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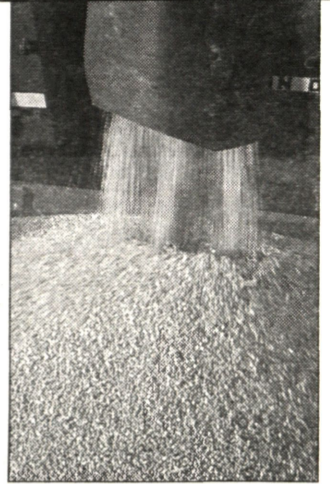
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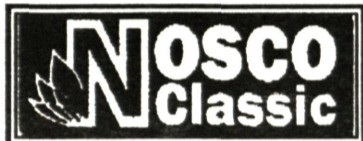
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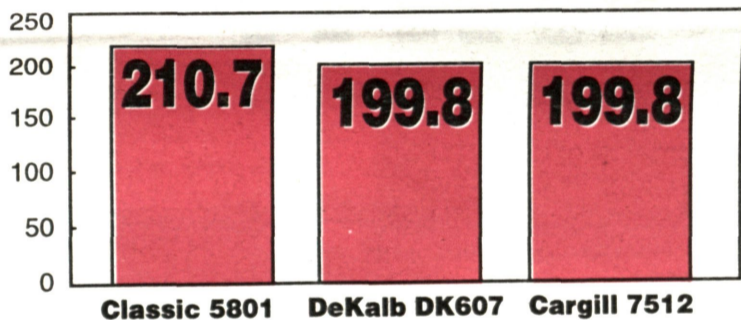
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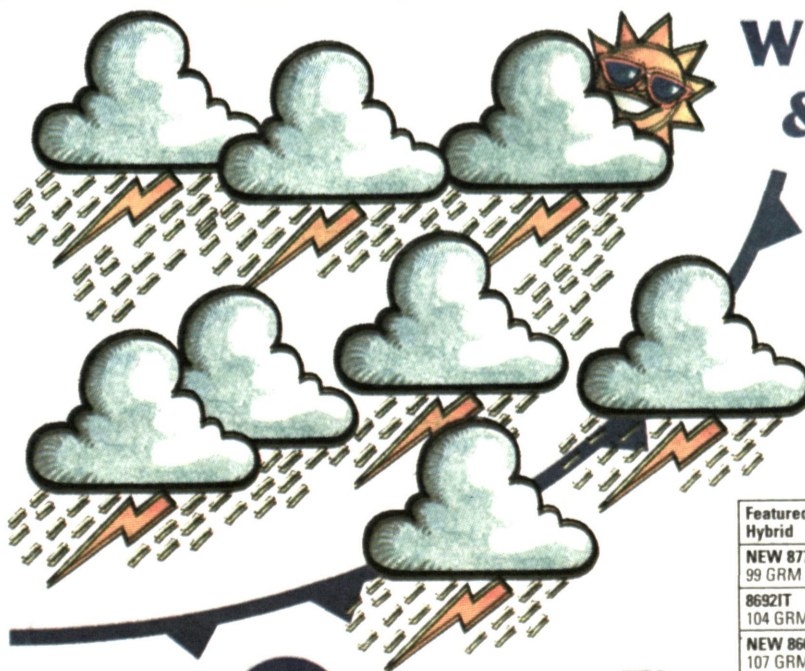
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# CORN HYBRIDS COMPARED IN THE 1998 SEASON

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**H**ybrid corn trials are conducted each year by the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences in cooperation with MSU Extension, seed corn companies, and farmers.

## Entries

Each year seed companies are invited to enter hybrids in the trials. A fee is charged to cover expenses.

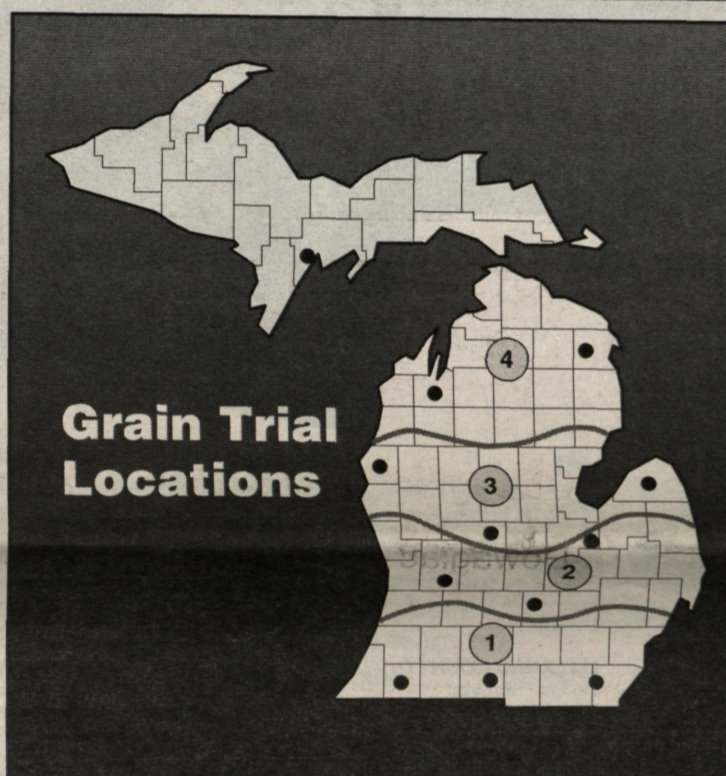
Table 8 presents a list of all hybrids planted in the 1998 trials. At 12 grain and 7 silage locations, 303 hybrids from 37 seed companies were tested for yield as 1,376 entries. Table 4 presents 3-year data for Alpena County, 2-year data for Delta County and 1998 data for Grand Traverse County. Dry stressful conditions in Grand Traverse County resulted in data not desirable for use in multiple year and site comparisons. Company names used in association with hybrid numbers refer to the brand. The numbers are the companies' designations.

## Methods

Three trial locations were planted in each of four maturity zones. These zones are based on available growing degree-day units established from long-term weather records. Hybrids entered in each zone are all tested in the three designated locations. The Delta County grain trial does not test the hybrids with maturities later than 90 day. Entries for Zones 1, 2, and 3 are divided into two maturity groups (early and late) based on maturity ratings provided by the seed companies. Zone 4 tests all hybrids in one group.

Four-row plots were used at all grain locations. The two center rows were harvested for yield. Plots were 22-feet long with a 30-inch row spacing.

Experimental design, data acquisition, analysis of variance, and data summarization were facilitated in part by ADaM, a software package developed jointly by MSU, CIMMYT (Mexico), and the Scottish Agricultural Statistics Service. The field research layout is a four-replication, lattice design. A hybrid's performance is reported as the adjusted mean averaged together from four replicated plots.



All hybrids were grown under similar conditions at each location. They were grown in farmers' fields with equal fertilizer, population, date of planting, and other management practices. Trials in Branch, Cass, Montcalm, Mason, and Missaukee counties were irrigated. In the field, hybrids were identified only by a plot number to assure unbiased comparisons.

Stand counts were recorded in June. Plots with stand counts higher than the desired population were thinned at this time. Desired population rates are listed in Table B (grain) and Table C (silage). Lodging measurements were made at harvest, counting all plants broken below the ear. Plots were harvested mechanically for both grain and silage. Moisture content, field weight and test weight were measured by the GrainGage™, a HarvestData System™ mounted on our plot combine using the grain sample provided. Grain yields are reported at a standard 15.5 percent moisture. Test weights are reported at harvest moisture. Automated test weight equipment loses some accuracy as harvest moistures increase. Test weight values should be used to determine relative rank and not as a precise weight.

Grain samples were collected from four replications in Cass and Ingham counties (Zones 1 and 2) and were tested for protein, starch, and oil content. Funding was provided by the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan and the results are presented in the corresponding tables following the yield results.

## Growing Conditions

All yield trials were planted between April 28 and May 18. Mild weather and dry field conditions got the planting season off to an excellent start. Three locations were planted in April with wet weather hitting the first of May. Planting resumed on May 5 at locations in northern Michigan. The planting season continued without much interruption through its conclusion with only Huron and Monroe counties delayed by wet field conditions.

Growing degree day heat units were above long-term normals throughout Michigan all season long and considerably higher than the lower-than-normal recordings of 1996 and 1997. Rainfall was below normal in most parts of Michigan and drought stress occurred across the state with low recorded yields the norm. Timely rainfall did hit some areas of the state, and combined with the higher recorded heat units, resulted in some excellent yields.

Fall harvest was excellent. Early season drydown allowed harvest to begin in late September. Exceptional weather throughout the harvest season and drier corn at harvest reduced the delays from dryer backups with wet corn and resulted in 75 percent of the crop harvested by November 1. Field losses from lodging due to poor weather conditions were virtually non-existent in 1998.

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## How to Use This Bulletin

Tables have hybrids listed alphabetically. One-, two-, and three-year averages (1998, 1997, and 1996) averaged over three locations are presented for all hybrids wherever data are available. Results for individual locations in 1998 are also included in the same table. One-year single site results are less reliable than two- or three-year and multiple location averages and should be interpreted with more caution. Confidence in corn performance data increases with the number of years and locations of testing. For complete two- and three-year single site data, visit our web site at: [www.css.msu.edu/varietytrials/](http://www.css.msu.edu/varietytrials/).

The tables report the following information about the hybrids tested:

1. Average moisture content at harvest.
2. Average test weight at harvest moisture.
3. Average yield (in bushels) of shelled corn at 15.5 percent moisture.
4. Average percent of stalk lodging (plants broken below the ear at harvest).
5. Percent stand of target population.
6. Percent protein, starch, and oil content.

The results shown are the average of four replications grown in close proximity to each other. Two or more plots of the same hybrid in the same field may produce somewhat different results because of uncontrolled variability in the soil and other environmental factors. Replication and randomization of the entries are two methods used to reduce these errors. Because these methods do not eliminate all of these variables, the magnitude of difference necessary for statistical significance has been calculated for yield, moisture content, and test weight. The value calculated as the "least significant difference" or "LSD" is the amount that an individual hybrid would have to differ from another hybrid in the same test to be significantly different from that hybrid.

Hybrids which are not significantly different from the highest yielding hybrid are marked with an asterisk (\*) in each table. Other agronomic information relative to each trial is given in Tables B and C. Fertilizer amounts are shown as total pounds per acre of nitrogen, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>O applied during the season.

## How to Choose a Hybrid

### Adaptation

The map on page 1 shows the locations of the grain trials, and divides Michigan into four generalized maturity zones. Local variations in weather, soil type and fertility, time of planting, and other conditions all affect adaptation. Corn hybrids are often adapted to more than one zone.

In the selection of a hybrid there is no real substitute for observing individual characteristics while plants are growing. The best time to compare plants is usually in late August or early September as they approach maturity. Each year, at a limited number of locations, demonstration plantings of each hybrid are planted at the front of the test field. In 1998, four locations had demonstration plantings. A field day plot tour was scheduled and the public invited to observe the hybrids. Examining plant and ear characteristics can help in selecting hybrids suitable for your production operation. Yield results are not taken from the demonstration plot.

### Planting Rate

The number of seeds sown per acre in Michigan has increased steadily over the past several years. Increased planting rates are not a guarantee of increased yields. Check with your seed dealer for information on which hybrids perform better at the higher populations when grown on your soil type.

### Maturity

Early-maturing hybrids are generally lower in moisture content than later-maturing hybrids at harvest. Differences among hybrids in rate of drydown in the field also affect moisture content at harvest but usually do not greatly disturb the relative maturity ratings as determined by moisture content.

One percent more moisture at harvest reflects a delay in maturity of about two days. Another estimate of corn maturity is when a black layer of cells forms at the base of the kernel. This black layer is an indication of the end of active growth processes. At this time, kernel moisture will be between 32 and 35 percent.

### For Grain

When selecting a hybrid, yield should not be the only consideration. Identifying hybrids with lower moisture but above average yield will often have higher net returns than top yielding hybrids with higher moisture. One point higher moisture requires about two more bushels in yield to breakeven. It is often better to choose earlier hybrids (below average moisture content) than later hybrids for grain. Data in the tables show that good yields do not totally depend on later maturity. In 1998, early hybrids in Zone 1 produced about 15 bushels per acre less than the later maturing group. Moisture averaged 2.5 percent lower at harvest with 2 pounds higher test weight. The economic disadvantage for early hybrid selection with \$2.00 corn was about \$12.00 per acre for Zone 1. In Zone 3, where average moisture was 3.5 percent dryer and yields were only 7 bushels less for the early trial, the economic advantage was \$5.00 per acre for the early season hybrids.

### Advantages of early-maturing hybrids are:

- They usually mature before killing frosts.
- Adapted early hybrids can generally yield as much as late hybrids in most areas of Michigan.
- Early hybrids with lower moisture content at harvest reduce drying time and market discounts for moisture.
- Test weights are generally higher resulting in reduced market discounts.
- Mature, dry corn makes a superior feed grain when used in swine or poultry rations.
- Harvest can take place earlier in the fall when weather conditions are most favorable. Early harvest may reduce corn losses resulting from broken stalks and dropped ears.
- Fall tillage of corn stubble can be more timely with early harvest on land not subject to erosion.

## Narrow Row Corn Trials in Michigan

In 1997, the Corn Marketing Board of Michigan funded a study to document the interaction of multiple row spacing and populations. Four locations were selected for trial sites in Monroe, Ingham, Saginaw, and Huron counties. In 1998, a site in Calhoun County was added to compare non-irrigated and irrigated corn in narrow rows. Data from previous years have raised some additional questions that require further investigation. In 1998, the narrow row test sites were expanded to include not only the row spacing by population trials, but also a planting date study and a study looking at Bt technology in narrow rows.

Six hybrids were selected based on their various plant type, ear type, and maturity characteristics. Of these six hybrids, the two mid-maturity hybrids were planted at all six locations. Two earlier maturity hybrids were added to the Central Zone test and two later maturity hybrids were added to the Southern Zone test. This made a total of four hybrids at each location. Plots were planted in the same manner as the previous year in 30-, 22-, and 15-inch rows with five target populations of 26-, 30-, 34-, 38-, and 42- thousand plants per acre. The Huron County location was abandoned this year due to early season drought stress resulting in poor uneven plant populations.

The planting date study was set up to investigate if a disadvantage existed for narrow rows in late season plantings. In 1997, our trials were planted late in the season and did not show a significant yield advantage for narrow rows. Numerous MSU Extension trials were conducted by local farmers to compare narrow row plantings. These trials, planted

earlier in the season, did show some yield advantage with narrow rows. In the study conducted at Michigan State University, three planting dates were used: early, mid, and late season. A set of three hybrids were selected so that one hybrid-out of the set would best fit the maturity for each planting date. The plots were planted with a two-week delay between planting dates on April 25, May 9, and May 23. The three hybrids were planted in 30-, 22-, and 15-inch row spacings at populations targeted for 26-, 32-, and 38-thousand plants per acre.

Corn hybrids with corn borer resistance have been gaining exposure in recent months. This has raised two key questions. First, how do Bt hybrids react to narrow rows; and second, how do narrow rows affect corn borer pressure? Locations were planted in Monroe and Calhoun counties utilizing one non-Bt hybrid that also had two versions with different Bt events. Each event was selected for the length of time the Bt was expressed and where. These plots utilized the same row spacing and populations as the planting date study. Five random corn plants from each plot were selected and hand split to evaluate corn borer damage. The number, length, and location of tunnels were recorded as well as live corn borers present in the stalks.

To date, the analysis of the 1998 data has not yet been completed. The data can be accessed through the web at <http://www.css.msu.edu/varietytrials/> as soon as the information becomes available.

Average of Monroe, Branch & Cass County EARLY trials  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996

EARLY TRIAL (106 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR EARLIER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))

BRAND	HYBRID	VARIETY	1998					2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)					3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)					MONROE					BRANCH					CASS				
			% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD
AGRIPRO	AP9340		20	188	57	2	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	194	59	1	97	22	198	56	2	100	19	171	57	3	100		
AGRIPRO	AP9363		21	183	57	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	170	58	1	97	24	196	55	1	99	21	183	57	1	98		
ASGROW	RX505 Bt		21	188	58	1	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	174	59	2	99	24	208	55	2	100	21	182	59	1	100		
ASGROW	RX587		22	169	61	1	91	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	164	62	0	94	24	190	58	2	86	21	153	61	2	94		
ASGROW	RX601		22	187	57	2	98	24	170	55	4	97	23	161	54	4	98	21	*202	58	1	95	24	181	55	2	100	21	178	57	2	99
BAYSIDE	Super 105		23	196	55	2	93	24	183	53	6	92	--	--	--	--	21	*200	56	2	85	25	199	53	3	96	22	188	55	1	97	
BECK'S	5105		22	*213	55	2	96	24	195	53	9	97	23	182	53	7	94	20	*212	57	1	87	26	**230	53	3	100	21	*198	54	3	100
BECK'S	5305		23	201	56	2	99	25	192	54	9	98	25	184	53	7	98	21	197	58	2	98	25	*209	53	2	100	22	*196	57	2	100
BECK'S	5415		24	200	53	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	*205	53	3	96	28	*213	50	2	100	22	182	55	1	100	
CALLAHAN	7847X		22	185	59	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	184	60	3	95	26	207	56	1	99	20	166	59	1	99	
CALLAHAN	7942X		21	174	59	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	*201	60	1	94	22	169	58	3	99	21	150	57	3	97	
CALLAHAN	7947X		22	*202	56	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	*202	59	1	89	26	*215	53	1	96	21	191	57	2	96	
CARGILL	4111		20	188	59	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	171	60	2	92	22	204	57	1	100	20	189	59	3	100	
CORN BELT	C555		22	190	56	2	97	24	176	54	7	98	--	--	--	--	19	189	57	2	96	25	194	54	4	100	22	186	57	1	96	
CORN BELT	Exp5388		20	162	57	3	83	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	155	59	3	77	21	182	57	3	88	20	150	57	3	85	
COUNTRYMARK COOP	5308		22	182	57	3	96	23	167	55	5	95	--	--	--	--	21	187	58	1	91	24	186	56	2	100	21	172	58	8	97	
CROWS	200		21	174	57	2	98	23	166	55	5	98	22	157	54	5	98	19	164	58	1	95	24	194	55	1	100	21	163	57	2	100
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1402		21	171	57	3	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	147	58	6	97	23	202	58	1	97	21	164	57	2	98	
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1406		22	*214	55	2	96	25	189	53	8	94	--	--	--	--	19	**222	57	1	95	25	*225	53	2	97	22	*195	55	3	96	
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1505		23	184	59	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	172	61	1	94	26	206	56	1	100	23	175	60	2	100	
DEKALB	DK471		18	170	58	1	98	20	155	56	5	97	19	151	55	5	97	16	168	57	0	97	20	173	58	2	99	19	169	58	2	97
DEKALB	DK477		18	155	57	3	99	19	143	56	4	99	19	136	56	5	99	16	159	57	2	96	19	150	58	4	100	19	155	57	3	100
DEKALB	DK493 BtX		19	174	58	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17	176	58	1	97	21	182	59	1	99	19	165	58	2	99	
DEKALB	DK525		20	174	59	1	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	182	60	1	101	21	165	58	2	99	20	175	58	1	100	
DEKALB	DK537		20	185	57	3	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	185	58	5	99	23	197	57	1	99	20	172	57	3	100	
DEKALB	DK551		21	192	57	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	189	58	1	99	24	196	56	0	100	21	189	57	2	98	
FONTANELLE	F4193		22	185	58	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	183	60	0	95	24	195	55	1	100	23	176	59	1	97	
GARST	N5542		22	*213	57	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	*215	59	1	97	24	*228	55	1	99	21	*197	58	1	100	
GARST	8640		20	*206	58	1	99	22	184	55	7	95	--	--	--	--	19	*208	59	0	98	21	*212	56	2	99	21	*198	57	1	100	
GENESIS	1904		21	189	58	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	184	60	1	94	24	199	56	2	100	21	184	59	2	99	
GOLDEN HARVEST	Ex674		21	191	59	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	191	60	1	94	24	191	56	1	100	21	191	59	1	98	
GOLDEN HARVEST	Ex685		20	176	56	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	180	59	2	87	22	170	54	1	96	20	178	56	1	98	
GREAT LAKES	4758		20	170	59	1	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	178	60	2	96	22	175	57	1	93	21	157	59	2	98	
GREAT LAKES	5322		23	149	56	8	91	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	167	56	10	77	24	172	56	0	97	23	107	57	15	99	
GREAT LAKES	5456		22	195	56	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	197	57	1	96	25	208	54	1	99	20	179	56	1	97	
GREAT LAKES	5715		22	176	58	1	95	24	169	56	2	93	--	--	--	--	20	178	61	1	91	24	180	56	1	95	23	169	58	2	99	
GRIES	GSF4203		22	*206	55	3	98	25	189	53	5	96	23	178	53	5	93	20	*200	56	2	95	26	*223	54	4	100	22	*196	54	3	100
GUTWEIN	2400		22	*204	55	2	99	24	193	53	5	97	23	179	53	5	94	21	*210	56	2	96	24	*209	53	2	100	22	*193	55	1	100
GUTWEIN	2424		22	180	56	1	96	24	163	54	3	95	--	--	--	--	20	182	57	1	89	25	192	53	0	100	22	166	57	3	100	
HYTEST	BH4602		23	*205	55	2	92	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	*206	56	2	82	25	*215	53	2	98	22	*195	55	1	96	
MYCOGEN	2598		21	200	56	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	*214	57	2	98	22	205	54	1	100	21	180	55	1	99	
NOVARTIS	MAX 21		23	190	58	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	192	60	1	97	26	185	56	1	100	22	192	58	0	100	
NOVARTIS	NX5297		23	197	58	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	196	59	1	97	26	198	56	1	100	22	*198	58	1	100	
PFISTER	2015		22	197	55	4	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	199	57	4	98	25	*211	54	3	100	21	182	55	3	98	
PFISTER	2025		22	**220	55	2	97	24	199	53	7	97	--	--	--	--	19	*220	57	3	96	24	*229	53	2	98	22	**211	55	1	99	
PIONEER	35N05		22	189	59	3	99	24	183	57	4	99	--	--	--	--	20	196	61	2	100	23	200	57	1	98	21	171	60	6	99	
PIONEER	36H36		21	163	59	5	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	173	60	10	100	23	189	57	2	100	21	128	59	4	98	
PIONEER	36K50		22	171	62	3	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	193	62	0	96	23	146	61	1	100	22	172	61	7	100	
RENK	RK641		22	180	56	1	100	23	172	55	4	99	22	158	54	4	99	18	171	58	1	99	25	197	54	1	100	21	172	57	1	100
RENK	RK691		20	185	57	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	175	57	1	93	22	196	56	2	100	19	184	58	3	100	
RUPP	XR1682		23	187	56	0	87	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	188	58	0	83	24	199	54	1	91	22	174	56	0	86	
RUPP	XR1688		23	180	59	1	96	24	170	56	3	92	23	157	56	2	94	20	186	61	1	92	26	188	56	2	100	23	167	60	1	96
RUPP	XR1698		22	201	55	2	93	25	187	53	7	92	23	174	53	6	93	21	189	57	1	81	25	*220	53	1	100	22	*195	55	4	99
SUNSTAR	4706		22	201	56	2	96	24	188	53	4	95	23																			



Average of Monroe, Branch & Cass County LATE trials  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996

LATE TRIAL (107 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR LATER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))

BRAND	HYBRID VARIETY	1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				MONROE				BRANCH				CASS									
		% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD	% H2O	TEST BU/A	% WT	% SL	% STD					
AGRIPRO	AP9468	23	*202	56	0	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	188	57	1	88	27	*220	53	0	100	22	198	58	0	95	
ANDERSONS	NC5801	24	*211	55	2	98	26	195	53	4	98	25	182	52	4	98	22	201	57	3	97	26	*223	52	1	100	23	*210	56	2	99
BECK'S	5360	25	198	56	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	*206	59	2	99	28	200	53	1	96	24	189	57	2	98	
BECK'S	5405	25	*206	54	1	98	27	193	52	4	98	25	183	52	5	98	22	*211	55	2	93	30	207	52	1	100	23	*201	56	0	100
BECK'S	X5505 Bt	25	197	54	1	96	27	188	53	3	97	--	--	--	--	--	22	175	55	1	92	29	203	52	1	97	25	*213	55	2	98
BIO GENE	BG307	24	**216	55	1	92	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	*215	56	2	91	27	*222	53	0	93	24	*210	56	1	92	
BIO GENE	BG309	24	*209	55	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	197	56	2	94	27	**233	53	1	100	23	198	56	1	99	
BROWN	BR7050	24	**216	55	2	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	*215	57	2	100	27	*228	52	1	100	23	*205	56	1	100	
CALLAHAN	7658	24	*207	55	3	95	26	193	53	6	94	25	184	53	5	96	22	199	56	6	93	26	*217	52	1	95	23	*203	56	2	97
CARGILL	6888	24	*209	54	1	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	*219	56	2	95	27	211	52	1	95	25	196	55	1	99	
CORN BELT	C588	24	*207	55	2	98	26	195	53	7	98	25	186	53	5	98	22	*212	57	3	96	26	209	52	2	98	23	*200	56	1	100
CORN BELT	Exp5998	25	*204	55	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	*209	56	1	98	28	*221	52	1	100	24	181	57	1	100	
COUNTRYMARK COOP	627	24	*211	55	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	*203	56	2	98	28	*226	53	1	100	22	*203	55	1	99	
CROWS	365	23	194	55	1	97	25	180	53	4	97	23	167	53	5	98	20	175	56	1	95	27	201	52	1	98	23	*207	56	2	98
CROWS	366	23	195	57	1	99	24	179	55	4	97	--	--	--	--	20	183	58	2	97	26	*214	55	1	100	22	187	57	1	100	
CROWS	492	24	*203	53	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	201	54	2	91	29	*215	50	0	100	23	192	54	2	100	
CROWS	496	25	193	54	3	100	26	187	52	6	98	25	176	52	5	99	22	190	54	6	99	30	206	51	2	100	22	183	56	1	100
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1412	24	*213	55	1	99	26	198	53	3	97	25	193	53	3	98	22	*213	56	1	98	27	*225	52	1	99	24	*202	56	1	100
DEKALB	DK585	22	*206	56	2	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	202	57	1	97	26	*217	53	3	98	21	*199	57	2	100	
DEKALB	DK595 BIX	23	198	56	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	*205	58	3	92	25	206	53	0	100	22	183	57	2	100	
DEKALB	DK618 BIX	25	*200	55	1	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	184	56	1	88	28	213	52	0	96	24	*204	56	1	94	
FONTANELLE	F4997	24	177	59	1	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	177	62	1	93	26	181	56	1	97	24	174	58	0	95	
FONTANELLE	F5306	24	*215	55	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	**222	57	1	94	26	212	53	2	100	24	*211	56	1	100	
GEERTSON	GS1117	24	*209	55	1	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	*208	56	2	90	26	*224	53	1	98	24	196	56	1	97	
GENESIS	1909	22	197	56	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	197	57	2	95	25	206	53	1	95	22	189	57	1	92	
GOLDEN HARVEST	H2495	24	186	55	1	93	25	178	53	1	94	24	172	53	2	96	22	196	57	0	83	26	197	52	0	100	24	166	55	2	95
GREAT LAKES	5816	24	199	55	1	91	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	177	56	3	78	26	211	52	1	96	22	*207	56	0	99	
GREAT LAKES	5849	24	190	56	2	97	25	183	54	3	96	24	176	53	4	96	21	182	57	2	91	27	205	53	2	100	23	183	57	0	99
GUTWEIN	2520	23	*208	55	2	96	26	193	53	6	97	25	186	53	5	97	21	199	56	3	92	26	*225	52	1	99	23	*201	56	1	96
GUTWEIN	Ex799	23	197	54	1	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	175	55	2	92	26	207	52	1	97	23	*208	56	1	98	
HYTEST	HT4680	23	*204	55	2	92	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	201	57	6	86	25	212	53	1	95	23	*200	56	1	94	
HYTEST	HTX7512	23	198	56	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	197	57	1	96	25	200	53	1	98	22	196	57	2	98	
LG SEEDS	LG2583	24	*214	55	2	96	26	200	53	5	97	25	189	52	4	98	21	195	57	2	91	28	**233	52	2	98	23	*215	56	1	98
LG SEEDS	LG2587	25	194	57	0	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	194	58	1	93	28	209	54	0	95	23	179	58	0	96	
MIDWEST GENETIC	G7610	24	192	55	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	194	58	0	99	27	205	52	1	100	24	178	55	2	98	
MIDWEST GENETIC	G7636	24	189	55	2	95	26	185	53	5	96	--	--	--	--	21	184	57	3	89	27	196	52	2	99	24	188	56	1	99	
MYCOGEN	2722	23	*203	55	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	190	57	0	86	25	*218	52	1	96	23	*200	56	1	98	
MYCOGEN	2725	24	*213	54	1	99	26	200	53	4	97	25	187	53	4	95	21	*218	56	0	98	27	*219	52	1	99	24	*201	55	1	100
NOVARTIS	MAX 454	24	184	56	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	170	58	2	98	28	181	53	0	100	23	*200	57	1	100	
NOVARTIS	N6800 Bt	24	183	57	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	180	59	2	95	28	188	53	0	100	23	182	59	0	100	
PAYCO	834	24	*209	55	1	96	26	193	53	6	97	25	185	53	5	95	22	188	57	2	90	26	*223	53	1	98	23	**216	56	1	99
PFISTER	2650	24	*209	55	1	100	26	197	53	6	98	25	188	54	5	96	22	*209	57	1	99	28	*226	54	2	100	24	190	55	0	100
PIONEER	33V08	24	*211	56	0	99	26	199	55	2	99	--	--	--	--	22	*204	58	1	96	26	*230	55	0	100	24	198	56	0	100	
PIONEER	33Y18	25	*211	59	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*219	61	3	95	28	*230	57	0	97	25	184	58	1	100	
PIONEER	34E79	24	*202	56	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	189	57	6	95	24	*218	54	0	100	24	*200	56	0	98	
PIONEER	34G81	23	*200	56	1	99	24	192	54	4	98	--	--	--	--	21	198	59	1	98	24	204	55	1	100	23	196	55	0	99	
RENK	RK778	22	198	56	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	198	58	2	95	24	197	53	0	97	22	198	57	1	100	

**Average of Kent, Ingham & Saginaw County EARLY trials  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996**

EARLY TRIAL (101 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR EARLIER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))		KENT												INGHAM												SAGINAW											
BRAND	HYBRID VARIETY	1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				TEST %				TEST %				TEST %				TEST %											
		H2O BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O BU/A	WT	SL	STD								
AGRIPRO	AP9195	18	125	57	1	99	20	136	55	3	94	22	153	54	4	95	19	111	56	1	98	18	155	58	1	98	16	110	58	0	100						
AGRIPRO	AP9300	20	144	57	1	97	23	156	55	1	93	22	153	54	4	95	21	134	57	1	95	21	160	58	1	100	18	136	58	2	97						
AGRIPRO	AP9313	20	136	56	1	88	20	136	56	1	88	20	136	56	1	88	20	136	56	1	88	20	136	56	1	88	20	136	56	1	88						
ASGROW	RX456	18	128	59	1	96	20	136	55	3	94	22	153	54	4	95	19	111	56	1	98	18	155	58	1	98	16	110	58	0	100						
ASGROW	RX492	20	122	62	1	99	20	122	62	1	99	20	122	62	1	99	20	122	62	1	99	20	122	62	1	99	20	122	62	1	99						
BAYSIDE	Super 88	17	113	58	2	98	20	136	55	3	94	22	153	54	4	95	18	99	56	2	99	17	143	59	3	94	16	98	57	2	100						
BAYSIDE	Super 93	19	129	57	1	96	20	136	55	3	94	22	153	54	4	95	20	122	56	1	98	20	150	57	2	93	16	116	57	1	98						
BAYSIDE	Super 99	21	126	57	2	92	24	151	55	2	87	22	153	54	4	95	22	137	58	1	97	22	141	57	1	80	19	119	59	3	99						
BAYSIDE	Super 100	20	145	57	1	100	20	145	57	1	100	20	145	57	1	100	23	141	55	1	100	21	171	57	0	100	17	124	58	1	100						
BAYSIDE	Super 101	21	135	57	1	100	21	135	57	1	100	21	135	57	1	100	23	120	56	3	100	21	165	58	0	100	20	120	57	1	100						
BAYSIDE	1792	18	140	57	1	97	21	156	55	2	95	20	152	54	3	96	19	132	57	1	100	19	167	58	0	99	17	122	57	2	93						
BIO GENE	BG095	20	132	59	2	96	20	132	59	2	96	20	132	59	2	96	21	133	58	1	97	21	145	59	1	95	18	116	59	3	98						
CALLAHAN	7737	18	131	57	1	99	22	151	55	2	94	22	151	55	2	94	22	137	55	1	100	19	149	58	1	99	15	106	56	1	100						
CALLAHAN	7741	23	133	55	2	99	25	156	53	2	92	25	153	52	5	93	25	126	53	3	97	23	147	55	1	100	22	125	55	3	100						
CALLAHAN	7938X	20	137	56	2	97	20	137	56	2	97	20	137	56	2	97	22	130	54	1	98	20	155	57	1	95	17	126	57	4	98						
CALLAHAN	7939X	21	130	59	2	100	21	130	59	2	100	21	130	59	2	100	23	118	59	2	100	22	156	59	2	99	19	115	60	2	100						
CARGILL	3677	19	127	59	2	97	22	151	56	2	94	22	151	56	2	94	21	116	58	3	100	20	157	59	2	92	17	108	59	1	100						
CORN BELT	Exp5258	21	132	57	2	100	21	132	57	2	100	21	132	57	2	100	23	122	56	3	101	21	151	60	3	99	20	125	56	0	100						
CROWS	200	22	140	55	3	99	24	160	53	3	94	24	156	53	5	96	24	128	54	4	99	22	164	56	3	98	19	127	56	2	100						
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1297	19	127	58	2	96	20	127	58	2	96	20	127	58	2	96	20	114	56	5	92	20	150	59	2	96	16	117	58	1	100						
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1401	21	135	57	1	83	23	151	54	1	84	22	151	54	2	86	23	127	55	0	85	21	146	57	1	80	19	131	58	1	85						
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1496	18	141	57	1	94	21	156	55	2	88	21	156	55	2	88	20	132	56	1	96	19	166	58	1	88	16	127	58	1	98						
DEKALB	DK355	16	113	58	5	100	16	113	58	5	100	16	113	58	5	100	18	108	57	8	99	15	132	59	2	101	15	98	59	6	100						
DEKALB	DK365	16	89	57	3	95	16	89	57	3	95	16	89	57	3	95	18	116	56	3	100	16	102	57	2	90	14	50	57	3	95						
DEKALB	DK385B	16	92	58	3	100	20	123	57	3	95	20	123	57	3	95	19	104	58	1	100	16	118	60	2	100	14	55	58	5	100						
DEKALB	DK405	15	120	56	2	97	15	120	56	2	97	15	120	56	2	97	18	132	56	2	94	15	129	57	2	98	13	98	55	3	99						
DEKALB	DK417	17	117	58	4	98	17	117	58	4	98	17	117	58	4	98	19	117	56	7	98	17	134	59	3	99	15	101	57	3	100						
DEKALB	DK440	16	137	56	2	98	16	137	56	2	98	16	137	56	2	98	19	141	55	1	100	17	157	58	3	95	14	113	56	1	99						
DEKALB	DK471	17	127	56	3	96	21	142	54	3	90	20	142	54	7	93	20	125	55	2	97	17	136	58	4	91	15	121	56	2	99						
DEKALB	DK477	17	135	58	2	99	21	152	55	1	93	20	153	54	4	94	19	132	57	1	100	18	157	58	1	98	16	117	58	3	100						
DEKALB	DK493 Bix	18	141	57	1	97	18	141	57	1	97	18	141	57	1	97	20	134	56	1	96	18	164	58	1	94	15	126	56	2	100						
GARST	8766	19	132	58	1	97	19	132	58	1	97	19	132	58	1	97	20	126	57	2	96	20	144	58	1	96	17	127	58	0	100						
GARST	8780 Hph	20	142	57	1	99	23	157	54	1	95	23	157	54	1	95	22	132	55	1	97	21	180	57	1	98	17	114	58	1	100						
GARST	8830	18	134	57	1	96	21	150	54	2	94	21	150	54	2	94	20	123	56	1	96	19	159	58	1	99	16	121	57	1	92						
GENESIS	1996	18	145	57	3	94	18	145	57	3	94	18	145	57	3	94	20	146	56	3	95	19	167	58	1	87	16	122	58	4	100						
GENESIS	2900	21	132	58	1	90	21	132	58	1	90	21	132	58	1	90	23	137	56	2	91	21	146	58	1	82	19	115	59	1	97						
GENESIS	2995	19	140	57	1	88	19	140	57	1	88	19	140	57	1	88	20	137	55	1	94	20	152	57	2	78	16	131	58	0	92						
GENESIS	2999	20	143	57	1	97	20	143	57	1	97	20	143	57	1	97	22	134	56	1	97	21	160	57	2	94	19	137	58	0	100						
GOLDEN HARVEST	H2309	18	126	57	1	91	18	126	57	1	91	18	126	57	1	91	20	131	56	1	92	18	141	58	0	84	16	104	57	3	98						
GOLDEN HARVEST	H2382	20	115	58	3	97	23	144	56	3	97	23	143	55	5	98	22	119	56	1	92	20	135	59	4	100	19	92	58	3	100						
GOLDEN HARVEST	Ex816	16	118	55	2	90	16	118	55	2	90	16	118	55	2	90	18	112	55	1	85	16	143	57	1	88	14	98	54	3	98						
GREAT LAKES	4758	19	137	58	1	92	19	137	58	1	92	19	137	58	1	92	20	129	57	1	88	21	160	58	0	94	18	120	59	2	95						
GREAT LAKES	4848	20	138	57	1	95	23	155	55	1	93	22	154	54	3	93	21	140	56	1	100	22	148	57	2	87	18	127	58	1	99						
GRIES	GSF2285	17	122	59	1	96	17	122	59	1	96	17	122	59	1	96	19	111	58	0	90	17	149	60	0	97	15	106	58	1	100						
GUTWEIN	2066	18	127	57	1	87	18	127	57	1	87	18	127	57	1	87	19	119	56	1	83	18	136	58	2	84	16	124	58	1	93						
GUTWEIN	2087	19	139	58	1	98	23	145	55	3	88	23	145	55	3	88	21	131	57	1	93	20	158	59	0	99	17	128	59	2	100						
GUTWEIN	2110	22	132	56	1	89	24	143	54	1	86	23	145	54	2	86	23	119	55	0	93	22	150	57	0	84	21	126	57	2	91						
HYTEST	HT4404	17	119	56	4	89	17	119	56	4	89	17	119	56	4	89	18	116	55	4	85	18	149	57	1	89	15	90	55	7	95						
LG SEEDS	LG2473	19	129	56	1	97	19	129	56	1	97	19	129	56	1	97	22	130	54	1	96	19	150	58	1	95	15	106	56	1	100						
LG SEEDS	LG2483	20	124	56	1	91	23	152	53	2	90	23	152	53	2	90	22	123	54	0	93	20	142	57	1	85	18	107	56	2	95						
LG SEEDS	LG2499																																				

**Average of Kent, Ingham & Saginaw County LATE trials  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996**

LATE TRIAL (102 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR LATER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))

HYBRID	1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				KENT				INGHAM				SAGINAW										
	%	TEST %	%	%	%	TEST %	%	%	%	TEST %	%	%	%	TEST %	%	%	TEST %	%	%	TEST %	%	%	TEST %	%							
BRAND	VARIETY	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD					
ANDERSONS	NC5401	24	147	54	1	90	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	138	53	1	92	25	172	54	1	81	22	130	55	1	96				
ASGROW	RX490	21	144	58	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*145	57	1	97	21	166	58	2	100	19	120	60	2	100				
ASGROW	RX530	22	151	55	1	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	142	54	0	100	23	178	55	1	99	19	135	56	2	99				
BIO GENE	BG105	24	*156	53	1	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	139	52	2	94	25	*193	52	0	94	23	*137	55	2	100				
BROWN	BR6850	24	*156	53	1	98	27	169	52	2	92	--	--	--	--	--	25	135	53	2	99	26	*199	53	1	98	22	133	55	1	97
CALLAHAN	7942X	20	141	57	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	132	57	0	97	22	168	57	0	93	17	122	58	1	100				
CARGILL	6303	26	*157	53	1	100	28	170	52	1	96	27	166	52	3	97	30	*165	51	1	100	25	184	53	1	99	23	121	55	1	100
CORN BELT	C567	24	*157	53	2	96	27	171	52	3	91	26	167	51	3	91	26	139	52	1	99	26	*196	53	2	90	22	*137	55	3	98
COUNTRYMARK COOP	447	23	144	54	3	97	25	157	53	3	94	24	156	52	5	96	25	135	52	6	95	24	174	55	2	97	18	122	56	0	100
COUNTRYMARK COOP	4949	22	151	54	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	*152	53	0	99	23	173	55	0	97	20	130	56	1	99				
COUNTRYMARK COOP	5308	24	*161	54	1	95	27	164	52	2	87	--	--	--	--	--	27	*155	53	1	98	24	186	54	0	91	22	*141	55	2	97
CROWS	366	26	134	54	2	98	29	155	52	3	95	--	--	--	--	--	27	129	53	2	100	26	165	56	1	100	26	107	54	1	95
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1406	24	*162	54	2	92	27	176	52	3	90	--	--	--	--	--	26	*146	53	2	93	25	*195	54	1	89	21	*143	54	2	96
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1410	27	*161	53	1	97	30	174	52	2	90	29	171	51	5	93	27	*150	53	0	95	27	*201	53	1	97	25	132	53	2	100
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1509	26	*153	54	2	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	139	53	4	101	26	186	54	1	98	23	134	55	1	100
DAIRYLAND	DST10208	21	145	57	1	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	142	57	0	95	22	169	57	0	90	19	123	58	2	100				
DEKALB	DK525	19	136	59	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	130	58	1	99	20	168	61	2	96	16	110	59	1	100				
DEKALB	DK537	20	146	56	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*148	55	1	99	21	172	57	3	97	16	118	57	2	99				
DEKALB	DK551	22	144	56	3	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	137	55	5	99	23	175	57	2	98	19	119	55	2	100				
DEKALB	DK585	23	*152	54	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	143	53	3	99	25	182	54	1	94	19	131	56	2	100				
DEKALB	DK595 BtX	25	148	54	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	119	54	0	99	26	186	54	1	95	24	*140	54	1	100				
GARST	8640	22	*161	56	2	99	25	170	54	3	90	24	162	53	5	88	24	*161	55	1	99	22	*194	56	1	98	21	129	57	4	100
GEERTSON	GS1067	24	*163	54	3	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	*154	53	2	100	25	*192	54	4	99	22	*144	55	2	98				
GENESIS	2903	23	144	55	1	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	140	55	1	100	24	161	54	1	99	21	132	55	0	100				
GREAT LAKES	5322	23	142	57	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	141	55	1	98	24	157	56	2	96	20	127	58	1	100				
GREAT LAKES	5715	26	145	55	1	93	28	159	53	2	89	27	157	53	4	92	26	*149	54	0	92	26	154	54	2	91	25	132	56	1	97
GREAT LAKES	5816	26	*161	53	4	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	*157	53	1	98	26	182	54	3	93	25	*143	53	7	100				
GRIES	GSF4203	23	*155	54	1	99	27	171	52	2	92	25	165	52	3	89	26	138	52	1	100	23	*198	54	1	96	21	128	55	2	100
GUTWEIN	2424	24	*152	54	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	*151	53	0	100	25	184	54	1	98	22	120	56	2	97				
HYTEST	BH4531	22	141	54	1	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	137	55	0	97	23	165	53	1	100	20	120	56	0	98				
HYTEST	BH4602	24	*159	54	2	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	143	52	1	100	25	*202	54	1	97	22	132	54	4	100				
LG SEEDS	LG2512	23	140	56	1	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	133	54	0	97	25	164	55	1	95	19	123	59	1	98				
LG SEEDS	LG2530	24	*153	54	0	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*148	52	0	98	25	*189	54	0	99	22	121	56	1	98				
LG SEEDS	LG2539	23	*167	54	1	98	27	176	52	2	93	25	167	52	3	92	24	*155	53	1	100	24	**207	54	1	95	21	*137	55	2	100
MYCOGEN	2620	23	*153	57	2	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*146	56	4	99	24	183	57	0	100	21	130	58	1	98				
MYCOGEN	2598	22	*152	53	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	*147	53	2	96	23	185	53	1	97	21	124	53	1	97				
NOVARTIS	MAX 21	25	149	56	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	*147	55	1	99	26	174	55	0	97	23	127	57	1	100				
NOVARTIS	N4640 Bt	19	147	58	1	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	*145	58	0	101	19	164	59	1	99	17	133	59	1	100				
NOVARTIS	NX5297	24	*157	56	0	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	141	55	0	99	25	*194	55	0	96	22	135	57	1	98				
PIONEER	34G81	25	*167	55	1	98	27	179	53	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	26	*160	54	1	97	26	*197	54	0	97	23	*145	56	1	100
PIONEER	35N05	24	148	57	1	100	26	162	54	1	95	--	--	--	--	--	25	137	55	1	100	25	179	57	1	99	22	129	58	1	100
PIONEER	33V08	28	*159	54	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	29	*157	54	1	98	31	*187	53	0	98	25	132	55	2	100				
RENK	RK681	22	147	55	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	*150	54	1	99	23	171	54	1	92	18	119	56	3	98				
RENK	RK691	20	138	55	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	133	54	2	98	22	167	54	1	99	18	115	55	1	95				
RENK	RK775	24	*158	54	1	97	26	171	52	3	92	--	--	--	--	--	24	143	53	2	96	25	*194	53	1	99	22	*137	55	1	98
RENK	RK778	25	**168	53	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	*163	53	1	97	27	*195	53	0	99	24	*145	54	5	96				
RENK	RK818	27	149	54	1	97	29	163	53	1	90	--	--	--	--	--	28	143	54	1	96	27	166	55	2	96	25	*137	55	1	100
RENK	RK864	27	*164	53	1	97	29	179	52	2	89	29	176	51	3	92	29	**167	53	1	100	27	*190	53	0	93	25	*136	54	1	99
RUPP	XR1682	25	*154	53	2	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	142	53	1	94	25	176	53	0	94	24	*143	53	5	96				
RUPP	XR1688	26	146	55	1	98	26	155	53	2	86	27	148	53	5	90	27	143	53	0	96	25	167	55	1	97	24	126	56	2	100
RUPP	XR1698	24	*160	54	1	93	27	167	52	2	87	26	163	52	4	88	25	139	53	2	91	24	*204	53	1	93	22	*137	56	2	96
TERRA	TR1047	23	151	54	1	99	26	169	52	3	92	--	--	--	--	--	24	132	53	1	98	24	*198	54	1	100	22	124	54	1	100
TERRA	TR1058 Bt	24	148	54	3	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	29	123	52	2	100	26	*189	54	4	93	19	131	56	2	100				
TERRA	TR1066	26	147	52	1	99	29	166	51	1	92	--	--	--	--	--	26	124	51	1	100	28	*190	52	0	99	26	127	53	1	99
TERRA	TR1087	27	*164	53	1	98	30	171	51	2	92	29	168	51	3	94	27	143	54	1	96	27	*198	52	0	99	26	**150	53	2	100
TERRA	TR1097	28	*156	52	1	95	30	176	52	1	92	--	--	--	--	--	29	*154	52	0											

Average of Huron, Montcalm & Mason County EARLY trials  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996

EARLY TRIAL (97 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR EARLIER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))

BRAND	HYBRID	VARIETY	1998												2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)												3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)												HURON				MONTCALM				MASON			
			%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%	%	TEST	%	%								
ASGROW		RX352	21	148	56	1	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	129	57	1	83	20	134	58	0	100	22	180	53	1	96												
ASGROW		RX355	21	163	57	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	145	58	1	97	20	147	60	1	100	22	197	53	0	99												
BAYSIDE		Super 88	22	161	55	2	92	23	157	53	3	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	145	55	3	78	20	143	56	1	100	22	194	53	1	99												
BAYSIDE		Super 91	22	165	55	1	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*151	55	1	85	21	143	56	0	100	23	201	52	1	94												
BAYSIDE		Super 93	24	167	53	1	91	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	142	53	1	78	22	147	55	1	100	24	*213	51	1	95												
BAYSIDE		Super 95	25	*175	51	2	94	26	171	50	4	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	*157	51	3	88	21	*159	53	2	100	25	208	50	0	93												
BAYSIDE		Super 97	25	166	55	2	84	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	142	56	3	76	22	151	57	3	93	26	205	53	1	82												
BAYSIDE		1792	24	*177	53	1	96	25	176	52	2	98	25	165	50	3	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*161	53	2	89	23	*165	55	2	100	24	206	52	0	98												
BIO GENE		BG090	23	158	54	2	83	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	125	55	2	67	21	153	55	2	94	26	198	51	1	89												
CALLAHAN		7737	24	*172	53	1	94	27	176	52	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	140	53	4	87	21	*163	56	1	100	27	*212	51	0	97												
CALLAHAN		7938X	25	*176	52	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	*162	52	2	88	24	*160	52	0	97	26	207	51	0	97												
CARGILL		2827	22	154	58	1	87	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	122	58	1	71	22	147	60	1	96	23	193	56	0	94												
CORN BELT		C467	22	156	55	0	90	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	140	54	0	75	20	144	58	0	98	23	183	53	1	97												
COUNTRYMARK COOP		3858	23	*175	53	2	90	24	169	52	3	86	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	*149	53	3	75	22	154	55	2	100	23	*222	51	0	94												
DAIRYLAND		STEALTH-1496	24	*176	54	1	92	25	175	52	2	91	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	148	53	0	78	22	*157	56	3	99	25	*224	52	1	98												
DAIRYLAND		STEALTH-1595	23	158	54	0	97	24	157	52	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	137	53	0	93	21	136	56	1	99	22	201	53	0	98												
DEKALB		DK355	20	153	56	2	90	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	137	56	1	77	19	137	58	3	97	21	186	53	1	94												
DEKALB		DK365	21	151	56	1	90	22	152	55	4	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	118	57	2	74	20	139	57	1	99	23	195	53	1	99												
DEKALB		DK385B	21	148	58	1	98	23	157	56	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	127	60	2	96	19	134	60	0	100	23	184	55	1	99												
DEKALB		DK405	20	160	55	1	87	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	112	56	1	74	20	*159	58	1	94	22	*210	52	0	93												
DEKALB		DK417	21	169	57	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	*150	58	0	87	20	143	59	2	100	22	*213	54	1	95												
DEKALB		DK440	21	*178	54	1	91	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	145	55	3	76	21	*159	55	1	100	23	**230	52	0	97												
DEKALB		DK471	23	*173	54	1	90	26	173	52	3	94	25	166	50	3	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*156	55	0	80	22	*159	56	1	98	26	205	51	1	91												
DEKALB		DK477	23	*177	53	2	96	25	171	52	3	97	25	167	51	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*145	53	4	88	21	*165	56	2	100	24	*220	51	0	99												
GARST		8830	23	*179	52	2	97	25	177	51	3	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*164	53	3	93	23	*165	54	1	100	24	207	49	2	97												
GENESIS		2990	23	153	55	2	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	139	55	3	84	21	148	57	2	99	23	171	53	0	98												
GOLDEN HARVEST		H2309	23	161	54	1	88	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	130	54	2	77	22	151	55	1	97	23	201	51	0	89												
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GREAT LAKES		3807	22	129	57	1	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	104	57	0	80	20	135	59	2	99	22	147	54	2	100												
GREAT LAKES		4526	23	*177	54	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*163	54	3	93	22	152	56	1	100	24	*215	51	0	97												
GREAT LAKES		4758	25	*172	54	1	92	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	144	53	1	82	22	*167	56	2	97	26	206	52	0	98												
GRIES		GSF2285	23	167	55	1	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	*155	55	2	85	22	152	58	1	99	22	192	53	0	94												
HYTEST		HT4310	24	*171	54	2	91	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*167	54	4	83	22	141	56	2	95	25	206	52	1	95												
HYTEST		HT4395	21	160	55	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	*156	56	2	83	21	140	56	1	100	22	183	52	2	99												
JUNG		2488	24	*173	52	1	92	25	173	51	4	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	*151	52	3	85	22	151	54	1	98	25	*217	50	0	94												
LG SEEDS		LG2421	24	*177	56	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	*150	55	3	94	22	*160	58	1	100	25	*220	53	1	100												
LG SEEDS		LG2442	23	*177	54	2	95	25	174	52	3	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	**170	55	2	89	22	139	55	2	100	23	*223	51	1	97												
LG SEEDS		LG2473	24	*172	54	1	92	27	178	52	2	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	139	54	2	82	22	*159	56	1	100	26	*220	52	0	94												
MIDWEST GENETIC		G6970	22	*170	53	1	89	25	168	52	3	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	136	53	1	76	20	155	55	2	96	25	*221	51	1	94												
MIDWEST GENETIC		G7010	24	158	53	2	81	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	123	52	3	66	22	150	56	2	94	24	202	51	1	83												
MYCOGEN		2395	24	166	56	2	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	139	56	3	86	22	*160	59	2	100	23	198	55	0	92												
MYCOGEN		2420	22	168	55	2	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*153	55	2	96	21	*159	57	3	100	24	193	53	1	87												
NOVARTIS		MAX 86	23	*174	58	1	88	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	*165	59	1	76	20	144	60	2	94	24	*212	56	0	93												
NOVARTIS		N3030 Bt	24	*184	54	2	91	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*164	54	5	85	22	**170	57	2	100	25	*216	52	0	89												
PIONEER		37M81	23	**187	53	3	98	25	182	51	5	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*169	53	5	95	21	*166	56	3	100	25	*225	50	1	99												
PIONEER		38P05	23	*178	56	0	92	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	*159	58	1	87	21	*166	59	0	99	24	207	53	1	91												
PIONEER		38																																																



Alpena, Grand Traverse, and Delta County Trials  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996

HYBRID	VARIETY	ALPENA												GRAND TRAVERSE				DELTA													
		1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)													
		%	TEST %	%	STD	%	TEST %	%	STD	%	TEST %	%	STD	%	TEST %	%	STD	%	TEST %	%	STD										
BRAND		H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD	H2O	BU/A	WT	SL	STD					
BAYSIDE	Super 75	25	116	56	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	26	*74	52	0	100	24	*156	54	2	99	--	--	--	--	--					
BROWN	BR1680	27	127	52	0	100	28	124	50	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	28	*77	51	0	86	26	*167	50	2	100	26	126	48	2	100
CARGILL	1877	24	120	58	1	99	26	121	55	1	99	25	124	55	4	99	25	68	55	1	99	23	*159	57	0	97	25	128	54	2	98
COUNTRYMARK COOP	3858	33	110	51	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Silage only									
COUNTRYMARK COOP	3969	37	109	53	2	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	69	49	1	100	Silage only									
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1496	31	130	52	0	100	33	122	49	1	94	--	--	--	--	--	27	66	50	0	97	Silage only									
DEKALB	DK355	27	105	54	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	60	51	1	100	24	*156	52	2	99	--	--	--	--	--
DEKALB	DK365	26	128	55	2	100	28	123	51	2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*157	52	7	100	27	135	48	6	100
DEKALB	DK385B	28	*135	56	1	100	29	128	52	1	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	*161	53	2	100	28	136	50	3	100
DEKALB	DK405	27	**150	53	2	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	*88	49	0	97	26	*168	49	3	97	--	--	--	--	--
DEKALB	DK417	27	122	54	1	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	*77	52	1	100	Silage only									
DEKALB	DK440	31	*147	52	0	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	*88	52	1	100	Silage only									
GREAT LAKES	3362	29	111	51	1	100	29	107	48	1	100	28	122	48	3	99	29	44	49	1	100	26	149	49	3	99	27	118	46	5	98
GREAT LAKES	3807	25	120	56	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	*83	53	0	100	24	*161	55	2	101	--	--	--	--	--
GREAT LAKES	4526	33	122	51	1	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	48	50	1	100	Silage only									
GREAT LAKES	4758	34	133	54	2	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	**97	51	1	94	Silage only									
JUNG	2232	29	111	53	0	100	29	107	50	3	100	27	114	50	5	100	25	*78	52	1	100	25	*164	52	5	99	25	134	49	8	99
JUNG	2285	29	108	53	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	*94	51	3	100	25	*156	53	4	101	--	--	--	--	--
LG SEEDS	LG2367	30	115	55	2	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	*72	52	1	100	27	*168	54	7	100	--	--	--	--	--
LG SEEDS	LG2408	31	109	51	1	100	34	106	47	1	99	--	--	--	--	--	33	33	48	1	100	29	147	48	4	99	35	118	45	4	100
MYCOGEN	2110	24	114	58	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	40	54	1	100	23	*160	58	2	99	--	--	--	--	--
MYCOGEN	2250	29	125	55	1	100	31	119	51	2	100	30	129	50	3	100	--	--	--	--	--	25	**169	54	4	99	27	134	50	9	100
PIONEER	38W36	30	128	53	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	65	51	1	99	Silage only									
PIONEER	38D66	27	130	52	2	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	29	*96	51	0	100	Silage only									
RENK	RK221	26	117	55	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*74	53	2	100	25	148	54	5	99	--	--	--	--	--
RENK	RK272	26	117	52	0	100	28	112	49	1	97	--	--	--	--	--	24	*81	51	1	100	25	*155	51	2	99	26	127	47	3	99
RENK	RK277	26	*136	55	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	*96	53	1	100	24	*162	53	6	101	--	--	--	--	--
RENK	RK366	30	111	51	1	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	85	49	0	100	27	*165	49	4	99	--	--	--	--	--
RENK	RK376	30	102	50	0	100	31	105	48	2	99	--	--	--	--	--	32	57	47	3	100	27	*164	48	2	100	29	134	46	5	100
TERRA	E858	30	109	54	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	139	52	5	100	--	--	--	--	--
TERRA	TR906	31	112	51	1	100	30	111	48	2	98	28	117	48	5	95	30	65	50	1	99	25	*160	50	5	100	27	134	46	4	99
TRELAY	1003	26	120	54	1	100	28	117	51	2	98	--	--	--	--	--	24	71	51	1	99	24	*155	53	5	99	25	135	49	8	100
TRELAY	1007	26	127	54	2	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	*95	52	0	100	24	*166	52	3	100	--	--	--	--	--
TRELAY	2006	32	110	51	0	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	67	49	1	100	26	*161	50	5	86	--	--	--	--	--
AVERAGE		29	120	53	1	100	30	115	50	1	98	28	121	50	4	99	28	80	51	1	99	25	159	52	4	99	27	130	48	5	99
HIGHEST		37	150	58	2	100	34	128	55	3	100	30	129	55	5	100	33	97	55	3	100	29	169	58	7	100	35	136	54	9	100
LOWEST		24	102	50	0	99	26	105	47	0	94	25	114	48	3	95	24	33	47	0	86	23	139	48	0	86	25	118	45	2	98
LSD		2	15	1																											
CV .05%		4	9	1																											

\*\* HIGHEST YIELDING HYBRID IN 1998

\* NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM TOP YIELDING HYBRID

TABLE B AGRONOMIC TABLE - GRAIN TRIALS

COUNTY	PLANTING/ HARVEST DATES	SOIL TYPE	PREVIOUS CROP	PLANTING RATE/ AVG. STAND	FERTILIZER	SOIL TEST	FARM COOPERATOR	LOCATION
MONROE - Zone 1	May 19 Oct. 29	Selfridge Pewamo Complex	Soybeans	28,512 26,687	218-70-120	pH 6.7 P 81, K 324	Gary Kreps	Temperance
BRANCH	May 7 Oct. 6	Oshtemo Sandy Loam	Corn	30,096 29,614	191-0-0	pH 6.1 P 196, K 545	Remus Riggs	Coldwater
CASS	April 28 Oct. 9	Kalamazoo Loam	Corn	30,096 29,524	179-44-139 +Zinc Mg	pH 6.6 P 175, K 352	Dave & Mel Cripe	Cassopolis
KENT - Zone 2	May 8 Oct. 8	Thetford & Spinks Loamy Sand	Alfalfa	28,512 27,543	115-42-42	pH 6.5 P 98, K 376	Gerald Kayser	Caledonia
INGHAM	April 30 Oct. 2	Capac Loam	Soybeans	28,512 27,001	213-46-0	pH 6.5 P 74, K 319	Joregensen Farms	Williamston
SAGINAW	April 29 Sept. 29	Mistequay Silty Clay	Dry Beans	30,096 29,539	170-0-0	pH 8.0 P 61, K 460	Saginaw Bean & Beet Research Farm	Saginaw
HURON - Zone 3	May 13 Oct. 27	Kilmanagh Loam	Soybeans	26,928 22,646	179-57-60	pH 6.5 P 75, K 248	Wil-Le Farms William, Ron & Ed McCrea	Bad Axe
MONTCALM	May 15 Oct. 24	McBride & Isabella Sandy Loam	Soybeans	28,512 28,099	165-38-38	pH 6.4 P 295, K 286	Thorlund Brother Farms	Greenville
MASON	May 6 Oct. 14	Ogemaw Sandy Loam	Corn	26,928 25,460	146-0-0	pH 6.7 P 196, K 376	Robert & August Oshe	Scottville
ALPENA - Zone 4	May 12 Oct. 15	Selkirk Loam	Dry Beans	26,928 26,901	132-48-48	pH 6.4 P 182, K 281	Allen Schiellard	Hubbard Lake
GRAND TRAVERSE	May 6 Oct. 14	Karlin Sandy Loam	Alfalfa/Sod	26,136 25,875	93-65-185	pH 6.5 P 76, K 42	Richard Dennett	Buckley
DELTA	May 5 Oct. 15	Onaway Fine Sandy Loam	Alfalfa	26,136 26,796	51-51-51 9,000 Gal. Liq. Manure	pH 7.3 P 185, K 400	Benny Herioux	Bark River

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deficits were the most acute since the summer of 1988. Rainfall totals during July were less than one inch in many central and northern areas of the state, and were in some cases the lowest July totals since 1936. By early August, Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) values, which are based on the principles of long-term balance between moisture supply and demand and indicate the severity of a wet or dry spell, fell below -3.0 in central and northern sections of the state for the first time since the summer of 1988 (A PSDI value of -2.0 is considered 'moderate drought' and a value of -3.0 or lower is considered 'severe drought'). On a regional scale, the drought conditions were most intense across central and northern sections of Michigan, northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, and southern Ontario. Ironically, wetter than normal conditions were

common in areas as close as the southern two tiers of counties in lower Michigan, northern Indiana and central Illinois, where crop performance was reported as average or better than average.

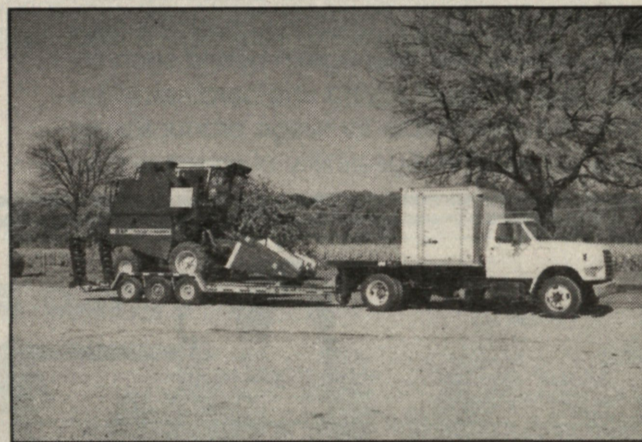
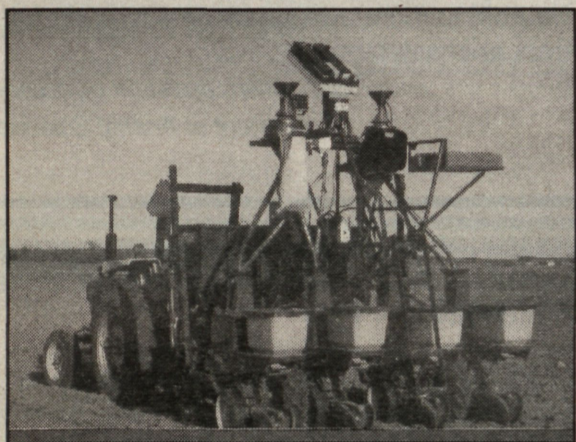
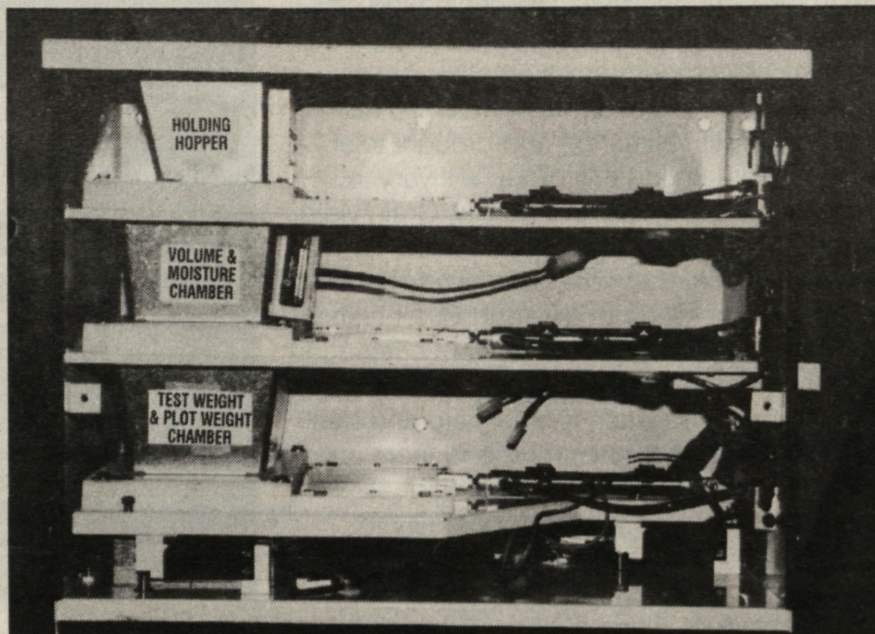
Similar to the spring, warmer and drier than normal weather dominated the fall season, accelerating fall drydown and leading to an early finish of harvesting operations for many growers. Given the earlier drought conditions and the mild, dry fall weather, drying costs in most production areas of the state were expected to remain well below normal. Finally, the persistent nature of the mild weather during 1998 (January-December) was extremely unusual from a climatological point of view. For most locations in the state, the abnormal warmth during the winter, spring, and fall/early winter seasons will put it in the record books as either the mildest or one of the mildest on record.

## LOTS REQUIRE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

From planting through harvest, specialized equipment is needed to conduct variety trials around the state. Up to 140 hybrids are tested at a location. The plot planter allows for planting of individual seed packets of each hybrid and divides the seed equally into four rows. Plots are 22-feet long with a 3-foot alley between plots.

A mounted sprayer and an adjustable 4-row cultivator make it possible to care for the plots at the different locations. Weed control and side dressing are both possible with one machine.

Grain harvesting is done with a 2-row combine designed for plot harvest. All data are measured by the GrainGage™ system pictured here. The grain cycles through the system via pneumatically-controlled gates at the base of each chamber. The first chamber determines the volume for each cycle taken (size of the plot determines the number of cycles per plot), the second chamber determines moisture while the third chamber measures weight. At the end of each plot, all cycles are averaged for moisture and test weight, and plot weights are totaled. These data are then stored in the memory of the HarvestMaster Data System.™ This complete system allows for one person to handle the harvesting operations.



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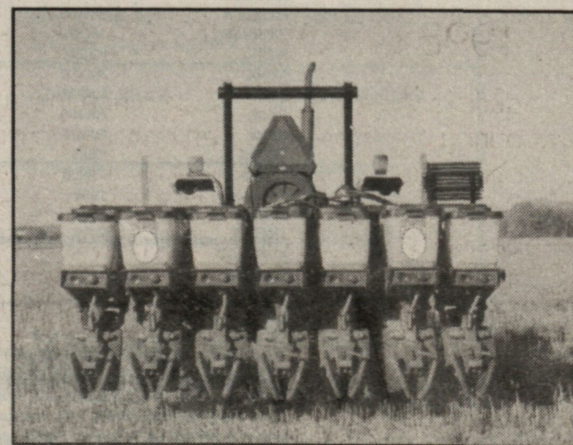
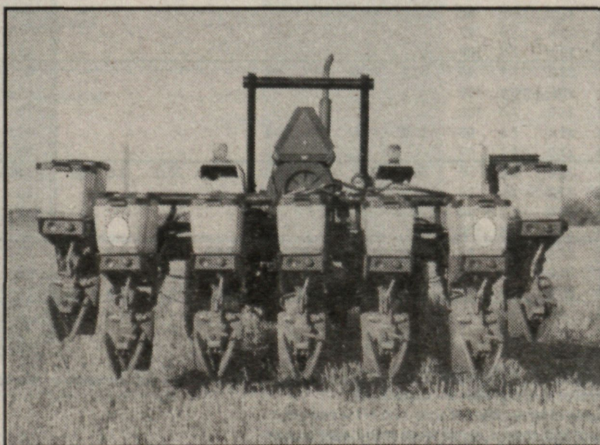
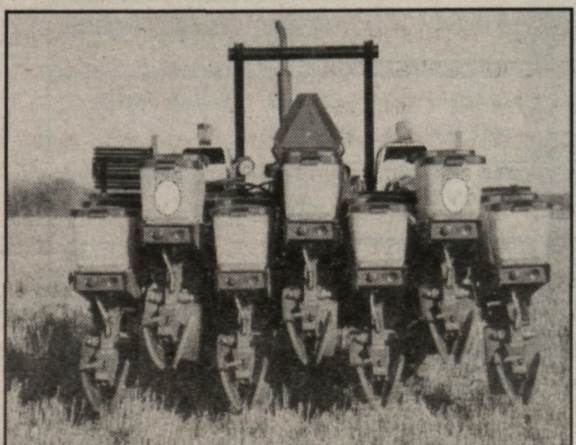
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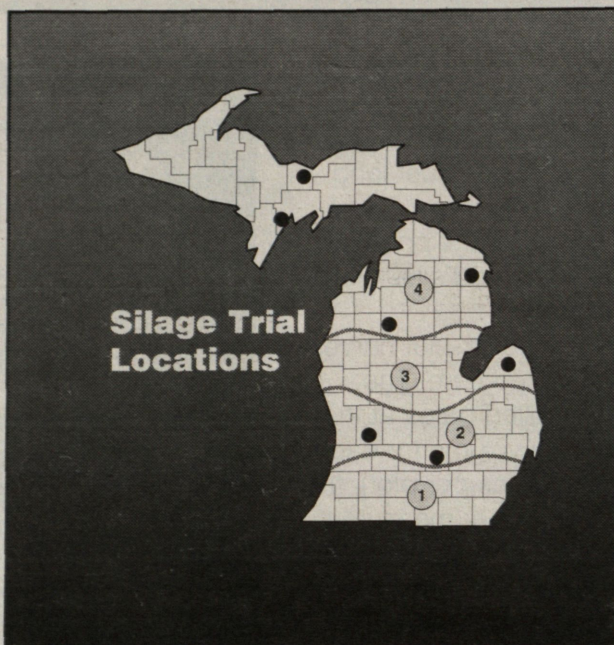


# SELECTION OF CORN HYBRIDS FOR SILAGE

## A Nutritionist's Perspective

Hybrid selection is one of the most important management decisions influencing the economics of corn silage production. Hybrids should be selected from a group that is well adapted to the area in terms of maturity, disease and insect resistance and drought tolerance. Hybrids among this group will vary in grain yield, forage yield and quality. Grain yield has been the most widely used criterion for selection of silage hybrids. However, grain yield is not related to silage quality and is not highly related to forage yield, two important criteria for silage hybrids. Although there is a slight negative relationship between forage yield and quality, the relationship is not strong and there is variation in quality even among the highest yielding hybrids. This allows opportunity to select for high quality with little reduction in yield.

While excellent silage hybrids with high forage yield and high quality exist, dual purpose hybrids that are excellent for both silage and grain do not. This is because characteristics that make an excellent grain hybrid such as fast rate of kernel drying and hard kernel texture are undesirable for silage production as they reduce the digestibility of starch in the



grain. Kernels in corn silage should have high moisture and be of soft kernel texture to increase starch digestion by the animal. Hard, dry kernels resist digestion and will reduce the energy content of the silage. Hybrids also vary in amount and digestibility of fiber which can affect intake and production. Varying levels of crude protein can affect supplementation costs.

### SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Any hybrid selected for silage should be among the top 50 percent in forage yield. The hybrid should have a slow to medium rate of kernel drying so the kernel will not be too dry when the whole plant is dry enough to ensile. This is particularly important for upright silos that require drier silage to reduce seepage. The kernel should have soft texture so that it is easily fractured during chopping and chewing. Additional recommendations vary by animal type and level of performance. Hybrids with high digestibility due to highly digestible NDF should be selected for high producing dairy cattle in early lactation. Hybrids with low NDF and high crude protein should be selected for growing animals consuming high corn silage diets to increase dry matter intake and reduce protein supplementation costs. As research becomes available, hybrid selection indexes will be able to more accurately rank hybrids for different animal types.

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**Table 7 Northern Michigan  
Alger County Silage - 1998**

BRAND	VARIETY	SILAGE YIELD				IN-VITRO QUALITY ANALYSIS			
		% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP
CARGILL	XB227	27.1	16.0	4.3	98	89.0	74.6	43.5	7.4
CARGILL	1527	35.0	12.9	4.5	100	85.3	64.4	41.3	7.9
CARGILL	1877	31.0	16.0	*5.0	100	85.8	64.0	39.3	7.5
CARGILL	FQ2411	31.0	16.3	*5.0	100	84.1	63.7	40.5	6.9
NOVARTIS	MAX40	32.5	13.9	4.5	98	86.9	66.0	38.6	7.3
NOVARTIS	N15-B4	31.3	16.2	**5.1	99	83.1	60.9	43.6	6.6
PIONEER	3893	31.0	13.6	4.2	100	83.9	62.9	43.3	7.1
PIONEER	3941	32.7	14.1	*4.6	98	86.3	65.2	39.5	7.6
PIONEER	39K72	37.7	10.1	3.8	95	84.5	62.5	41.4	8.1
WOLF RIVER VALLEY	9373	35.6	11.0	3.9	89	84.0	58.0	38.1	7.4
AVERAGE		32.5	14.0	4.5	98	85.3	64.2	40.9	7.4
HIGHEST		37.7	16.3	5.1	100	89.0	74.6	43.6	8.1
LOWEST		27.1	10.1	3.8	95	83.1	58.0	38.1	6.9
LSD		2.3	1.7	0.5		2.1	3.7	0.5	0.5
CV .05%		4.9	8.2	8.4		1.1	2.5	0.6	3.2

\*\*HIGHEST YIELDING HYBRID FOR DRY WEIGHT PER ACRE  
\*DRY WEIGHT NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM TOP YIELDING HYBRID

Table 4B

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

ZONE 4

### Average of Delta County Silage Trials One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996

BRAND	VARIETY	SILAGE YIELD												IN-VITRO QUALITY ANALYSIS							
		1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)			
		% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP
BAYSIDE	Super 75	32.4	24.2	*7.7	100																
BROWN	BR1680	33.2	23.6	*7.8	100	32.2	19.8	6.4	100					82.6	53.7	37.5	8.1	79.5	50.2	40.8	8.3
CARGILL	1877	29.7	21.6	6.4	99	28.9	21.1	6.1	99	29.5	19.8	5.8	95	81.4	52.5	39.3	6.5	80.0	50.2	40.2	8.5
COUNTRYMARK COOP	3858	32.4	22.9	7.5	99									81.5	54.4	40.5	9.4				
COUNTRYMARK COOP	3999	33.0	22.8	7.6	100									81.9	56.0	41.0	8.0				
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1496	29.8	23.1	6.8	99	28.7	24.1	6.9	99					80.4	54.3	42.9	8.9	77.4	50.8	45.7	8.6
DEKALB	DK355	32.0	25.1	*7.9	100									82.6	60.1	43.5	7.9				
DEKALB	DK365	31.0	25.1	*7.7	98	29.6	23.2	6.9	99					81.8	54.6	39.8	7.6	79.0	50.2	41.9	7.3
DEKALB	DK385B	31.2	25.0	*7.7	99	29.8	23.1	6.6	97					81.2	51.7	39.4	8.2	78.5	48.0	41.4	8.0
DEKALB	DK405	30.3	23.7	7.2	94									82.1	58.7	43.4	8.7				
DEKALB	DK417	33.8	25.1	*8.3	94									86.6	67.7	41.3	7.9				
DEKALB	DK440	32.3	23.7	*7.7	98									78.1	51.2	44.4	7.3				
GREAT LAKES	3362	33.1	25.3	*8.3	100	31.5	22.5	7.1	100	32.0	20.6	6.5	94	83.4	57.8	39.2	8.8	79.2	52.1	43.1	8.5
GREAT LAKES	3807	32.3	24.1	*7.8	98									82.5	57.6	41.3	7.8				
GREAT LAKES	4526	30.5	25.7	*7.8	100									81.9	52.5	37.4	7.9				
GREAT LAKES	4758	31.5	23.3	7.3	98									80.5	51.8	39.8	7.3				
JUNG	2232	33.3	21.4	7.0	100	32.5	20.6	6.6	100	32.6	19.1	6.1	97	82.9	57.5	40.1	7.7	79.0	51.9	43.3	7.6
JUNG	2285	28.0	28.6	*8.0	100									79.1	51.0	43.1	7.4				
LG SEEDS	LG2367	30.3	24.2	7.2	100									84.2	59.5	38.6	8.9				
LG SEEDS	LG2408	34.7	20.4	7.1	100	29.4	23.9	6.8	100					84.2	58.7	38.4	7.7	80.1	52.5	41.6	8.2
MYCOGEN	2110	33.2	25.7	*8.4	100									83.9	62.5	42.5	7.3				
MYCOGEN	2250	30.5	26.1	*7.9	96	29.8	22.7	6.7	98	30.7	20.6	6.3	97	75.1	47.1	47.0	7.2	75.8	47.3	45.6	7.7
PIONEER	38W36	29.0	27.5	*7.9	95									81.1	54.7	41.0	8.3				
PIONEER	38D66	33.0	23.8	*7.8	97									81.4	53.2	39.3	8.4				
RENK	RK221	32.7	23.8	7.6	100									83.4	56.2	37.5	9.0				
RENK	RK272	30.7	23.9	7.3	98	31.1	21.6	6.7	98					80.6	51.2	40.3	7.6	77.6	48.7	43.8	7.7
RENK	RK277	34.0	25.9	*8.8	100									81.6	56.1	41.5	7.7				
RENK	RK368	28.8	28.3	7.5	100									78.3	51.1	45.0	8.6				
RENK	RK376	32.8	23.4	7.6	99	30.2	21.5	6.6	99					82.8	58.0	40.6	8.4	79.6	51.9	41.8	8.3
TERRA	E858	32.3	27.0	*8.7	97									83.2	55.6	37.9	8.5				
TERRA	TR906	30.1	25.0	7.5	96	30.0	23.2	7.0	98	30.4	20.9	6.3	93	82.4	52.9	37.6	8.1	78.6	49.6	41.7	8.1
TRELAY	1003	31.0	23.8	7.4	96	31.8	22.5	7.1	97					79.1	51.3	42.8	8.4	76.6	49.0	45.7	8.1
TRELAY	1007	33.6	24.6	*8.2	98									83.2	55.2	37.6	8.1				
TRELAY	2008	31.3	23.7	7.4	100									81.1	52.2	39.9	8.3				
AVERAGE		31.7	24.4	7.7	98	30.4	22.3	6.8	99	31.0	20.2	6.2	95	81.7	55.0	40.6	8.1	78.5	50.2	42.8	8.1
HIGHEST		34.7	28.6	8.8	100	32.5	24.1	7.1	100	32.6	20.6	6.5	97	86.6	67.7	47.0	9.4	80.1	52.5	45.7	8.5
LOWEST		28.0	20.4	6.4	94	28.7	19.6	6.1	97	29.5	19.1	5.8	93	75.1	47.1	36.4	7.2	75.2	47.3	40.2	7.3
LSD		3.5	4.0	1.1										2.5	6.0	0.7	0.3				
CV .05%		7.6	11.1	9.8										1.5	6.8	0.9	1.9				

\*\* HIGHEST YIELDING HYBRID FOR DRY WEIGHT PER ACRE  
\* DRY WEIGHT NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM TOP YIELDING HYBRID  
DMD = DRY MATTER DIGESTIBILITY (higher percentage means greater energy content)  
FD = FIBER DIGESTIBILITY (the measure of the degree of fermentation of fiber, high FD is desirable)  
NDF = NEUTRAL DETERGENT FIBER (the measure of fiber content, higher levels mean lower energy)  
CP = CRUDE PROTEIN (higher protein levels require less supplementation)



# RELIABLE SILAGE QUALITY ESTIMATES ARE NOW POSSIBLE

Seven locations containing 10 silage tests were harvested.

Table 8 contains a list of all hybrids planted in the 1998 silage trials. The 10 silage tests included 101 hybrids from 26 seed companies comprising 228 entries. Company names used in association with hybrid numbers refer to their brands. The numbers are the companies' designations.

## Methods

Testing procedures (randomization, replication, planting rates, etc.) for silage evaluation are the same as used in the grain trials except for the use of 2-row plots. Silage tables are arranged by company order.

Chopped silage (fodder plus grain) samples are weighed. A representative sample is collected for use in determining moisture content. Percent dry matter for estimating silage yield is based on an air-dried sample. A second sample is collected and ensiled in a PVC mini silo to ferment for 30 days. It is then opened, air-dried and finely ground for further evaluation by means of in-vitro silage digestibility analysis\* conducted by the Department of Animal Science.

Trials conducted in Ionia, Ingham, and Huron counties contain two maturity groups with yield data presented in Table 5. Additional silage trials were conducted in Alpena and Missaukee counties in 1998 (Table 6).

The Delta County silage trial (Table 4B) contains the same entries as the Zone 4 grain trials (Table 4A). Table 4B contains one-, two- and three-year yield data while the analyses for digestibility started in 1997 contain one- and two-year data. Alger County started a silage trial in 1998 and has one year data for yield and digestibility (Table 7).

The results from the 1998 silage digestibility trials are presented in the adjoining tables.

\*All analyses were determined by wet-chemical methods.

Results of four analyses are presented. They are:

- DMD=dry-matter digestibility.** This is a measure of energy available from the corn forage. The higher the DMD, the greater the energy content. It is determined by a laboratory method which incubates a sample of the corn forage with microbes from the rumen of a cow. Thirty hours is used to represent the average retention time of feed in the rumen. Differences among hybrids in DMD are approximately equal to differences in total digestible nutrients of TDN. A high DMD is desirable.
- FD=fiber digestibility.** This is a measure of the degree of fermentation of fiber by ruminant animals. It is determined as the disappearance of neutral detergent fiber during an in-vitro rumen fermentation. High fiber digestibility has been found to increase intake of ruminants as it decreases the filling effect of the feed and provides energy to microbes in the rumen increasing microbial protein production. A high FD is desirable.
- NDF=neutral detergent fiber.** This is a measure of the fiber content of the corn forage. Fiber must be fermented by microbes in the gastrointestinal tract to be utilized by ruminants. It is less digestible than non-fiber constituents of the forage. Forages with high levels of NDF have lower energy. It is also a measure of the gut-filling properties of the forage and high NDF decreases forage intake. A low NDF content is desirable.
- CP=crude protein.** Forages are generally supplemented with high protein concentrates such as soybean meal to increase the protein content of ruminant diets. Corn hybrids with high protein require less supplementation and therefore lowered feed costs. A high protein content is desirable.

## HARVESTING AND HANDLING SILAGE DATA

Silage plots are harvested with a single row, side-mounted forage chopper. Plot weights are measured by electronic scales mounted on the tractor and chopper. After weighed samples are dumped, subsamples are collected for use in determining percent dry matter and quality analysis.

Samples for dry matter are weighed, air dried till weight loss is zero, then weighed again to determine the percent dry matter. Multiple replications of the quality samples are then combined and dried. At this point, samples are finely ground for analysis.

## IN-VITRO SILAGE ANALYSIS

In-vitro analysis is an in-the-laboratory (literally "in glass") system to estimate the actual nutrient content of a silage sample. A few of the steps are illustrated by a series of pictures.

- A sample of the rumen contents of a cow is removed, blended, and filtered to remove fiber.
- Measured amounts of rumen fluid and media are added to weighed amounts of the ground silage sample (flasks 1 & 2).
- This media and silage is incubated in a heated water bath at 40°C for 30 hours. In this step, the microbes from the rumen sample attack the ground silage sample in a process similar to the digestive processes of the ruminant animal. Following this digestion step, the undigested materials can be separated and measured.
- Other evaluation procedures estimate the protein and fiber content of the silage. Here the samples are shown on a fiber reflux condenser. Samples are boiled for an hour in detergent solutions and filtered to determine fiber.

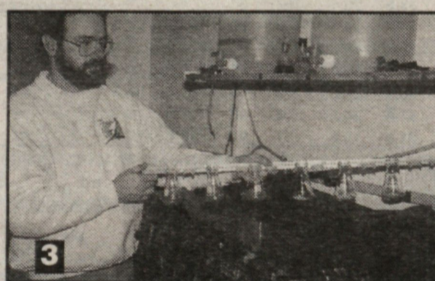


TABLE C AGRONOMIC TABLE - SILAGE TRIALS

COUNTY	PLANTING/ HARVEST DATES	SOIL TYPE	PREVIOUS CROP	PLANTING- RATE/ AVG. STAND	FERTILIZER	SOIL TEST	FARM COOPERATOR	LOCATION
IONIA - Zone 2	May 7 Sept. 1, 8	Miami Clay Loam	Soybeans	30,096 29,675	151-15-51	pH 6.8 P 172, K 352	Clarksville Hort. Res. Stn. Michigan State University	Clarksville
INGHAM	May 7 Aug 27, Sept 3	Capac Loam	Soybeans	30,096 29,780	175-51-51	pH 5.9 P 52, K 79	Crop & Soil Scs. Res. Fac. Michigan State University	East Lansing
HURON - Zone 3	May 13 Sept. 5, 21	Kilmanagh Loam	Soybeans	26,928 24,222	179-57-60	pH 6.5 P 75, K 248	Wil-Le Farms William, Ron & Ed McCrea	Bad Axe
ALPENA - Zone 4	May 12 Sept 11	Selkirk Loam	Dry Beans	26,928 26,874	132-48-48	pH 6.4 P 182, K 281	Allen Schiellard	Hubbard Lake
MISSAUKEE	May 6 Sept 2	East Lake Rubicon Sands	Corn	28,512 26,887	175-50-50	pH 6.7 P 356, K 570	Ken Dezeeuw	McBain
DELTA	May 5 Sept. 10	Onaway Fine Sandy Loam	Alfalfa	26,136 25,718	51-51-51 9,000 Gal. Liq. Manure	pH 7.3 P 185, K 400	Benny Herioux	Bark River
ALGER	May 5 Sept. 10	Chatham Stoney Loam	Barley	25,340 24,860	65-19-19	N/A	UP Experiment Station Michigan State University	Chatham

**Average of Ionia, Ingham & Huron County EARLY Silage Trials  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996**

EARLY TRIAL (103 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR EARLIER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))

BRAND	HYBRID VARIETY	1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				IONIA				INGHAM				HURON			
		% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD
AGRIPRO	AP9272	33.4	17.7	5.9	100	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.5	15.3	5.3	100	34.9	18.9	6.6	100	30.7	19.0	*5.9	99	
ASGROW	RX490	32.4	19.4	*6.3	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	33.4	17.1	*5.7	94	34.0	21.0	7.1	100	29.9	20.2	*6.0	94	
BALDRIDGE	BH510	27.6	18.7	5.1	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27.7	16.8	4.7	100	30.0	19.9	5.9	100	25.1	19.3	4.8	98	
BAYSIDE	Super 88	34.1	16.3	5.6	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	33.7	14.8	5.0	100	37.5	17.7	6.6	100	31.1	16.3	5.1	88	
CALLAHAN	7526XS	28.6	23.0	*6.6	99	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27.0	20.3	*5.5	100	31.9	24.9	*7.9	98	26.8	23.8	*6.4	98	
CALLAHAN	7938X	32.5	17.2	5.6	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32.3	14.4	4.7	99	34.6	20.6	7.0	99	30.6	16.7	5.1	95	
CALLAHAN	7941X	34.3	17.8	*6.1	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	36.7	15.3	*5.6	98	35.5	21.0	*7.4	100	30.8	17.0	5.3	87	
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1203	34.5	18.3	*6.3	99	35.0	19.3	6.6	96	35.5	18.3	6.4	97	36.0	15.2	*5.5	100	36.9	22.3	*8.2	100	30.5	17.3	5.3	98
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1297	33.8	19.1	*6.4	98	33.6	20.5	6.8	97	--	--	--	35.5	16.8	*6.0	100	36.8	20.7	*7.5	98	29.1	19.9	*5.8	96	
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1496	34.4	18.2	*6.2	96	35.3	19.6	6.9	95	--	--	--	37.9	15.7	*5.9	96	36.0	22.1	*7.8	100	29.2	16.7	4.9	91	
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1500	33.0	17.3	5.7	98	32.2	19.5	6.2	97	--	--	--	34.7	15.6	5.4	100	35.2	17.3	6.1	99	29.2	18.9	5.5	96	
DAIRYLAND	DST10208	33.5	18.6	*6.2	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	35.3	15.7	*5.5	96	35.2	21.4	*7.4	100	29.9	16.8	5.6	88	
DAIRYLAND	DST10212	33.7	18.6	*6.3	93	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	35.6	16.2	*5.8	99	36.5	22.0	*8.0	100	29.1	17.5	5.1	81	
GARST	8707	32.8	19.9	*6.5	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.2	16.5	*5.6	100	34.8	23.8	*8.3	100	29.4	19.5	5.7	91	
GOLDEN HARVEST	H2382	34.6	16.2	5.7	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.0	14.0	4.8	100	39.9	18.7	*7.5	100	30.0	15.8	4.8	95	
GREAT LAKES	4848	33.9	17.3	5.9	92	33.8	19.6	6.6	93	--	--	--	35.2	15.7	*5.5	99	33.8	21.6	*7.3	98	32.7	14.5	4.8	78	
LG SEEDS	LG2499	31.5	18.7	5.9	97	31.3	21.2	6.6	96	--	--	--	30.6	17.3	5.3	99	34.3	19.5	6.7	100	29.6	19.3	5.7	91	
MIDWEST GENETIC	G7380	31.0	20.6	*6.4	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	31.3	18.3	*5.7	96	32.9	23.3	*7.7	100	28.8	20.3	*5.8	88	
MYCOGEN	TMF100	32.0	21.4	*6.8	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.2	18.5	*6.3	100	32.5	23.0	*7.4	98	29.3	22.6	*6.6	93	
PAYCO	468	35.0	16.1	5.7	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	35.1	12.7	4.5	98	39.8	19.0	*7.6	99	30.0	16.6	5.0	93	
PIONEER	3573	30.6	19.0	5.8	98	30.7	22.1	6.8	96	31.2	20.8	6.5	96	32.1	17.3	*5.6	100	30.9	21.3	6.6	100	28.8	18.4	5.3	95
PIONEER	36H36	34.4	19.4	*6.7	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	35.5	16.1	*5.7	96	35.9	21.9	*7.8	97	31.8	20.2	*6.5	92	
PIONEER	36K50	33.8	18.3	*6.2	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	36.5	16.1	*5.9	100	33.7	20.3	6.8	98	31.2	18.5	*5.8	91	
PIONEER	37R71	35.2	16.8	5.9	90	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38.0	15.6	*5.9	99	34.6	20.9	7.1	95	32.9	13.8	4.6	75	
RENK	RK543	33.1	18.1	5.9	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.5	16.5	*5.7	98	34.2	18.8	6.3	99	30.6	19.0	*5.8	95	
RENK	RK552	35.2	16.9	*6.0	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	36.1	13.8	5.0	100	36.8	20.3	*7.5	98	32.8	16.6	5.4	89	
TRELAY	5004	32.3	18.6	*6.0	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32.9	14.9	4.9	100	34.0	20.3	6.8	99	30.1	20.5	*6.2	94	
AVERAGE		33.0	18.4	6.1	97	33.1	20.3	6.6	96	33.4	19.3	6.5	97	34.1	16.0	5.4	99	34.9	20.8	7.2	99	30.0	18.4	5.5	91
HIGHEST		35.2	23.0	6.8	100	35.0	22.1	6.9	97	35.5	20.8	6.5	97	38.0	20.3	6.3	100	39.9	24.9	8.3	100	32.9	23.8	6.6	99
LOWEST		27.6	16.1	5.1	90	30.7	19.3	6.2	93	31.2	18.3	6.4	96	27.0	12.7	4.5	94	30.0	17.3	5.9	95	25.1	13.8	4.6	75
LSD		2.4	2.1	.8									2.6	2.1	.8		2.7	2.9	1.0		2.4	2.1	.8		
CV .05%		4.5	6.9	8.0									5.3	9.1	10.6		5.6	9.8	10.4		5.7	8.0	10.6		

\*\* HIGHEST YIELDING HYBRID FOR DRY WEIGHT PER ACRE  
\* DRY WEIGHT NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM TOP YIELDING HYBRID

**Average of Ionia, Ingham & Huron County LATE Silage Trials  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996**

LATE TRIAL (104 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR LATER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))

BRAND	HYBRID VARIETY	1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				IONIA				INGHAM				HURON			
		% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD	% DryM	Tons Gwt/A	Tons Dwt/A	% STD
AGRIPRO	AP521	35.0	20.1	*7.0	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	35.2	19.1	6.7	99	35.1	22.8	*8.0	100	34.6	18.4	*6.4	86	
AGRIPRO	AP9560	31.5	19.6	6.1	92	34.2	21.7	7.4	93	--	--	--	33.4	19.2	6.4	99	32.3	23.3	7.5	98	28.7	16.4	4.5	78	
BALDRIDGE	BH612	28.6	19.9	5.7	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27.5	20.2	5.6	100	31.3	20.7	6.5	100	27.1	18.7	5.0	87	
CORN BELT	C567	35.4	19.7	*7.0	97	38.2	20.6	7.9	96	--	--	--	37.9	17.9	6.8	99	34.5	23.4	*8.1	100	33.8	17.7	6.0	91	
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1406	36.6	19.1	*7.0	93	37.8	20.7	7.8	92	--	--	--	40.4	16.8	6.8	91	36.8	23.3	*8.6	97	32.5	17.1	5.5	91	
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1407	35.0	18.6	6.5	95	38.4	19.7	7.5	95	36.5	19.3	7.0	95	37.4	16.5	6.2	100	35.6	22.8	*8.1	100	32.0	16.5	5.3	86
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1508	34.5	20.9	*7.2	98	36.0	21.3	7.6	95	--	--	--	36.0	19.5	*7.0	100	34.4	23.9	*8.3	99	33.2	19.4	*6.3	95	
GARST	8524SB	33.3	19.3	6.4	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.4	19.1	6.6	100	33.2	21.8	7.2	100	32.2	16.9	5.3	85	
GOLDEN HARVEST	Ex674	34.6	18.7	6.5	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	36.9	18.1	6.7	99	34.3	21.8	7.4	97	32.5	16.3	5.3	87	
GREAT LAKES	5456	36.3	20.1	*7.3	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38.3	18.7	*7.2	96	38.6	22.6	*8.6	98	32.0	19.0	*6.1	90	
GREAT LAKES	5675	37.4	18.8	*7.0	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	40.6	17.5	*7.1	97	36.9	20.6	7.8	100	34.8	18.2	*6.2	98	
GREAT LAKES	5816	33.4	21.3	*7.1	93	34.8	22.6	7.8	91	34.5	21.6	7.4	93	35.9	20.1	*7.2	96	32.8	24.8	*8.1	99	31.6	19.0	*6.1	83
LG SEEDS	LG2583	33.2	21.4	*7.1	97	34.7	22.6	7.8	95	--	--	--	34.3	21.0	*7.2	100	33.6	23.5	7.9	99	31.6	19.6	*6.3	92	
MYCOGEN	TMF108	35.0	19.9	*7.0	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	37.7	19.9	*7.5	100	36.8	22.1	*8.1	100	30.4	17.6	5.3	92	
MYCOGEN	TMF114	30.4	24.2	*7.4	95	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32.7	24.0	*7.9	100	30.4	27.2	*8.3	100	28.1	21.3	6.0	84	
PAYCO	746	32.8	22.0	*7.3	97	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	33.2	20.4	6.8	100	34.7	24.7	*8.6	100	30.6	20.8	*6.4	90	
PIONEER	33V08	31.9	21.7	*6.9	95	33.1	23.9	7.9	93	--	--	--	33.8	22.7	*7.7	100	32.2	24.1	*7.7	99	29.6	18.4	5.4	85	
PIONEER	33Y18	33.0	23.0	*7.6	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.0	21.6	*7.4	100	33.1	25.5	*8.4	100	31.8	21.8	*7.0	94	
RENK	RK775	37.8	19.7	*7.4	91	38.6	20.7	7.9	91	--	--	--	42.8	17.5	*7.5	97	36.9	24.7	*9.1	98	33.6	16.9	5.7	78	
RENK	RK778	33.5	20.4	6.7	94	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.7	19.2	6.7	96	34.3	23.5	*8.0	96	31.5	18.6	5.5	89	
RENK	RK864	34.2	20.4	*7.0	96	35.3	22.1	7.8	95	34.5	21.5	7.4	95	35.1	18.8	6.8	98	34.4	23.2	*8.0	97	33.2	19.2	*6.3	93
TERRA	TR1066	35.2	19.7	*6.9	96	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	36.3	18.5	6.7	98	34.5	21.0	7.3	100	34.8	19.6	*6.8	90	
TRELAY	9700	31.7	22.8	*7.2	98	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34.4	21.5	*7.4	100	30.0	25.1	7.6	100	30.6	21.7	*6.8	95	
AVERAGE		33.9	20.5	6.9	95	36.1	21.6	7.7	94	35.2	20.8	7.3	94	35.8	19.5	6.9	98								

Table 5E (B)

## SOUTH &amp; NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

ZONES 2 &amp; 3

Average of Ionia, Ingham & Huron County EARLY In-vitro Analyses  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996

EARLY TRIAL (103 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR EARLIER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))

BRAND	HYBRID	VARIETY	1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				IONIA				INGHAM				HURON			
			% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP
AGRIPRO	AP9272		81.9	54.6	39.7	7.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83.7	56.6	37.6	8.8	80.5	54.0	42.5	6.9	81.6	53.3	39.1	8.0	
ASGROW	RX490		83.2	56.6	38.4	7.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.8	61.1	36.5	7.9	82.5	54.6	38.4	7.3	81.2	54.2	40.0	7.9	
BALDRIDGE	BH510		83.2	58.4	40.4	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82.5	62.1	46.1	9.8	80.5	53.9	42.3	6.8	86.5	59.1	32.9	7.5	
BAYSIDE	Super 88		82.0	54.6	39.3	8.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.8	57.3	32.4	9.4	78.9	49.6	41.9	7.4	81.2	56.8	43.5	8.6	
CALLAHAN	7526XS		81.6	55.1	41.1	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82.2	55.6	40.1	7.5	81.2	54.9	41.8	6.1	81.3	54.7	41.3	7.6	
CALLAHAN	7938X		82.2	55.7	40.2	8.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84.5	57.0	38.2	8.1	79.5	52.5	43.2	8.1	82.6	57.5	41.1	8.2	
CALLAHAN	7941X		82.6	54.1	37.5	7.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86.0	54.3	30.6	7.8	79.4	50.6	40.9	7.2	82.5	57.5	41.1	7.7	
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1203		83.7	57.3	38.0	7.6	81.1	51.4	38.9	7.7	79.9	50.0	40.2	7.3	86.6	61.5	34.9	8.5	81.0	51.1	38.8	7.0	83.4	59.2	40.2	7.3
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1297		83.8	58.0	38.5	7.6	81.5	51.9	38.9	7.5	-	-	-	-	84.1	57.7	37.5	8.0	84.3	57.1	36.7	7.1	83.1	59.1	41.2	7.6
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1496		82.8	54.0	37.4	8.0	79.0	47.5	39.9	7.6	-	-	-	-	85.7	56.3	32.6	7.5	80.0	48.4	38.7	7.2	82.6	57.4	40.8	9.2
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1500		82.6	56.4	39.7	7.6	79.5	49.1	39.7	7.6	-	-	-	-	85.8	59.0	34.5	7.8	79.0	51.1	42.8	5.4	82.9	59.0	41.7	9.5
DAIRYLAND	DST10208		82.2	55.9	40.3	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84.9	57.7	35.8	8.4	78.6	50.2	43.0	7.3	83.0	59.8	42.1	8.3	
DAIRYLAND	DST10212		84.0	61.1	40.8	8.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87.3	64.9	35.6	8.2	82.6	56.8	40.4	6.9	82.2	61.6	46.4	10.2	
GARST	8707		80.3	54.6	43.2	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81.9	53.7	39.1	6.8	77.0	50.3	46.3	6.7	82.1	59.7	44.3	7.9	
GOLDEN HARVEST	H2382		83.8	58.2	38.6	8.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.8	58.8	35.1	9.6	81.5	55.4	41.1	6.4	84.2	60.3	39.7	8.2	
GREAT LAKES	4848		82.9	57.5	40.2	7.8	79.5	49.6	40.7	7.4	-	-	-	84.8	58.6	36.6	7.7	80.0	53.5	43.0	7.7	83.8	60.4	41.0	7.9	
LG SEEDS	LG2499		83.1	58.6	39.0	7.9	80.3	51.7	40.0	7.7	-	-	-	83.0	56.7	38.5	8.0	81.8	55.7	41.2	6.7	84.4	63.3	37.3	9.0	
MIDWEST GENETIC	G7380		82.7	58.1	41.2	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84.6	59.9	38.2	8.0	80.8	54.8	42.6	6.1	82.7	59.7	42.9	7.0	
MYCOGEN	TMF100		83.7	59.1	39.5	7.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.8	62.0	37.3	7.0	80.1	53.6	42.8	6.6	85.3	61.8	38.4	7.9	
PAYCO	468		84.9	59.1	36.9	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86.6	62.1	34.8	8.5	83.4	55.0	37.0	7.1	84.5	60.1	38.8	7.7	
PIONEER	3573		83.6	57.5	38.6	7.9	80.8	51.2	39.2	7.5	79.1	48.5	40.3	7.3	85.4	61.1	37.4	9.2	81.6	51.9	38.3	7.1	83.8	59.5	40.1	7.5
PIONEER	36H36		83.1	58.4	40.2	7.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86.8	64.8	37.5	8.8	80.5	52.0	40.6	6.4	82.1	58.3	42.6	7.6	
PIONEER	36K50		83.3	57.6	39.0	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87.0	62.6	34.7	8.8	79.3	51.2	42.5	7.0	83.7	59.1	39.7	7.5	
PIONEER	37R71		83.8	57.1	37.2	8.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88.3	62.9	31.5	9.0	79.9	51.1	41.1	7.4	83.1	57.2	39.1	8.8	
RENK	RK543		84.1	56.5	36.5	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.8	57.5	33.5	8.2	83.5	56.7	38.0	6.8	82.9	55.2	38.0	7.4	
RENK	RK552		82.8	57.4	40.2	7.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86.5	60.8	34.5	7.5	81.9	53.8	39.1	6.8	80.0	57.5	46.9	8.8	
TRELAY	5004		82.9	56.7	39.1	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87.6	64.0	34.4	8.7	79.7	51.7	42.2	8.0	81.4	54.5	40.8	7.4	
AVERAGE			83.0	57.0	39.3	7.8	80.2	50.3	39.6	7.6	79.5	49.3	40.3	7.3	85.4	59.5	36.1	8.3	80.7	53.0	41.0	6.9	82.9	58.4	40.8	8.1
HIGHEST			84.9	61.1	43.2	8.5	81.5	51.9	40.7	7.7	79.9	50.0	40.3	7.3	87.6	64.9	46.1	9.8	84.3	57.1	46.3	8.1	86.5	63.3	46.9	10.2
LOWEST			80.3	54.0	36.5	7.0	79.0	47.5	39.8	7.4	79.1	48.5	40.2	7.3	81.9	53.7	30.6	6.8	77.0	48.4	36.7	5.4	80.0	53.3	32.9	7.0
LSD			2.5	4.1	4.5	1.2								1.3	3.9	0.7	0.5	1.1	2.5	0.6	0.3	1.2	3.6	0.7	0.4	
CV .05%			1.9	4.4	7.0	9.2								0.8	3.1	0.9	2.7	0.7	2.3	0.7	2.4	0.7	3.0	0.8	2.2	

Table 5L (B)

## SOUTH &amp; NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN

ZONES 2 &amp; 3

Average of Ionia, Ingham & Huron County LATE In-vitro Analyses  
One-, two-, three-year averages — 1998, 1997, 1996

LATE TRIAL (104 DAY RELATIVE MATURITY OR LATER (BASED ON COMPANY RATING))

BRAND	HYBRID	VARIETY	1998				2 YEAR AVG (97 / 98)				3 YEAR AVG (96 - 98)				IONIA				INGHAM				HURON			
			% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP	% DMD	% FD	% NDF	% CP
AGRIPRO	AP521		83.0	57.5	39.7	8.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.8	60.5	35.9	7.6	79.5	52.3	43.0	6.7	83.8	59.7	40.3	6.4	
AGRIPRO	AP9560		84.8	60.9	38.5	7.7	81.5	53.4	40.0	7.4	-	-	-	-	87.1	62.6	34.5	8.2	80.5	53.9	42.4	6.6	86.9	66.1	38.5	8.2
BALDRIDGE	BH612		81.0	58.2	45.5	8.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82.2	60.6	45.4	9.4	79.4	55.1	45.9	7.6	81.4	58.8	45.2	7.8	
CORN BELT	C567		85.9	61.1	36.3	7.0	81.1	52.3	39.3	7.1	-	-	-	-	87.7	61.5	31.9	7.8	82.3	55.1	39.5	6.1	87.8	66.8	37.5	7.0
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1406		84.5	59.3	38.1	7.1	80.4	52.3	40.9	7.2	-	-	-	-	86.7	63.0	36.0	7.6	82.6	53.3	37.2	6.4	84.2	61.5	41.2	7.3
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1407		84.4	59.0	37.2	6.6	81.3	52.1	39.6	7.0	78.3	47.1	40.7	6.9	85.4	59.7	36.1	6.6	81.4	52.2	38.8	5.9	86.3	65.0	36.8	7.3
DAIRYLAND	STEALTH-1508		84.5	59.9	39.2	6.6	80.7	53.3	41.3	7.2	-	-	-	-	87.1	65.3	36.3	7.4	83.5	50.5	34.1	6.0	83.0	63.8	41.7	6.4
GARST	8524SB		83.8	57.8	38.2	7.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.5	60.0	36.2	8.0	80.0	52.8	42.3	6.6	85.8	60.7	36.0	7.6	
GOLDEN HARVEST	Ex874		84.3	59.4	38.5	7.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83.7	59.2	39.1	7.6	82.4	53.3	37.7	6.7	86.7	65.7	38.8	7.3	
GREAT LAKES	5456		83.4	54.8	36.6	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84.7	58.2	34.9	7.4	80.8	50.8	38.9	6.2	84.6	57.3	36.1	7.5	
GREAT LAKES	5675		84.8	59.4	37.3	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.7	59.0	34.4	7.2	82.1	54.7	39.5	5.9	86.6	64.6	37.9	6.4	
GREAT LAKES	5816		85.6	62.6	38.4	7.5	81.5	53.6	39.6	7.4	79.5	50.4	41.0	7.1	87.1	64.3	36.1	7.2	82.4	58.4	42.4	6.2	87.2	65.2	36.8	9.0
LG SEEDS	LG2583		85.7	62.5	37.7	6.9	81.7	54.8	40.1	7.2	-	-	-	-	86.6	65.1	37.3	7.3	83.0	59.0	41.4	6.0	87.5	63.5	34.4	7.5
MYCOGEN	TMF108		83.0	59.1	41.5	6.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82.2	59.2	43.7	6.6	81.1	55.0	42.1	5.5	85.7	63.2	38.7	6.5	
MYCOGEN	TMF114		80.7	56.7	44.7	5.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80.2	58.6	47.7	6.3	81.4	53.0	39.6	6.2	80.6	58.5	46.7	5.1	
PAYCO	746		85.1	60.9	38.0	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.7	63.8	39.4	8.4	82.3	54.2	38.7	5.2	87.4	64.8	35.8	7.6	
PIONEER	33V08		83.8	59.7	40.1	6.6	79.9	51.6	41.2	6.9	-	-	-	84.2	59.3	38.8	6.9	80.6	58.8	45.0	4.9	86.6	63.1	36.4	7.9	
PIONEER	33Y18		81.8	57.5	42.6	6.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82.5	59.4	42.5	7.0	79.6	53.9	44.4	6.0	83.3	59.1	40.8	6.1	
RENK	RK775		81.4	56.1	42.4	6.6	79.3	49.3	40.3	7.2	-	-	-	85.0	58.4	35.7	7.2	76.4	57.3	55.3	5.0	82.9	52.7	36.1	7.5	
RENK	RK778		84.1	59.1	38.7	7.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88.3	63.0	37.0	7.8	80.1	53.7	43.1	6.4	85.8	60.5	35.9	7.3	
RENK	RK864		84.9	60.1	37.7	7.2	81.6	52.1	38.3	7.3	79.7	49.9	40.2	7.0	84.1	59.5	39.0	8.2	83.6	56.1	37.5	6.0	87.1	64.7	36.5	7.3
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TABLE 1E/L MONROE BRANCH-IRR CASS-IRR	TABLE 2E/L KENT INGHAM SAGINAW	TABLE 3E/L HURON MONTCALM-IRR MASON-IRR	TABLE 4A ALPENA GRAND TRAVERSE DELTA GRAIN	TABLE 4B DELTA SILAGE	TABLE 5E/L IONIA INGHAM HURON	TABLE 6 ALPENA MISSAUKEE	TABLE 7 ALGER	
<b>AgriPro Seeds, Inc.</b> AGRIPRO AP5907 (5L) AGRIPRO AP9195 (2E) AGRIPRO AP9272 (5E) AGRIPRO AP9300 (2E) AGRIPRO AP9313 (2E) AGRIPRO AP9340 (1E) AGRIPRO AP9363 (1E) AGRIPRO AP9560 (5L) AGRIPRO AP9568 (1L)	CARGILL 2827 (3E) CARGILL 3677 (2E,3L) CARGILL 4111 (1E) CARGILL 4127 (3L) CARGILL 6303 (2L) CARGILL 6888 (1L)	<b>Corn Belt Hybrids</b> CORN BELT C 467 (3E) CORN BELT C 498 (3L) CORN BELT C 555 (1E) CORN BELT C 567 (2L,5L) CORN BELT C 588 (1L) CORN BELT EXP 5258 (2E) CORN BELT EXP 5388 (1E) CORN BELT EXP 5998 (1L)	There were 303 hybrids from 37 seed companies entered in 1,376 county tests in the 1998 Michigan Corn Performance Trials. Numbers within parentheses refers to the Table in which the hybrid appears. The map shows the zones where the hybrids were entered. Early and late hybrids are designated by an E or L respectively. Company names used in association with hybrid numbers refer to the brand and the numbers are the variety (hybrid) designation.	GARST 8766 (2E) GARST 8780 HpH (2E,3L) GARST 8830 (2E,3E)	<b>HYTEST HT4680 (1L)</b> <b>HYTEST HTX7512 (1L)</b>	<b>PIONEER 36G32 (2E,3L)</b> <b>PIONEER 36H36 (1E,2E,3L,5E)</b> <b>PIONEER 36K50 (1E,5E)</b> <b>PIONEER 3730 (2E)</b> <b>PIONEER 37R71 (2E,3L,5E)</b> <b>PIONEER 37M81 (2E,3E,6)</b> <b>PIONEER 38P05 (3E)</b> <b>PIONEER 38W36 (3E,4B,6)</b> <b>PIONEER 38D66 (4B,6)</b> <b>PIONEER 3893 (7)</b> <b>PIONEER 3941 (7)</b> <b>PIONEER 39K72 (7)</b>	<b>PIONEER 36G32 (2E,3L)</b> <b>PIONEER 36H36 (1E,2E,3L,5E)</b> <b>PIONEER 36K50 (1E,5E)</b> <b>PIONEER 3730 (2E)</b> <b>PIONEER 37R71 (2E,3L,5E)</b> <b>PIONEER 37M81 (2E,3E,6)</b> <b>PIONEER 38P05 (3E)</b> <b>PIONEER 38W36 (3E,4B,6)</b> <b>PIONEER 38D66 (4B,6)</b> <b>PIONEER 3893 (7)</b> <b>PIONEER 3941 (7)</b> <b>PIONEER 39K72 (7)</b>	
<b>The Andersons</b> ANDERSONS NC5401 (2L) ANDERSONS NC5801 (1L)	<b>Countrymark Cooperative, Inc.</b> COUNTRYMARK CO-OP 447 (2L*) COUNTRYMARK CO-OP 627 (1L) COUNTRYMARK CO-OP 3858 (3E,4B) COUNTRYMARK CO-OP 3969 (3L,4B) COUNTRYMARK CO-OP 4949 (2L,3L) COUNTRYMARK CO-OP 5308 (1E,2L)	<b>Crow's Hybrid Corn Company</b> CROWS 200 (1E,2E) CROWS 365 (1L*) CROWS 366 (1L*,2L) CROWS 492 (1L) CROWS 496 (1L)	<b>Geertson Seed Farm</b> GEERTSON GS998 (3L,6) GEERTSON GS1067 (2L) GEERTSON GS1117 (1L)	<b>Geertson Seed Farm</b> GEERTSON GS998 (3L,6) GEERTSON GS1067 (2L) GEERTSON GS1117 (1L)	<b>Jung Farms, Inc.</b> JUNG 2232 (4A,4B) JUNG 2285 (4A,4B) JUNG 2488 (3E) JUNG 2577 (3L)	<b>Renk Seed Company, Inc.</b> RENK RK221 (4A,4B) RENK RK272 (4A,4B) RENK RK277 (4A,4B) RENK RK366 (4A,4B,6) RENK RK376 (4A,4B,6) RENK RK450 (3E) RENK RK543 (2E,3L,5E) RENK RK546 (3E) RENK RK552 (2E,3E,5E,6) RENK RK611 (2E,3L) RENK RK641 (1E) RENK RK681 (2L,3L) RENK RK691 (1E,2L) RENK RK775 (2L,5L) RENK RK778 (1L,2L,5L) RENK RK818 (1L,2L) RENK RK835 (1L) RENK RK864 (1L,2L,5L)	<b>Renk Seed Company, Inc.</b> RENK RK221 (4A,4B) RENK RK272 (4A,4B) RENK RK277 (4A,4B) RENK RK366 (4A,4B,6) RENK RK376 (4A,4B,6) RENK RK450 (3E) RENK RK543 (2E,3L,5E) RENK RK546 (3E) RENK RK552 (2E,3E,5E,6) RENK RK611 (2E,3L) RENK RK641 (1E) RENK RK681 (2L,3L) RENK RK691 (1E,2L) RENK RK775 (2L,5L) RENK RK778 (1L,2L,5L) RENK RK818 (1L,2L) RENK RK835 (1L) RENK RK864 (1L,2L,5L)	
<b>Asgrow Seed Company</b> ASGROW RX352 (3E) ASGROW RX355 (3E) ASGROW RX456 (2E) ASGROW RX490 (2L,5E) ASGROW RX492 (2E) ASGROW RX505BT (1E) ASGROW RX530 (2L*) ASGROW RX587 (1E) ASGROW RX601 (1E)	<b>Dairyland Seed Company, Inc.</b> DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1195 (6) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1203 (3L,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1289 (6) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1297 (2E,3L*,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1401 (2E,3L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1402 (1E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1406 (1E,2L,5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1407 (5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1410 (2L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1412 (1L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1496 (2E,3E,4B,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1500 (3L,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1505 (1E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1508 (5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1509 (2L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1595 (3E) DAIRYLAND DST-10208 (2L,5E) DAIRYLAND DST-10212 (5E)	<b>Geertson Seed Farm</b> GEERTSON GS998 (3L,6) GEERTSON GS1067 (2L) GEERTSON GS1117 (1L)	<b>Genesis Ag Ltd.</b> GENESIS 1904 (1E) GENESIS 1909 (1L) GENESIS 1996 (2E) GENESIS 2900 (2E) GENESIS 2903 (2L) GENESIS 2990 (3E) GENESIS 2995 (2E) GENESIS 2999 (2E)	<b>Genesis Ag Ltd.</b> GENESIS 1904 (1E) GENESIS 1909 (1L) GENESIS 1996 (2E) GENESIS 2900 (2E) GENESIS 2903 (2L) GENESIS 2990 (3E) GENESIS 2995 (2E) GENESIS 2999 (2E)	<b>LG Seeds</b> LG SEEDS LG2367 (4A,4B,6) LG SEEDS LG2408 (4A,4B) LG SEEDS LG2421 (3E) LG SEEDS LG2442 (3E) LG SEEDS LG2448 (6) LG SEEDS LG2473 (2E,3E) LG SEEDS LG2483 (2E,3L) LG SEEDS LG2499 (2E,3L,5E) LG SEEDS LG2512 (2L) LG SEEDS LG2530 (2L) LG SEEDS LG2539 (2L) LG SEEDS LG2583 (1L,5L) LG SEEDS LG2587 (1L)	<b>Midwest Seed Genetics</b> M/W GENETICS G6970 (3E) M/W GENETICS G6980 (2E) M/W GENETICS G7010 (2E,3E) M/W GENETICS G7118 (3L) M/W GENETICS G7380 (5E) M/W GENETICS G7610 (1L) M/W GENETICS G7636 (1L)	<b>MycoGen Plant Sciences</b> MYCOGEN TMF94 (6) MYCOGEN TMF100 (5E) MYCOGEN TMF108 (5L) MYCOGEN TMF114 (5L) MYCOGEN 2110 (4A,4B) MYCOGEN TMF2202 (6) MYCOGEN 2250 (4A,4B) MYCOGEN 2395 (3E) MYCOGEN 2420 (3E) MYCOGEN 2500 (3L) MYCOGEN 2545 (2E) MYCOGEN 2598 (1E,2L) MYCOGEN 2620 (2L) MYCOGEN 2725 (1L) MYCOGEN X28700(1L)	<b>Rupp Seeds, Inc.</b> RUPP XR 1357 (3E) RUPP XR 1522 (2E,3E) RUPP XR 1599 (2E,3L) RUPP XR 1682 (1E,2L) RUPP XR 1688 (1E,2L) RUPP XR 1698 (1E,2L) RUPP XR 1733 (1L)
<b>Baldridge Hybrids</b> BALDRIDGE BH-510 (5E) BALDRIDGE BH-612 (5L)	<b>Dairyland Seed Company, Inc.</b> DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1195 (6) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1203 (3L,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1289 (6) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1297 (2E,3L*,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1401 (2E,3L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1402 (1E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1406 (1E,2L,5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1407 (5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1410 (2L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1412 (1L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1496 (2E,3E,4B,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1500 (3L,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1505 (1E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1508 (5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1509 (2L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1595 (3E) DAIRYLAND DST-10208 (2L,5E) DAIRYLAND DST-10212 (5E)	<b>Geertson Seed Farm</b> GEERTSON GS998 (3L,6) GEERTSON GS1067 (2L) GEERTSON GS1117 (1L)	<b>Golden Harvest</b> GOLDEN HARVEST Ex674 (1E,5L) GOLDEN HARVEST Ex685 (1E) GOLDEN HARVEST Ex816 (2E,3E) GOLDEN HARVEST H-2309 (2E,3E) GOLDEN HARVEST H-2382 (2E,3L,5E) GOLDEN HARVEST H-2495 (1L)	<b>Golden Harvest</b> GOLDEN HARVEST Ex674 (1E,5L) GOLDEN HARVEST Ex685 (1E) GOLDEN HARVEST Ex816 (2E,3E) GOLDEN HARVEST H-2309 (2E,3E) GOLDEN HARVEST H-2382 (2E,3L,5E) GOLDEN HARVEST H-2495 (1L)	<b>Novartis Seeds, Inc.</b> NK BRAND MAX21 (1E,2L) NK BRAND MAX40 (7) NK BRAND MAX86 (3E) NK BRAND MAX454 (1L) NK BRAND N15-B4 (7) NK BRAND N3030Bt (3E) NK BRAND N4446 (2E,3L) NK BRAND N4640Bt (2L,3L) NK BRAND NX5297 (1E,2L) NK BRAND N6800Bt (1L)	<b>Novartis Seeds, Inc.</b> NK BRAND MAX21 (1E,2L) NK BRAND MAX40 (7) NK BRAND MAX86 (3E) NK BRAND MAX454 (1L) NK BRAND N15-B4 (7) NK BRAND N3030Bt (3E) NK BRAND N4446 (2E,3L) NK BRAND N4640Bt (2L,3L) NK BRAND NX5297 (1E,2L) NK BRAND N6800Bt (1L)	<b>Rupp Seeds, Inc.</b> RUPP XR 1357 (3E) RUPP XR 1522 (2E,3E) RUPP XR 1599 (2E,3L) RUPP XR 1682 (1E,2L) RUPP XR 1688 (1E,2L) RUPP XR 1698 (1E,2L) RUPP XR 1733 (1L)	<b>Sunstar Hybrids</b> SUNSTAR 4408 (1L) SUNSTAR 4409 (1L) SUNSTAR 4706 (1E)
<b>Bayside Seeds</b> BAYSIDE Super 75 (4A,4B) BAYSIDE Super 88 (2E,3E,5E,6) BAYSIDE Super 91 (3E) BAYSIDE Super 93 (2E,3E) BAYSIDE Super 95 (3E) BAYSIDE Super 97 (3E) BAYSIDE Super 99 (2E) BAYSIDE Super 100 (2E,3L) BAYSIDE Super 101 (2E) BAYSIDE Super 105 (1E) BAYSIDE 1792 (2E,3E)	<b>Dairyland Seed Company, Inc.</b> DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1195 (6) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1203 (3L,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1289 (6) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1297 (2E,3L*,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1401 (2E,3L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1402 (1E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1406 (1E,2L,5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1407 (5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1410 (2L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1412 (1L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1496 (2E,3E,4B,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1500 (3L,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1505 (1E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1508 (5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1509 (2L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1595 (3E) DAIRYLAND DST-10208 (2L,5E) DAIRYLAND DST-10212 (5E)	<b>Geertson Seed Farm</b> GEERTSON GS998 (3L,6) GEERTSON GS1067 (2L) GEERTSON GS1117 (1L)	<b>Great Lakes Hybrids, Inc.</b> GREAT LAKES 3362 (4A,4B,6) GREAT LAKES 3807 (3E,4A,4B) GREAT LAKES 4526 (3E,4B) GREAT LAKES 4563 (6) GREAT LAKES 4758 (1E,2E,3E,4B,6) GREAT LAKES 4848 (2E,3L,5E) GREAT LAKES 5322 (1E,2L,3L) GREAT LAKES 5456 (1E,5L) GREAT LAKES 5675 (5L) GREAT LAKES 5715 (1E,2L) GREAT LAKES 5816 (1L,2L,5L) GREAT LAKES 5849 (1L)	<b>Great Lakes Hybrids, Inc.</b> GREAT LAKES 3362 (4A,4B,6) GREAT LAKES 3807 (3E,4A,4B) GREAT LAKES 4526 (3E,4B) GREAT LAKES 4563 (6) GREAT LAKES 4758 (1E,2E,3E,4B,6) GREAT LAKES 4848 (2E,3L,5E) GREAT LAKES 5322 (1E,2L,3L) GREAT LAKES 5456 (1E,5L) GREAT LAKES 5675 (5L) GREAT LAKES 5715 (1E,2L) GREAT LAKES 5816 (1L,2L,5L) GREAT LAKES 5849 (1L)	<b>Novartis Seeds, Inc.</b> NK BRAND MAX21 (1E,2L) NK BRAND MAX40 (7) NK BRAND MAX86 (3E) NK BRAND MAX454 (1L) NK BRAND N15-B4 (7) NK BRAND N3030Bt (3E) NK BRAND N4446 (2E,3L) NK BRAND N4640Bt (2L,3L) NK BRAND NX5297 (1E,2L) NK BRAND N6800Bt (1L)	<b>Terra International, Inc.</b> TERRA E858 (4A,4B) TERRA TR906 (4A,4B) TERRA E958 (3E) TERRA E968 (3E,6) TERRA E987 (1E,2E,3L) TERRA E989 (1E,2E,3L) TERRA TR1008BT (1E,2E,3L) TERRA TR1047 (1E,2L,3L) TERRA TR1058BT (1E,2L) TERRA TR1066 (1E,2L,5L) TERRA TR1087 (1L,2L) TERRA TR1097 (1L,2L) TERRA TR1106 (1L,2L)		
<b>Beck's Superior Hybrids</b> BECK'S 5105 (1E) BECK'S 5305 (1E) BECK'S 5360 (1L) BECK'S 5405 (1L) BECK'S 5414 (1E) BECK'S X5505Bt (1L)	<b>Dairyland Seed Company, Inc.</b> DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1195 (6) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1203 (3L,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1289 (6) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1297 (2E,3L*,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1401 (2E,3L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1402 (1E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1406 (1E,2L,5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1407 (5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1410 (2L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1412 (1L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1496 (2E,3E,4B,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1500 (3L,5E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1505 (1E) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1508 (5L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1509 (2L) DAIRYLAND STEALTH-1595 (3E) DAIRYLAND DST-10208 (2L,5E) DAIRYLAND DST-10212 (5E)	<b>Geertson Seed Farm</b> GEERTSON GS998 (3L,6) GEERTSON GS1067 (2L) GEERTSON GS1117 (1L)	<b>Gries Seed Farms, Inc.</b> GRIES GSF-2285 (2E,3E) GRIES GSF-4203 (1E,2L)	<b>Gries Seed Farms, Inc.</b> GRIES GSF-2285 (2E,3E) GRIES GSF-4203 (1E,2L)	<b>Novartis Seeds, Inc.</b> NK BRAND MAX21 (1E,2L) NK BRAND MAX40 (7) NK BRAND MAX86 (3E) NK BRAND MAX454 (1L) NK BRAND N15-B4 (7) NK BRAND N3030Bt (3E) NK BRAND N4446 (2E,3L) NK BRAND N4640Bt (2L,3L) NK BRAND NX5297 (1E,2L) NK BRAND N6800Bt (1L)	<b>Terra International, Inc.</b> TERRA E858 (4A,4B) TERRA TR906 (4A,4B) TERRA E958 (3E) TERRA E968 (3E,6) TERRA E987 (1E,2E,3L) TERRA E989 (1E,2E,3L) TERRA TR1008BT (1E,2E,3L) TERRA TR1047 (1E,2L,3L) TERRA TR1058BT (1E,2L) TERRA TR1066 (1E,2L,5L) TERRA TR1087 (1L,2L) TERRA TR1097 (1L,2L) TERRA TR1106 (1L,2L)		
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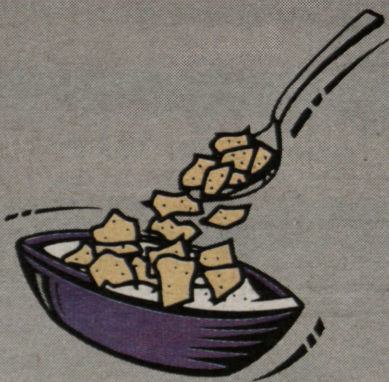
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