

2009 IOWA CROP PERFORMANCE TESTING—CORN

2009 Plan of Procedure

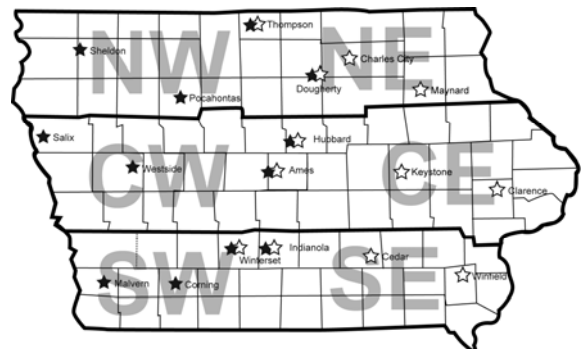
The major items regarding our testing program are listed in the bullets below. Please read the entire procedures for a complete description of the program for this year.

- **6 districts, overlapping E/W in center**
- **4 locations per district**
- **4 replications per location**
- **\$250 per district**
- **2 tests per district**
- **Limit 6 entries per brand per test**
- **Entries must be branded for sale**
- **Insecticidal seed treatments allowed**
- **20' plot length (17.4' planted row)**
- **2-row show plots in some areas**

DISTRICTS: The state will be divided into three north/south tiers, then divided with a single east/west split. The northern, central and southern tiers will include the northern, central, and southern three tiers of counties, respectively. The east/west division is approximately Interstate 35. Three test sites will be located within these boundaries of each district. Within each tier of districts, however, the two locations nearest I-35 will contain the experiments for both the east and west side. This **overlap between east and west districts** within a tier allows us to **provide 4 locations of data** for each single district. Every possible effort will be made to plant, harvest, and calculate the results for each entry accepted. If conditions make this impossible, no financial liability is either implied or expressed by the Iowa Agriculture Experiment Station or the Iowa Crop Improvement Association.

PLANT POPULATIONS: Each entry will be PLANTED at 34,500 plants per acre at each testing location. Four replications will be planted at each location in each district.

ENTRY FEE: The regular fee for testing remains at only **\$250 per entry** per test. However, due to increased costs associated with late applications and late deliveries, we will be assessing extra fees for all items that fail to meet the posted deadlines.



	Fees
Entry	250
Late application	50
Late payment	50
Late seed delivery	50 *

* **Late delivery fee is PER ENTRY!**

ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRANTS: Producers and/or distributors of corn seed and the Iowa Agriculture Experiment Station are eligible to make entries in the 2009 Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn.

Entries by Producers or Distributors of Corn Seed: All entries must be accepted for bulk sale of the harvested crop in domestic markets and be approved for feed and food use. Each application for entry will be based on the experimental name or the designated name by which the seed of the entry is sold. Any individual or concern, or group of individuals or concerns together with subsidiaries and contract growers, who produce and/or sell seed of the entry under the same designated name, will be considered as one entrant. An entry may be tested only once in any district. **Entry brand names must be available for sale to growers (i.e., no “phantom brands”).**

Commercial or experimental entries: If seed will be offered to farmers in 2009 the entry will be classified as commercial. If no seed will be offered to farmers in 2009 the entry will be identified as experimental. **Experimental entries may also be accepted on a conditional basis**—if a decision is made by the applicant during the growing season to discontinue an experimental line, results can be withheld from publication at the applicant’s request.

Widely-grown entries: Widely-grown hybrids are no longer being entered by the Iowa Crop Improvement Association and tested for free for comparison purposes. Each hybrid in our trials is considered a ‘check’ for every other hybrid in our trials. If the particular brand or hybrid you are most interested in is not in the test, please encourage your dealer to get it entered.

DATE OF ENTRY: The application form must be in the possession of the Iowa Crop Improvement Association by March 2, 2009. The Association reserves the right to reject any or all applications received after that date. There will be no entry fee refunds after April 1, 2009.

MATURITY: Entries should be placed in the appropriate trial using the criteria listed below. This information applies to both the east and west districts within a tier.

	Early-maturing RM	Full season RM
Northern Tier:	Less than 103	104-109
Central Tier:	104-109	110-114
Southern Tier:	109-112	Greater than 112

We realize there is variability from season to season, and among companies, with respect to RM. The maturity splits listed above should be considered “estimates” for now. Please include the RM of each entry on the application form. The RM information will be used if the splits need to be adjusted.

The testing coordinator reserves the right to withhold publication of results for entries that mature outside these bounds by an unreasonable amount.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: Any applicant may **enter up to 6 paid entries in each test in each district**. If entry numbers lead us to make a shift in maturity splits applicants will be required to adjust entries to meet the revised classifications.

SEED FOR TESTING: By March 16, 2009, deliver or send by freight a **minimum of 3000 kernels per hybrid per district entered**. **The seed for testing of commercial hybrids must be from seed of the variety being sold for commercial planting**. Each application must be accompanied by a statement giving the location of commercial seed as of March 16, 2009. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association reserves the right to sample from seed supplies so located. If seed is sampled, it is to be supplied without charge. Seed received or sampled for entry in the test shall be used for testing and comparison purposes only and will not be used for breeding or distribution. Harvested samples may be used for evaluating various chemical and/or industrial properties and then discarded.

RIGHT TO REJECT: The right is reserved to reject any entry if: 1) the application form has not been received by March 2, 2009, 2) the information requested on the application form is incomplete, 3) there is a misrepresentation, 4) the entry fee is not paid by March 16, 2009 or 5) the seed has not been received by March 16, 2009.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS: Data from the Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn will be published in accordance with the policies established by the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station, the Cooperative Extension Service, and the Iowa Crop Improvement Association.

USE OF THE DATA IN ADVERTISEMENTS: Iowa State University and the Iowa Crop Improvement Association desire to maintain the credibility of data from the Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn. Misuse of these data in advertisements can have a negative effect on the perception of the value of these data. For advertising purposes, brand-to-brand comparisons should not be made unless more than one competitor brand is used in the ad and all entries of those brands in a given table are included in the ad. Advertisement statements by an individual company about the performance of its own entries can be made as long as they are accurate statements about the data as published with no reference to other companies' hybrids. A statement similar to: "See the official Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn report, PM 660, and/or data at <http://www.croptesting.iastate.edu/> for details", should be included in the ad.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Instructions for submitting an application (deadline March 2, 2009):

1. Email: download application forms (Word and Excel format) from the Variety Testing website listed below. Complete the forms and email to CropTesting@iastate.edu; mail a copy with payment to address below.
2. Mail: complete the application and mail with check to address below.

Variety testing homepage: <http://www.croptesting.iastate.edu/>

Iowa Crop Improvement Association homepage: www.agron.iastate.edu/icia

Send Application and Check to:

Iowa Crop Improvement Association
4611 Mortensen Road, #101
Ames, IA 50014

Send Seed to:

**Iowa Crop Performance Testing—Corn
ISU Curtiss Farm
2219 State Ave.
Ames, IA 50010**

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