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Dear Seed Producer:

Test your corn hybrids in the 2022 Virginia Tech Corn Silage Testing Program. We will test hybrids in the Southwest/Mountain area in Washington County, in the Shenandoah Valley area, in the Southern Piedmont area at Blackstone, and in the Northern Piedmont area at Orange. You may select any location at a cost of \$180 per hybrid per location, or you may select all four locations for a reduced rate of \$620 per hybrid. We plant four replications at each site using a Wintersteiger PlotKing 2600 planter. We harvest plots and do quality testing in-house using a Foss XDS NIR. We use the Milk2006 system to simplify quality comparisons between corn silage samples. Complete results from all previous years may be found on the web at <http://www.sites.ext.vt.edu/newsletter-archive/>.

**Please return the entry form as soon as possible with a deadline of Friday, February 11.** 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](mailto:wthomaso@vt.edu)) in response to your electronic entry, please call me, because I may not have received the entry. **One half pound of seed per entry per location should be sent to me by Friday, March 11.** 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. Please make sure your entry form has the seed treatment, genetic trait package using numeric indicators found on page 2 in column 1 of the Handy Bt Trait Table linked from the entry web page and maturity indicated for each hybrid entered. 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. Also, please advise us of any change of address, company name or contact individual. When using the Handy Bt Trait Table, please make sure it's the most up-to-date version linked from the Virginia Tech testing website.

**Send ½ pound of seed per location.** 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

Please make checks payable to "Virginia Tech Corn Silage Testing," and mail to the address below. If you have any suggestions for improving the test or questions about the test, please feel free to contact me at (540) 231-2988 or at [wthomaso@vt.edu](mailto:wthomaso@vt.edu).

Sincerely,

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