x

Growth of clean-label products vs. conventional⁽⁶⁾



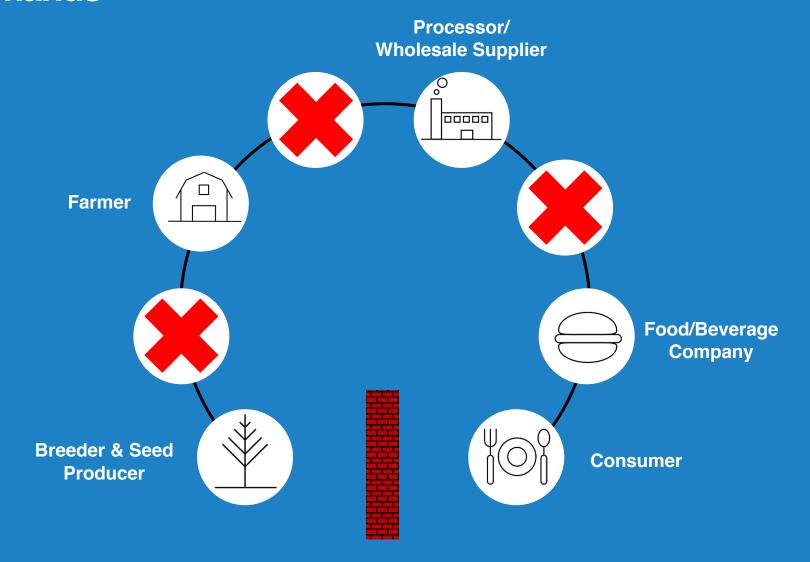
Sequencing

TECHNOLOGICAL CONVERGENCE

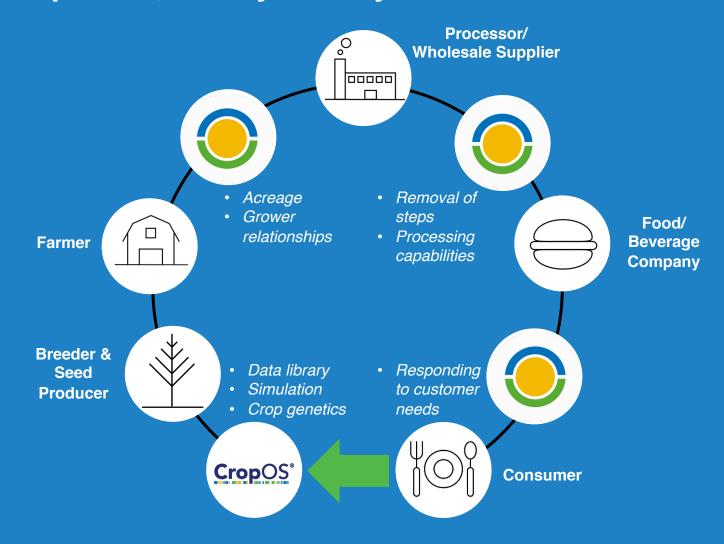


Machine Learning

Existing Food System Not Equipped to Meet Evolving Consumer Demands



We Enable "Better from the Beginning" Through an Integrated Model To Create a More Responsive, Healthy Food System



How We Provide Value to the Supply Chain & Consumers

Benson Hill's Technology Leverages Seeds' Genetic Diversity to:

- Increase Protein Content
- Enhance Flavor Profile
- Reduce Agricultural Resource Intensity

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- Reduce Processing Steps and Costs
- Result in Simpler Ingredient Mix
- Unlock Genetic Diversity



- Fewer Additives
- Less Processing
- More Sustainable
- More Affordable
- Better Nutrient Quality
- Fully Traceable



Source: Benson Hil



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CropOS® Food Innovation Engine

Introduction to CropOS®

Food Innovation Engine Driven by a Robust, Proprietary and Ever-Expanding Data Library

1. DESIGN Technology Platform



- Genomics
- · Artificial intelligence / machine learning
- · Computational pipeline simulation



2. BUILD Crop Prototyping



- Predictive plant breeding
- CRISPR genome editing
- · Automation and robotics

3. TEST Product Development



- Food science & formulation
- · Agronomy & environmental optimization
- · Product placement & optimization

Benson Hill has the ability to shorten product development timeline and decrease development costs

Employs Diverse Approaches to Optimize Product Development

Multiple genomic approaches available to fit different targets and markets

	Predictive Breeding	Genome Editing	GMO/Transgenic
	Leverages AI/ML and natural variation in plants	Leverages AI/ML and natural variation in plants	Draws on diversity not present in plant's genome
Method	Two parent plants are crossed to create new varieties	CRISPR and plant's natural repair machinery create precise changes in DNA	Introduces foreign DNA
Development Risk			
Timeline			
Cost			
Benson Hill's Application	Primary method employed in every instance of new product development	Used in proof-of-concept stage to explore gene function	For select markets, GMO traits which are already deregulated and in-market may be stacked with Benson Hill quality traits
	All current proprietary products are non-GMO Project Verified	Used in some product development to restore plant's natural genetic diversity	

CropOS® Combines Data Across Multiple Domains to Enable Simulation

DIFFERENTIATING DATA LIBRARY DOUBLES IN SIZE EACH YEAR

Of high-performance soy breeding data

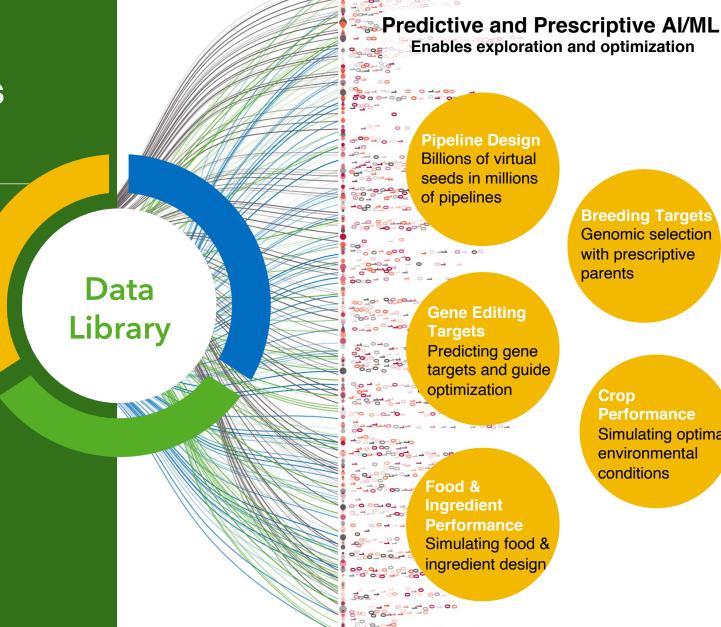
6.5bn+

Environmental observations

Unique genomes across 27 species

120k+ 312bn

SNP variants and 474mm SNP Loci



Breeding Targets Genomic selection with prescriptive parents

> Crop Performance Simulating optimal environmental conditions

CropOS® Data Creates Actionable Insights for Plant Breeding, Genome Editing, and **Product Optimization**

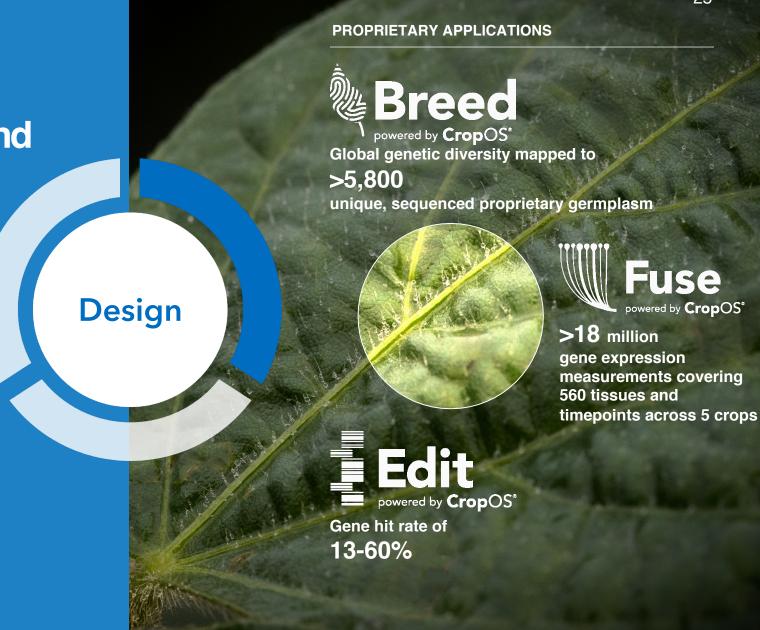
DATA FUSION DATA ANALYTICS

Proprietary Data-Fused to Enable AI/ML

- Genomics
- Environmental
- Phenotypic

Prediction Engine

- Simulation Platform for millions of genomes
- Al-driven predictive product development platform including:
 - Breeding
 - Genome editing
 - Product optimization



Proprietary Gene Editing and Speed Breeding Enable Rapid Prototyping

BENSON HILL HAS DISCOVERED AND VALIDATED A LARGE PROPRIETARY PORTFOLIO OF CRISPR NUCLEASES



CRISPR Nuclease scans genome for target site and makes a precise cut in DNA



DNA reattaches at target site with intended edit, leveraging native genetic code



Build

- of dynamically adaptive Conviron growth chambers
- Precise environmental control
 365 days / year
- World-leading high-throughput phenotyping and automation capabilities

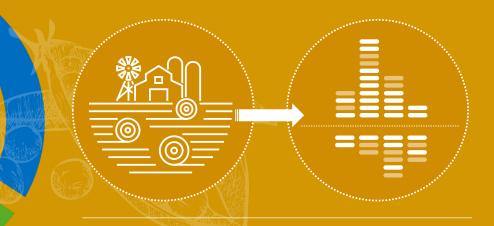
Target to increase annual crop cycles by more than 2x compared to traditional cropping methods

ROBUST PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH FOOTPRINT

Research Production **Test** Production Growing Environments

Environmental and Genetic Models Optimize Field-Specific Product Outcomes

RESULTS IDENTIFY FIELDS WITH PROTEIN LIFT



CropOS® fuses important information from drone and satellite imagery, farmercontributed data, agronomist sampling and batch sampling at processing plant



Intellectual Property Protection in Three Fundamental Areas



Variety Protection

76 granted or pending patents



Gene Trait

81 granted or pending patents



Enabling Technology and Method

30 granted or pending patents

Past Investments Provide a Competitive Lead in Plant Innovation

The commodity food system can take approximately 6-10 years to improve crops with quality attributes and requires:

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Genetic synergy to create the right germplasm

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Breeding at scale to bring new crops to market

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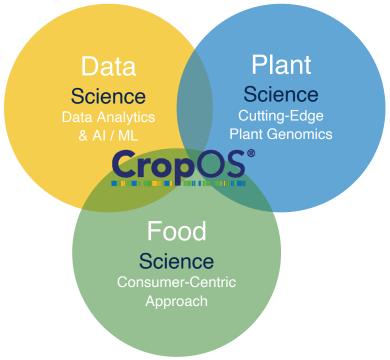
Technology synergy for reliable data to enable breeding

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Different seed business model for quality traits beyond farm gate

It's More Than a Job – It's a Mission

Unlocking the natural genetic diversity of plants is an untapped resource to improve the food system



Headquartered in St. Louis with access to 50% Innovation occurs at the boundaries of intersecting disciplines and skills of US agriculture production within 500 miles





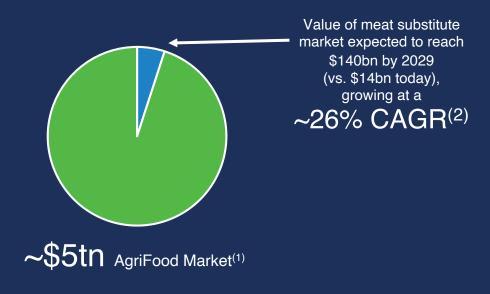
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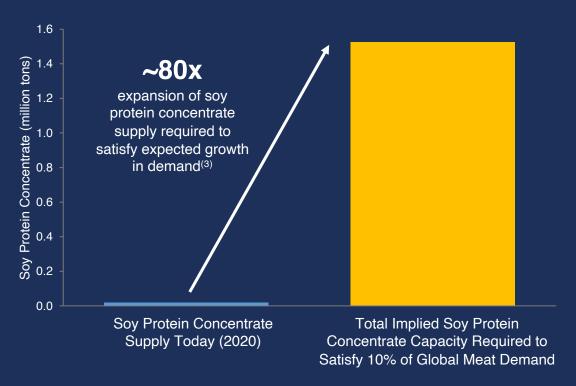
Case Studies and Innovative Go-to-Market Strategy

Demand for Plant-Based Protein Cannot be Met by Existing Food System

DEMAND FOR PLANT-BASED PROTEIN IS GROWING RAPIDLY...

...BUT CAN'T BE SATISFIED USING CURRENT TECHNOLOGY(3)





Soy Protein Concentrate is the #1 protein source used in plant-based meats⁽⁴⁾

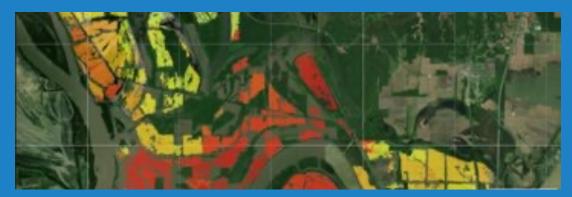
Case Study: Ultra High Protein (UHP) Soybean Ingredient

~6-8 Year Head Start

CropOS® Accelerated Creation of UHP Varieties

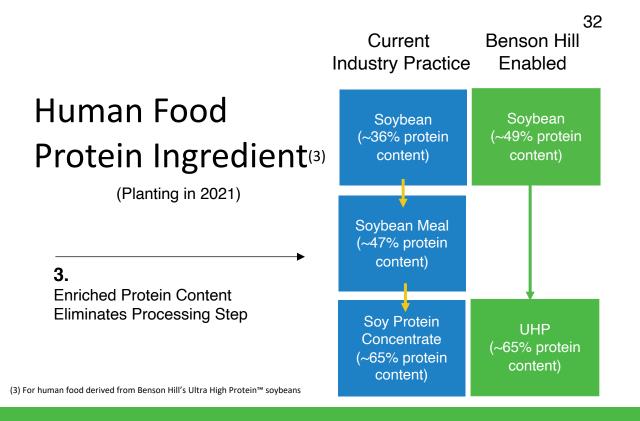
UHP opportunity identified through big data fusion and CropOS®: Phenotypic, Soil Health, Microbiome

CropOS® evaluated 970 data layers, across 20 years of climate data, and in >1.4M fields, to identify the best environments for protein production



Benson Hill's proprietary soybean delivers significantly higher protein content compared to industry standard commodity soybeans

Source: Internal estimates based on Benson Hill LCA on UHP Soybean, Impossible Foods LCA, and Barclay's Global Food Report, 'I Can't Believe It's Not Meat' (2019). (1) Compared to conventional soy protein concentrate. (2) Estimated impact of UHP enabling achievement of forecasted demand for plant-based meats, compared to beef.



>50% Reduction in Production Cost(1)

UHP offers an unconstrained protein ingredient supply for plantbased meat, with the potential to unlock by 2029 an additional...

~173 MMT_{CO2}e offset annually⁽²⁾

~4.7T Liters Water saved annually(2)

Case Study: Yellow Pea (In Development, Medium Term)

~2-3 Year Head Start

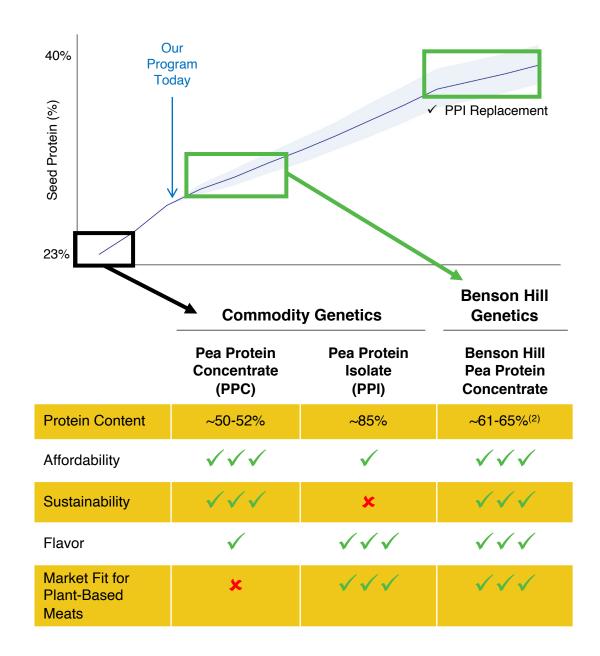
Using CropOS® platform to accelerate innovation in Yellow Pea

1. Genomic data used to understand and optimize diversity of parents and crosses

2. Proprietary data and models identify flavor genes "like a needle in a haystack"

Speed breeding has the potential to shorten product development; high protein outliers selected for advancement

Yellow Pea is the Fastest Growing Protein Source for Plant-Based Meats⁽¹⁾



We Enable "Better from the Beginning" Through an Integrated Model To Create a More Responsive, Healthy Food System



Built Organizational Infrastructure and Leadership Team for Future Scale

- Top-tier talent from across the value chain with 350+ years of AgriFood experience
- Business Unit infrastructure to capitalize on go-tomarket plans
- Independent Board Member experience and leadership
- Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)





Accessing the Most Critical Elements Across The Value Chain

The right people, relationships and infrastructure are enabling an integrated model for efficient execution and commercialization



Source: Benson Hill



Our Playbook for Growth Accelerates Commercialization...

Mature End State

Step 1 Create the Foundation

- Market entry
- Build relationships across the value chain
- Low capital investment

Step 2 Integrated Route to Market

- Prove product concept
- Ensure traceability
- Capital investment and strategic partnerships

Step 3 Broad Adoption

- Maximize benefit of proprietary products on broad acre opportunity through partnerships/licensing approach
- Scale outside proving ground acreage
- Greatest capital efficiency

Proprietary Innovation Engine and Unique Business Model
Can be Replicated to Drive Growth

(Greatest capital efficiency)

...And Drives Accelerated Growth While Mitigating Scale-up Risk

Step 3 Step 1 Step 2 **Create the Foundation Integrated Route to Market Broad Adoption BENSON®HILL** Seed **BENSON®HILL Position** Breeder/ BENSON 9 HILL (1) **BENSON®HILL Seed Producer Farmer** Chain Processor/ BENSON® HILL(1) **BENSON®HILL BENSON®HILL Wholesale Supplier** Value Food/Beverage Company and Food Service/Retail Provide seed and purchase agreement to Provide the seed, keep portion of upside **Description** Value-add service Commercial farmer, sell final product to commodity products Model **Revenue Source** Product sold to customer Product(s) sold to customer Net % of product upside Purchase from farmers COGS Purchase of product prior to value-add De minimis plus processing costs Lowest **Capital Intensity** Medium Low

Our Business Today

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Description

- · Ingredients provider to fast growing end markets
- 10+ year grower relationships
- Human food grade, including non-GMO & Kosher certified options, and animal feed
- ~150,000 acres in 2021 (providing revenue visibility into 2022)

Products

(Proprietary Pipeline*)

 Soybean meal* Soy white flake*

Sov oil*

- · Pea protein concentrate
- Split peas
- Pea flour and fiber

End-Markets

Plant-Based Foods, Cooking Oil, Animal Feed, Pet and Aquaculture

TAM

~\$170bn(1)

















- Fresh vegetable grower-packer-shipper
- Long-standing retail / grocer and food service relationships
- · Established grower network and grower operations that are owned and controlled
- Cucumbers
- Sweet peppers
- Squash
- Other fresh vegetables

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

~\$1.1tn(2)











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Advancing the Food System with Purpose (Environmental, Social and Governance)

ESG is Embedded in Product Impact, Culture and Long-term Value

Benson Hill believes in impacting our community and our environment in a positive manner, advancing our food system with the purpose of enriching the lives of producers and consumers through a strong connection to our stakeholders

Environmental Sustainability

- R&D pipeline innovating for climate resilience
- Accelerating growth of plant-based meat industry
- Potential lower carbon and water use at processing, with our seeds
- Unique vertical integration allows us to better identify and implement regenerative agriculture opportunities

Human Capital & Social Development

- Products that advance nutrition and accessibility
- Enterprise-wide health & safety
- Workforce Diversity, Equity and Inclusion council
- Employee talent development and engagement programs

Good Governance

- Implementing critical best practices for corporate governance
- Board ESG oversight via upcoming Governance, Nominating and Sustainability Committee
- Risk management framework and key policies in place
- Dedicated Head of Sustainability & ESG to drive strategy company-wide

Internal Strategic Framework Creates Focus and Prioritizes Critical ESG Issues within Key Functions





Unlocking Sustainability Benefits at Each Step of the Value Chain



- Optimizing resource use and soil health
- Increasing farm profitability
- Providing more climate resilient and nutritious seeds



Processing Impacts

- Displacing energy and water intensive processing steps
- Minimizing transport costs & emissions



- Improving quality and affordability of plantbased meat options
- Simplifying ingredient list
- Improving digestibility in animal agriculture feeds

Benson Hill's products and integrated model are expected to contribute to food system sustainability

- Connecting farmers with consumers enables revenue potential and social good through ecosystem service markets
- ~1 ton of soil carbon per acre sequestration potential using regenerative agriculture/conservation practices⁽¹⁾
- Reducing protein ingredient processing and cost:
- ~50% reduction of CO₂e⁽²⁾
- ~70% reduction of water⁽²⁾

- Alleviating supply chain constraints enables plant-based protein to scale
- Plant-based meats allow for >80% water savings and >80% CO₂e offset vs. beef⁽³⁾
- Affordability and accessibility of plantbased protein products for consumers

Building Internal Processes to Collect and Validate Material ESG Data to Inform Strategic Decision Making and Stakeholder Reporting



Robust Data Collection

- Agronomic & Processing Data
- Human Capital



Comparative Metrics Aligned with Industry Frameworks

- Cool Farm Tool Partnership
- GHG Assessments



Reporting Tools for Stakeholders

- Investors
- Customers
- Growers



















Our business strategy aligns with ESG outcomes



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Inflection Point for Growth



Introduction to Benson Hill's Economic Model

Ingredients Segment



~30-40% Gross Margins

As commercialization ramps

- Significant near-term growth driven by existing proprietary products and robust pipeline
- Two-sided business model driven by economic agreements with growers and end customers
- Facilitates rapid market penetration of proprietary products
- Strong margins and cash flow from product investment and scaling

Fresh Segment



High Teens Gross Margins

Steady single digit revenue growth

- Integrated grower of fresh vegetables, delivering product to high quality customer base
- Developing proprietary products for longer term growth (upside to forecast model)
- Stable economics, lower expected growth than other segments

Evolution as We Scale

Production Partnership and Royalties

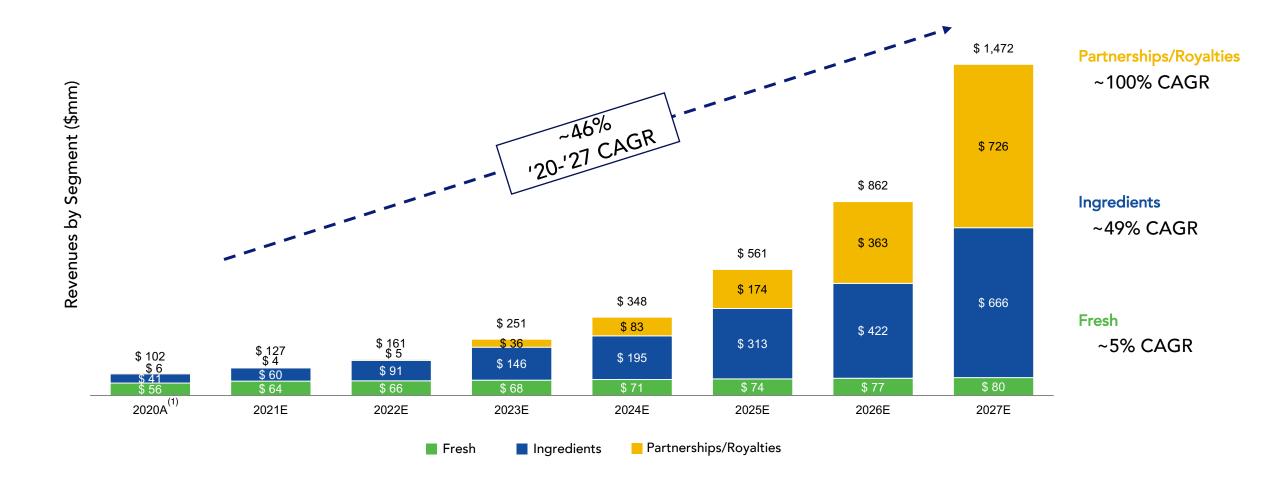
~50% (Partnerships)

>90% Gross Margins Gross Margins . (Royalties)

- Providing proprietary products to market participants in exchange for revenue share or royalty
- Asset light approach with high margins and strong free cash flow conversion
- End state economic model for highly penetrated products



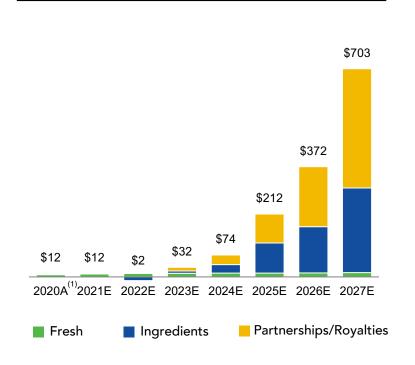
Robust Growth Driven by Existing Products



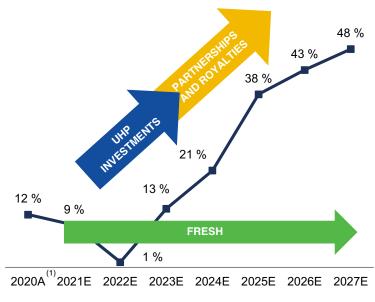


Expect Significant Gross Margin Expansion Over Time

Gross Profit by Segment (\$mm)

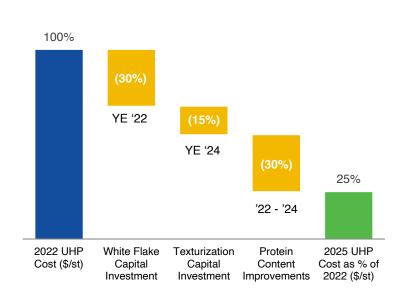


Blended Gross Margin %



Investment in UHP over next three years enhances gross margin expansion

UHP Costs (\$/st) (Indexed)

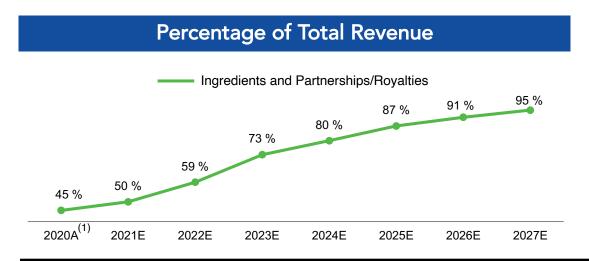


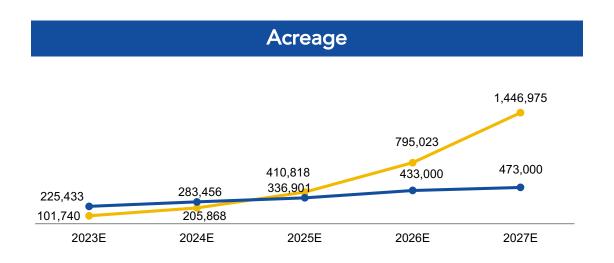
Investment in integrated approach and continued innovation allow for greater control of production costs

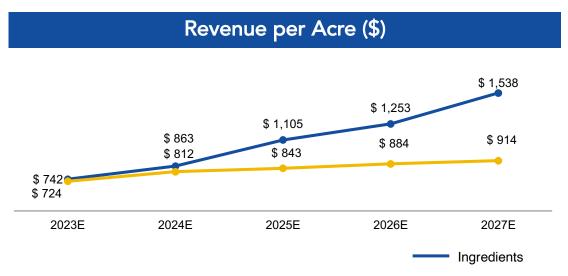
Ingredients and Partnerships/Royalties drive gross profit growth

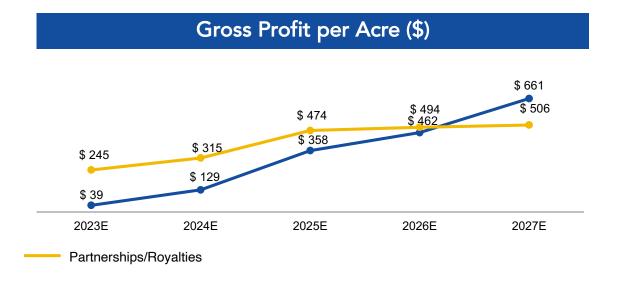


Key Performance Indicators









Source: Benson Hill. (1) Excludes contribution from a business divested in 2020.



Delivering Growth with Rapidly Expanding Margins

(\$mm)	2020A ⁽¹⁾	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	\$ 102	\$ 127	\$ 161	\$ 251	\$ 348	\$ 561	\$ 862	\$ 1,472
YoY Growth		24 %	27 %	55 %	39 %	61 %	54 %	71 %
Gross Profit	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 2	\$ 32	\$ 74	\$ 212	\$ 372	\$ 703
Gross Margin	12 %	9 %	1 %	13 %	21 %	38 %	43 %	48 %
Research Expenses ⁽²⁾	NA	\$ 20	\$ 22	\$ 23	\$ 25	\$ 26	\$ 30	\$ 32
Development Expenses ⁽²⁾	NA	19	22	23	25	26	30	32
G&A Expenses	25	28	30	34	38	43	48	53
Other Operating Expenses	17	32	37	41	45	49	55	60
EBITDA	(\$51)	(\$73)	(\$87)	(\$64)	(\$33)	\$96	\$239	\$556
EBITDA Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	17 %	28 %	38 %
Capex	\$ 10	\$ 60	\$ 41	\$ 26 ¦	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 5	\$ 5
Memo:	U	Ultra High Protein	Soybeans ⁽³⁾ , Fro	esh, Yellow Pea I	nvestments			
Acreage	120,000	150,975	247,094	327,172	489,324	747,719	1,228,023	1,919,975
YoY Growth		26 %	64 %	32 %	50 %	53 %	64 %	56 %
Ingredients and Partnerships/Royalties Revenue	\$ 46	\$ 63	\$ 96	\$ 182	\$ 277	\$ 487	\$ 785	\$ 1,392
YoY Growth		36 %	52 %	91 %	52 %	76 %	61 %	77 %
% of Total Revenue	45	50	59	73	80	87	91	95



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In Conclusion:

Building a Modern Food Company

Expansive Platform Opportunity

Food Made Better From The Beginning



Food technology company: A category-defining company unlocking the natural genetic diversity of plants to lead the plant-based food revolution for healthier and more sustainable food and ingredient choices



Proprietary CropOS® technology platform: Uses artificial intelligence (AI), data and a variety of advanced breeding techniques that combine data science, plant science and food science to deliver new crops optimized for nutrition, flavor and yield, with the potential to shave years off the traditional crop breeding process



Integrated Business Model: Starting with the seed and then working with growers and food supply chain partners to commercialize and broadly scale food and ingredients that are healthier, more sustainable, more affordable and better tasting

The 'Picks and Shovels' of the Plant-based Food Revolution

Plant-based meats: Commercializing soybean (near-term) and yellow pea (medium-term) products with forecasted \$140B TAM¹ by 2029

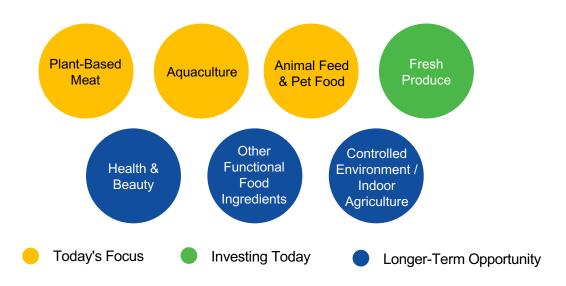




Soybean

Yellow Pea

Longer-term: Building scale as CropOS® deployed to drive innovation across sustainability-driven food & health trends within a **\$5T TAM**² agri-food industry, including:







Star Peak: Focused on Sustainability

Mike C. Morgan Chairman

Co-founding Partner, Chairman, and CEO of Triangle Peak Partners, LP

Eric Scheyer CEO

Head of Magnetar Energy and Infrastructure Group since its inception stem

Star Peak Energy **Transition Corp** (Dec 4, 2020)(2)

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Star Peak Corp II

Years Partnership History⁽¹⁾

Private

Investments⁽¹⁾

\$6bn

Equity Capital Committed⁽¹⁾

Venture Capital Investments(1)





Energy Storage



Electric **Vehicles**



Transportation Technology



Renewables



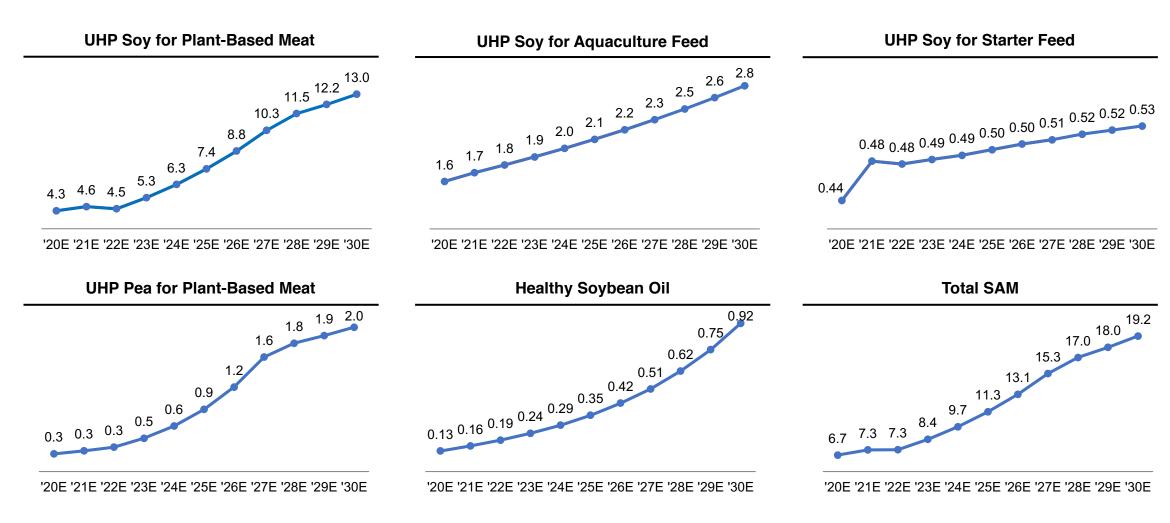
Supply Chain & Logistics

CATEGORY DEFINING	✓	✓
SIGNIFICANT TAM	~\$1.2tn ⁽³⁾	~\$5tn ⁽⁴⁾
LEADING TECHNOLOGY	Athena [™]	CropOS [®]
BUSINESS MODEL	Hardware + Software + Market Participation	Ingredients and Food + Partnerships and Royalties
SUSTAINABILITY MISSION	De-Carbonize the Grid	De-Carbonize Food + Improve Human Health

Benson Hill fits Star Peak's mission to provide growth capital to market-leading businesses focused on improving sustainability and reducing global GHG emissions



Serviceable Addressable Market Overview (\$ in billions)

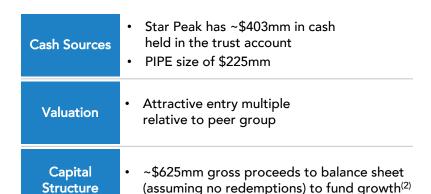


Source: Context analysis based on internal resources, expert analysis, and third party research.

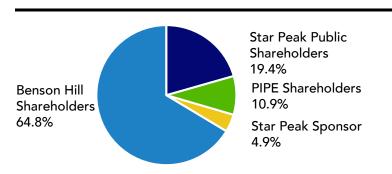


Detailed Transaction Overview

Transaction Highlights



Pro Forma Ownership at \$10 / Share⁽¹⁾



Sources and Uses ⁽¹⁾					
Sources	\$mm	%	Uses	\$mm	%
Committed Equity PIPE	\$ 225	11.7 %	Stock to Benson Hill Shareholders	\$ 1,300	67.4 %
Star Peak Trust	403	20.9	Estimated Fees and Expenses	48	2.5
Benson Hill Shareholder Equity Rollover	1,300	67.4	Estimated Repayment of Debt	33	1.7
			Cash to Benson Hill Balance Sheet	547	28.4
Total Sources	\$ 1,928		Total Uses	\$ 1,928	

110 1 Office Valuation	
(\$mm, except per share data)	
Pro Forma Shares Outstanding (mm)	201
Share Price	\$ 10.00
Benson Hill Equity Value	\$ 2,008
Pro Forma FY2020 Net Debt (Cash)	(657)
Benson Hill Enterprise Value	\$ 1,351

Pro Forma Ownership⁽¹⁾ Shares (mm) Benson Hill Shareholders 130.0 64.8 % Star Peak Public Shareholders 40.3 20.0 Star Peak Sponsor 8.0 4.0 PIPE Shareholders 22.5 11.2 **Equity Ownership** 200.8 100.0 %

Source: Benson Hill. Star Peak. (1) Pro forma ownership based on PIPE of \$225mm assuming no redemptions. Excludes Star Peak warrants, earnout of 18mm shares to Benson Hill Shareholders and 2mm shares to Star Peak Sponsor, and options to certain Benson Hill option holders subject to the same vesting term as the earnout shares. Earnout shares vest equally, 50% at \$14 per share and 50% at \$16 per share and are subject to a three year-term. (2) Gross proceeds are comprised of Star Peak II \$403 million of cash in trust, assuming no redemptions, and an oversubscribed and upsized \$225 million common stock PIPE at 10.00 per share.

Pro Forma Valuation⁽¹⁾



Public References for Benson Hill

Food Tech

Higher Growth Companies

Ag Tech

Mature Companies

Ag / Specialty Ingredients

Slower Growth

Public Market References















novozymes



Other Ingredients⁽¹⁾



- Relevance to **Benson Hill**
- √ High growth
- √ Serving same consumer demand trends
- ✓ ESG solution

✓ Proprietary technological platforms

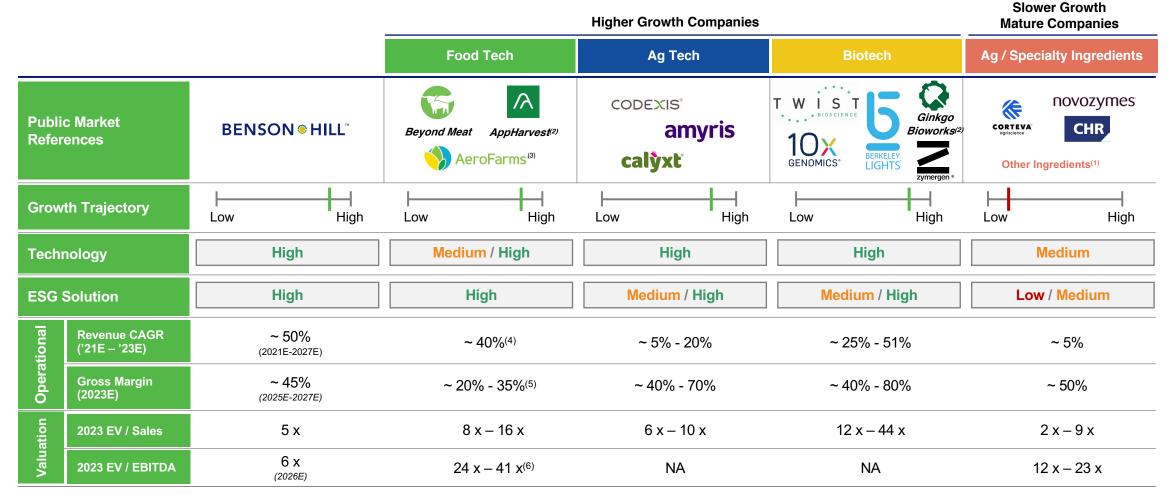
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- √ Food / nutrition and health & wellness valuechain focus
- √ High growth
- ✓ Proprietary technological platforms
- √ Health & wellness endmarket focus
- ✓ More mature and established, slower growth
- √ Specialty ingredients
- √ Food / nutrition and health & wellness value-chain focus
- High growth food / nutrition and health / wellness TAM
 - Differentiated technology
 - ✓ Scarcity premium
 - Pure-play ESG





Benson Hill Compares Favorably vs. Public Market References

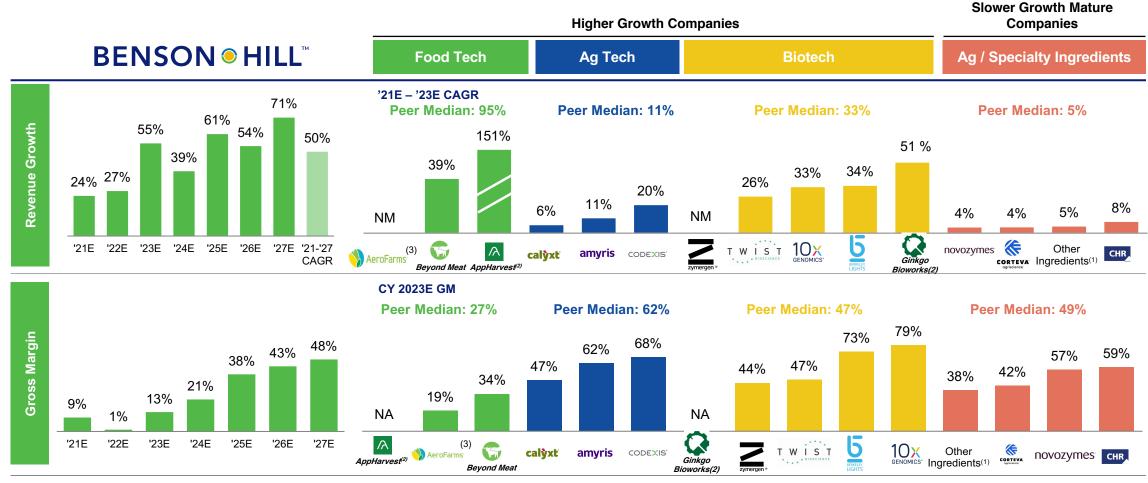


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Benson Hill's Growth Trajectory and Margin Profile Benchmark Favorably vs. Public Market References



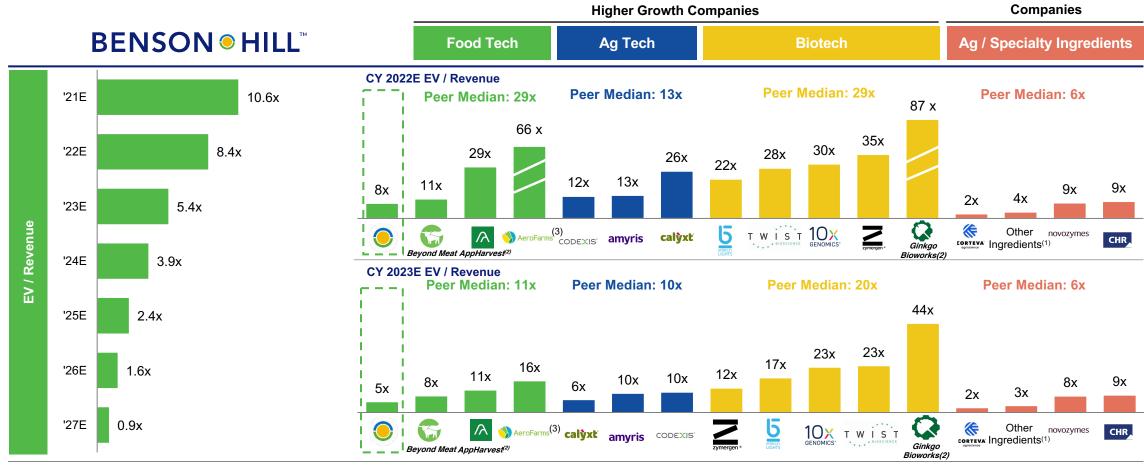
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Slower Growth Mature



Benson Hill's Implied Revenue Multiples Are at a Discount to Public Market References

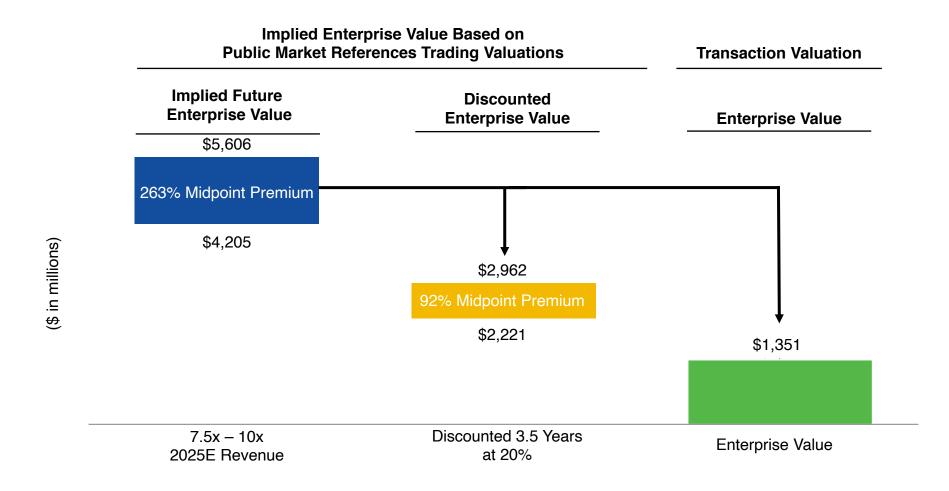


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Benson Hill Has Significant Upside Potential



Executive Leadership Team with Diverse Business and Technical Backgrounds Across the Food System



Matt Crisp
President & CEO
Serial AgriFood entrepreneur
and former life sciences venture
capital partner



DeAnn Brunts
Chief Financial Officer
Experienced public company board
member, CFO and corporate
development leader



Natalie DiNicola
Chief of Staff
20+ years in the AgriFood industry
with experience in business strategy,
development and sustainability



Jason Bull
Chief Technology Officer
20+ years of experience
unlocking synergies between
genomics and data science





Yevgeny Fundler
Chief Legal Officer
25 years of experience as a strategic leader and legal counsel delivering business-focused solutions



Adam Javan
Chief Strategy Officer
25+ years of experience in
business analytics and
technology innovation



Kelly Fischer
Chief People Officer
14 years in HR with expertise
in project leadership, talent
strategy, and change
management

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Craig Rohr Director



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Plant System Biology
and Bioinformatics



Julia Bailey-Serres SAB Member

Plant Cell Biology



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CRISPR Gene Editing



Rex Bernardo SAB Member

Agronomy and Plant Genetics



Asaph Cousins *SAB Member*

Photosynthesis



Gary Fogel
SAB Member

Machine Learning



Jon Lightner SAB Member

Agricultural Biotechnology



Mark Matlock SAB Member

Food Ingredients



Joyce Van Eck SAB Member

Plant Biotechnology





Glossary

Item	Definition
ABCD in Ag	4 companies, ADM, Bunge, Cargill, and Louis Dreyfus, which control 70% of the grain industry
Agronomy	The science of soil management and crop production
Constraint of Biology	The constraints on innovation life cycles that come with working with complex, living things. Big data, simulation, high-throughput imaging and environmental manipulation enable us to push the constraints of biology
CRISPR Gene Editing	Modifying genetic materials in a cell or organism to accelerate crop breeding in agriculture
Crop Cycle	The time it takes for a crop to be planted and grow to maturity to produce new seeds
Gene Expression	Information from a gene is used in the synthesis of a functional gene product that produces protein as the end product
Genomics	The structure, function, evolution, and mapping of genomes (complete set of genes or genetic material in a cell or organism)
Germplasm	Living genetic resources such as seeds that are maintained for animal and plant breeding, preservation, and other research uses
Ingredient Processor	A facility where grain inputs are converted into food and feed ingredients
Identity Preservation	An integrated supply chain that traces the integrity of the ingredient from planting, to processing, to delivery; ensures separation of product from commodity supply chains
Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)	A methodology of quantifying the environmental impacts associated with a given product. In a Life Cycle Analysis researchers create an inventory of resources used and pollutants generated in product production and use
MMT	Million metric tons
Pea Protein Concentrate (PPC)	A plant-based protein ingredient isolated from mostly yellow pea grain used primarily in pet food. Pea Protein Concentrate typically has a protein content of 50% or greater on a moisture free basis



Glossary (Cont'd)

Item	Definition
Pea Protein Isolate (PPI)	A plant-based protein ingredient isolated from mostly yellow pea grain that is highly processed and used in human food applications. Pea Protein Isolate typically has a protein content of 80% or greater on a moisture free basis
Phenotype	Observable, measurable characteristics or traits of an organism. Ex: yield, oil composition, flavor, plant height, disease resistance
Sequencing	The process of ascertaining the sequence of nucleotides (basic structural unit of nucleic acid) in a segment of DNA
SNP Variants	A specific, single base pair position in the genome that has a different nucleotide between two crop varieties. This is how we measure genetic diversity within a species
SNP Loci	A location, or series of base pairs within the genome that has a different genetic sequence between two crop varieties
Soy Protein Concentrate (SPC)	A plant-based protein ingredient produced from soybeans and used in human and pet food applications. Soy Protein Concentrate is usually approximately 65% protein on a dry matter basis
Soybean Meal	Protein fraction from a soybean processing that is used primarily in animal feed. Soybean meal is approximately ~47% protein on a dry matter basis
Soybean White Flake	Protein fraction from a soybean processing for usage in human food applications. Soy White flake is typically 53% - 55% protein on a dry matter basis
Soybean Texturization	Development of a physical structure which will provide, when eaten, a sensation of eating meat. Meat "texture" is a complex concept comprising visual aspect (visible fibres), chewiness, elasticity, tenderness and juiciness
Textured Soy Protein Concentrate (TSPC)	Soy Protein Concentrate that has gone through the texturization process. Textured Soy Protein Concentrate may be dried and sold as a shelf-stable product, or it can be hydrated, flavored, mixed with other ingredients and shaped and marketed



Audited GAAP Income Statement

	Year Ended December 31,		
<u>(\$000s)</u>	2018	2019	2020
Revenues	\$ 4,269	\$ 79,523	\$ 114,348
Cost of sales	677	70,961	102,430
Gross profit	3,592	8,562	11,918
Operating expenses			
Research and development	13,373	24,810	29,457
Selling, general and administrative expenses	9,158	27,457	37,446
Impairment of goodwill		-	4,832
Total operating expenses	22,531	52,267	71,735
Loss from operations	\$(18,939)	\$(43,705)	\$(59,817)
Other expense (income)			
Interest expense (income), net	(669)	195	7,369
Other, net	40	(9)	(75)
Total other expense (income)	(629)	186	7,294
Net loss before income tax	\$(18,310)	\$(43,891)	\$(67,111)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(221)	19	48
Net loss	\$(18,089)	\$(43,910)	\$(67,159)
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Change in foreign currency translation	(91)	(21)	(226)
Change in fair value of marketable securities	(457)	374 [′]	(109)
Adjustment for net (gains) losses realized and included in net income	41	(17)	223
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(507)	336	(112)
Total comprehensive loss	\$(18,596)	\$(43,574)	\$(67,271)



Audited GAAP Cash Flow Statement

	Year Ended December 31,			
<u>(\$000s)</u>	2018	2019	2020	
Operating activities				
Net loss	\$(18,089)	\$(43,910)	\$(67,159)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities	948	4,781	17,011	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	3,778	(5,224)	(2,530)	
Net cash used in operating activities	\$(13,363)	\$(44,353)	\$(52,678)	
Investing activities				
Net cash used in investing activities	\$(48,615)	\$(4,546)	\$(100,672)	
Einanging activities				
Financing activities Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 63,681	\$ 48,547	\$ 160,703	
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Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(91)	(21)	(226)	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,612	(373)	7,127	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,377	2,989	2,616	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 2,989	\$ 2,616	\$ 9,743	
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information				
Cash paid for taxes	_	5	_	
Cash paid for interest	-	622	4,685	
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Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities				
Issuance of preferred stock warrants	-	-	4,580	
Purchases of property and equipment included in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities	-	952	669	
Financing leases	-	-	33,523	



Audited GAAP Balance Sheet

	Year Ended Dec	ember 31,
(\$000s)	2019	2020
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,616	\$ 9,743
Marketable securities	8,315	100,334
Accounts receivable, net	15,097	14,271
Inventories, net	7,169	13,040
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,546	3,061
Total current assets	35,743	140,449
Property and equipment, net	26,125	31,624
Right of Use asset, net	2,584	34,117
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	30,772	24,083
Other assets	1,512	1,512
Total assets	\$ 96,736	\$ 231,785



Audited GAAP Balance Sheet (Cont'd)

	Year Ended Dec	ember 31,
(\$000s)	2019	2020
Liabilities, redeemable convertible preferred stock, and stockholder's deficit		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 17,073	\$ 16,128
Revolving line of credit	1,495	-
Current lease liability	1,606	1,627
Current maturities of long-term debt	2,363	5,466
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	7,662	12,315
Total current liabilities	30,199	35,536
Long-term debt	13,927	24,344
Long-term lease liability	912	33,982
Preferred stock warrant liability	<u> </u>	5,241
Total liabilities	45,038	99,103
Redeemable convertible preferred stock	134,567	287,323
Stockholders' deficit		
Common stock	6	6
Additional paid-in capital	733	-
Accumulated deficit	(83,395)	(154,322)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(213)	(325)
Total stockholders' deficit	(82,869)	(154,641)
Total liabilities, redeemable convertible preferred stock, and stockholders' deficit	\$ 96,736	\$ 231,785