

# Choosing the right seed

Grain Farmers of Ontario



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

As your needs may be different than last year, work on your seed selection plan early, take advantage of discounts, and get your name on top varieties and hybrids.

Ensure what you are purchasing is covering the needs of your operation as well as the purchaser of the grains. •



## CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS, INCLUDING

### AGRONOMIC PACKAGE

- Maturity
- Disease tolerance
- Test weight
- Dry down
- Husk cover
- Plant height
- Pollination timing

### RIGHT INSECT TRAITS

- Know your field conditions
- Know your insect resistance issues
- Create an insect resistance plan

### CUSTOMER NEEDS AT HARVEST

- What kind of product is needed?
- What traits are not allowed?
- What specific traits do they want?
- What specific quality parameters are needed for their end product?
- What test weight is required?
- Do they want identity preserved?

## TRIALS

When choosing seed, don't pick hybrids/varieties based on any one season or one location. Look at multiyear evaluations across different environments, compare to products you know, and look at head to head comparisons. Remember to select a package of hybrids/varieties that you are comfortable with, have experience with, and know how to manage. Growing a package of hybrids/varieties spreads your risk and diversifies your investment.

Ontario Corn Committee (OCC) trial results  
Ontario Soybean and Canola Council (OSACC) trial results  
Canadian Seed Trade Association approved corn hybrids

[www.gocorn.net](http://www.gocorn.net)  
[www.gosoy.ca/performance.php](http://www.gosoy.ca/performance.php)  
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