

January 14, 2009

TO: Soybean Seed Producers

SUBJECT: 2009 Oklahoma Soybean Variety Tests

This letter and accompanying items are materials for submitting entries to the 2009 Oklahoma Soybean Variety Performance Tests. Items enclosed are an information sheet, entry form, and table of anticipated test locations. Tests for 2009 will include an Early Season (Maturity Groups III and IV), Early Season Roundup Resistant (Maturity Groups III and IV), Full Season Maturity Group IV, Full Season Maturity Group V, Full Season Roundup Resistant (Maturity Groups IV, V, and VI), and Full Season Maturity Group VI. Early season tests will be planted in April and harvested in August/September. Full season tests will be planted in June and harvested in October/November. Cultural practices used will be those considered as standard for the area.

For positioning entries within tests, recommendation is Maturity Group III entries would be better suited to the early season tests only, while Maturity Group IV would be suitable to either or both early- or full-season tests. Also, Roundup Resistant entries may be entered in any appropriate Maturity Group test.

Fees for 2009 will remain at \$100/location for each entry. Please refer to the enclosed table for tests for the fee schedule. Be sure to indicate on the enclosed entry form, which test(s) you wish to have each entry placed (i.e. early season vs. full season). List the entry name exactly as you want it to appear in our Production Technology fact sheets.

We greatly appreciate your support and participation in these tests, and look forward to working with you in 2009. Tests such as these are an important component of our soybean program, especially with the developing biofuel industry. I believe we will greatly increase our soybean acreage from the current 300,000 acres in Oklahoma and these trials will help producers make good variety selection decisions.

Sincerely yours,

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