

NuPride Genetics Network

TRAIT STEWARDSHIP POLICIES

Affiliates will promote the importance of proper seed and trait stewardship by implementing a policy on stewardship related issues and by clearly communicating that policy to their employees who manage seed and customer seed sales.

PROPER AFFILIATE STEWARDSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES include:

1. **ACTIVE DISSEMINATION OF SAVED SEED PROHIBITIONS:**

Extend activities beyond simple reporting of saved seed problems and proactively remind users that saving seed is prohibited. Messages to discourage saved seed can include not only the legal risks of enforcement actions, but also can include the performance value that new varieties bring over bin run seed as well as program eligibility that comes with new seed (e.g., Roundup Rewards and seed company replant protection.)

BENEFITS OF NEW SEED:

High Value of New Branded Seed

Latest Technology

- Highest yielding soybean technology available
- Six soybean trait products anticipated to come from Monsanto in the next 2-7 years*
- Leading seed treatment options

Customer Service

- Dealer agronomic support before and after the sale
- Replant policy support
- Convenient packaging and delivery

Reliable Germination and Quality

- Rigorously tested for quality and meets US Federal Seed Act requirements
- Free of seed-borne diseases
- Properly stored and conditioned

*Pending regulatory approvals.

2. **GROWER SIGNED MONSANTO TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS:** Obtain original Grower Signatures on Monsanto Technology/Stewardship Agreements (MTSA). No seed containing patented traits should be sold to anyone who is not first properly licensed.

Proper grower licensing includes:

- a. Present the MTSA to the grower and point out both the opportunities & benefits available under the Agreement as well as responsibilities.
- b. Obtain Grower's signature and give the pink copy to the grower along with the Technology Use Guide for his/her files, return the Monsanto copy (white) to the address on the form and retain the dealer (yellow) copy in a dealer file in the event it should be needed at a later date.
- c. Obtain original grower signatures on a new MTSA for any old MTSA that may not have been originally signed by the grower¹.
- d. Ensure that all sales of soybean seed containing any Roundup Ready 2 Yield[®] or Roundup Ready 2 Xtend[™] are sold only to growers who have signed an MTSA.
- e. Regularly check the "Licensed Grower Lookup" and the "Unauthorized Grower List" records posted on www.mymonsanto.com.
- f. Growers can also register and sign a MTSA through www.agcelerate.com.

3. **GUIDELINES FOR MANAGING SEED PIRACY MATTERS**

- a. Report Seed Piracy issues anonymously to 1-800-768-6387.
- b. Affiliate employees are not to overlook seed piracy.
- c. Employees are NOT to participate in seed piracy acts or cover-ups. This includes:
 - i. Issuing invoices to cover the use of saved seed or sales followed by "returns" for the same purpose.
 - ii. Employees shall cooperate with seed piracy verification and investigations by the patent holders.

- d. Use seed piracy literature to educate customers about the benefits of new seed and risks associated with seed piracy

4. AFFILIATES and/or EMPLOYEES ARE NOT TO SIGN GROWER AGREEMENTS, U.C.C. CREDIT/DOCUMENTATION OR REBATE SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF GROWERS.

¹Affiliates may be exposed to significant financial and administrative costs as well as risk the ability to sell Monsanto's **current and future traits if it is determined that a dealer's employee signed an MTSA on a grower's behalf.**

SOYBEAN PIRACY STATEMENT: Seeds containing the Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield® trait are protected under numerous U.S. patents. Seed containing patented traits, such as seed containing Roundup Ready 2 Yield® traits, can only be used to plant a single commercial crop. It is unlawful to save and replant Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield® soybeans. Additional information and limitations on these products are provided in the Monsanto Technology Stewardship Agreement and the Monsanto Technology Use Guide. The licensed U.S. patents for Monsanto technologies can be found at the following webpage: www.monsantotechnology.com.

SOYBEAN PIRACY STATEMENT: Roundup Ready 2 Xtend™ soybeans Seeds containing the Roundup Ready 2 Xtend™ trait can only be used to plant a single commercial crop. It is unlawful to save and replant Roundup Ready 2 Xtend™ soybeans. Additional information and limitations on the use of these products are provided in the Monsanto Technology Stewardship Agreement, the Monsanto Technology Use Guide, and 2016 Technology Use Guide Addendum to include Roundup Ready 2 Xtend™ Soybean. U.S. patents for Monsanto technologies can be found at the following webpage: <http://www.monsantotechnology.com>.