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Dear Seed Producer:

We invite you to participate in the 2022 Virginia Corn Testing Program. Our corn testing program offers flexibility in choosing test locations and multi-year test results. Our test results appear in a Virginia Cooperative Extension publication that is sent to Virginia extension agents and made available to all Virginia corn producers. This publication and all previous publications may be found on the web at <http://www.sites.ext.vt.edu/newsletter-archive/>.) Locations and fees for 2022 are as follows: Blacksburg, Blackstone, Shenandoah Valley, Orange, and Holland - \$125.00 per entry per location; Mt. Holly - \$210.00 per entry (irrigated and non-irrigated sites). Entries for each test will be replicated four times.

We are equipped and have land resources to conduct a limited number of contract research projects that would generate information of benefit to you and Virginia's corn industry. If you have small field research projects you would like to conduct in Virginia, please give me a call so that we may discuss potential projects. We are currently planting with a Wintersteiger PlotKing 2600 and are harvested with a Massey-Ferguson 8XP plot combine.

Please return the entry form as soon as possible with a deadline of Friday, February 11, 2022.

Note: We've had issues recently with VT email being blocked by some organizations. If you don't receive an invoice from me (wthomaso@vt.edu) in response to your electronic entry, please call me, because I may not have received the entry. Please make sure your entry form has the insecticidal seed treatment, genetic trait package using numeric indicators found on page 2 in column 1 of the Handy Bt Trait Table and days to maturity indicated for each hybrid entered. Also, please note on the entry form if an experimental hybrid from 2021 has been assigned a commercial designation for 2022. This information is necessary when we prepare two- and three-year averages. When using the Handy Bt Trait Table, please make sure it's the most up-to-date version linked from the grain testing website.

One half pound of seed per entry per location and a full pound of seed for those entries at Mt. Holly should be sent to me by Friday, March 11 (but is very welcome much earlier than that.) Failure to meet deadlines may result in entries being omitted from the tests. Seed should arrive treated with the same treatments as would be applied for marketing purposes in our region. Packaging hints (and please pass this information on to whomever is packaging your seed!): send only the amount of seed requested; zip-lock bags are great but **don't use staples**; package all locations together (one bag per hybrid); ship to:

Virginia Tech Agronomy Farm
Attn: Wade Thomason
1008 Old Mill Rd Blacksburg VA 24061

Make checks payable to "Virginia Tech Corn Hybrid Testing" and use the mailing address below. If you have any suggestions for improving the trials or questions concerning the trials, please feel free to contact me at (540) 231-2988 or at wthomaso@vt.edu.

Please advise us of any changes of address, company names or contact people. We look forward with optimism to a good season in 2022 and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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