

January 8, 2010

Dear Cooperator,

If you wish to enter one or more hybrids in the Hybrid Corn Performance Trials managed by the NDSU Corn Breeding Program, please indicate your intention with your identification and payment by **March 15th, 2010**. **Please, note the deadline for receiving seed and making changes is April 16, 2010**. Seed received on or after April 17 will not be included in our trials. In addition, changes made on or after April 17 will not be considered.

The Corn Project Leader, M. J. Carena, North Dakota State University, Department of Plant Sciences (Dept# 7670), Fargo, ND 58108-6050, agrees to evaluate the corn genotypes you submit for evaluation in comparison to all other entries submitted for each trial. Standard procedures for experimental design and statistical analyses will be used. Incomplete block designs will be used when appropriate. The following data will be collected: grain yield, grain moisture content at harvest, root and stalk lodging, plant population at harvest, and test weight. The cooperator agrees to provide accurate relative maturity (RM) of each hybrid entered following the maturity listed for each location. Incomplete and/or unclear information will not be accepted. Please use a computer or typewriter to enter your information if possible (e.g. email address, etc) and contact us if there is a change during the growing season.

The data for 2010 will be published electronically. The data for 2010 will be summarized on the NDSU corn breeding website 1-2 days after harvest at the following address:

<http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/plantsci/breeding/corn/>

Data will initially be reported at this web address. The NDSU Corn Breeding Program can not add these results to other web pages; therefore, additional websites (e. g. NDSU Extension) may take longer for you to access data not managed by the NDSU Corn Breeding Program (e. g. Carrington, Oakes, etc.). Please contact myself directly for any technical questions related to NDSU Corn Breeding managed trials.

As before, it is my intention to report data, not only within locations, but also combined among environments within regions (southeastern, east central, and northeastern North Dakota) so that we can evaluate the repeatability of your corn hybrids across locations. Therefore, I ask that you try to include your hybrid across locations within regions. Other NDSU managed trials might not offer this.

Signature Project Leader

COOPERATOR: PLEASE COMPLETE AND E-MAIL ATTACHED ENTRY SHEET. PRINT, FILL OUT, AND MAIL US THIS PAYMENT FORM WITH YOUR CHECK.

This cooperator agrees to the stipulations above, and wishes to enter _____ (no.) corn hybrids in the North Dakota Hybrid Corn Performance Trial at the locations indicated on the attached entry sheet, and is enclosing a check payable to: **NDSU Dept. of Plant Sciences**

\$ _____ in payment of \$200 per entry tested per location, or

\$ _____ in payment of \$500 for the same entry in three locations within central and southern regions (a savings of \$100).

\$ _____ in payment of \$650 for the same entry in four locations within the northern region (a savings of \$150).

