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Supplement Concerning Trait and Seed Programs

The Crop Loss Claim Deadline Approaching section of the August 8th issue of Cotton Comments has generated some confusion. It is a confusing topic. Some programs are exclusively tied to transgenic TRAITS and are provided by TRAIT companies (Monsanto, Bayer CropScience, Dow AgroSciences). Other programs are tied exclusively to SEED and are available from SEED companies (All-Tex, Americot/NexGen, Croplan Genetics, Dyna-Gro, Delta and Pine Land, PhytoGen, and FiberMax/Stoneville). Some are called REPLANT or CROP LOSS programs. Others are called DROUGHT RELIEF programs.

The Drought Relief programs would cover drought losses for dryland acres which were failed by non-emergence or which ultimately produce less than 150 lbs of lint/land acre.

Here is what we stated in the August 8th newsletter: *A quick reminder: Producers need to get paperwork with technology providers (such as Monsanto, Bayer CropScience, Dow AgroSciences) filed as time permits. The crop loss submission deadline is August 31. This would include storm/hail losses.*

I think I should have provided more information concerning the OTHER programs that the technology providers have to reduce confusion. Plains Cotton Growers in Lubbock has posted needed information from TRAIT companies and most SEED companies on their website. This information is available here:

<http://www.plainscotton.org/seeddroughtrelief11.html>

To the best of my knowledge, claims covered by Crop Loss include not only storm/hail losses but stands lost due to heat and winds in our area this year. The loss had to occur within 60 days of planting. Monsanto's and Bayer CropScience's Cotton Crop Loss claims are due by August 31st in our area as noted in the respective 2011 publications available here:

Monsanto:

<http://www.plainscotton.org/SeedDroughtPDF/2011prog/MonsantoRoundupRewards2011.pdf>

Bayer CropScience:

<http://www.plainscotton.org/SeedDroughtPDF/2011prog/Bayer2011SharedRiskWEST.pdf>

Dow AgroSciences (deadline was July 20):

<http://www.plainscotton.org/SeedDroughtPDF/2011prog/PhytoGen2011ReplantProgram.pdf>

Drought losses for dryland are NOT covered by these programs from trait providers. Drought is covered by Monsanto's 2011 Drought Relief Program for Genuity traits including Roundup Ready Flex and Bollgard 2 and by Bayer CropScience for Liberty Link and Glytol technologies. Widestrike Bt cotton trait will be covered by Dow AgroSciences.

Complete information for Drought Relief programs concerning traits can be accessed here:

Monsanto:

http://www.plainscotton.org/SeedDroughtPDF/2011prog/DPL_2011DroughtReliefWestTX.pdf

Bayer CropScience:

<http://www.plainscotton.org/SeedDroughtPDF/2011prog/Bayer2011CottonDroughtRelief.pdf>

Dow AgroSciences:

<http://www.plainscotton.org/SeedDroughtPDF/2011prog/PhytoGen2011DroughtProgram.pdf>

The deadlines for Monsanto's Drought Relief program covering dryland losses for their transgenic traits are later, and on January 13, 2012. The Drought Relief program for Widestrike technology from Dow AgroSciences is December 1, 2011. Bayer CropScience's Drought Relief deadline for Liberty Link and/or Glytol traits January 15, 2012 for our area.

HOWEVER for seed company participation for Drought Relief, see each company's individual program. Some of these deadlines are EARLIER than those for transgenic traits. I encourage producers to see the information provided by the various companies and posted on the Plains Cotton Growers Web site at:

<http://www.plainscotton.org/seeddroughtrelief11.html>

Producers should read the fine print and understand their appropriate deadlines. If you have questions, contact your specific seed and/or trait company representative as soon as possible.

We posted some comments in the May 13th issue concerning Drought Relief programs which are worth reading and are reprinted below:

<http://www.ntokcotton.org/Cotton%20Comments%20Volume%201%20edition%204%20MAY%2013%202011.pdf>

Drought Relief Programs for Transgenic Traits and Seed

The modern transgenic varieties have provided a lot of value to producers in terms of improved yield and quality. Producers are fortunate that transgenic trait providers are sharing the risk in our region (Monsanto Seed Drop Zone E, Bayer CropScience Southwest Geography Zone CE, both of which cover the entire State of Oklahoma). Drought associated losses are covered for all Monsanto Genuity traits by 100% refund of the published tech fee price for losses associated with drought. These traits would include Roundup Ready Flex and Bollgard 2.

One important requirement for the Monsanto program for Genuity Traits is that: "You purchase only Roundup WeatherMAX or Roundup PowerMAX agricultural herbicide from an authorized retailer for the first postemergence application on cotton acres containing the Genuity Roundup Ready Flex trait."

This can be triggered either by non-emergence or if the field ultimately produces less than 150 lbs lint per land acre. Bayer CropScience has a similar program for its Liberty Link and GlyTol technology fees.

In addition to 100% trait refunds in case of non-emergence or 150 lb lint production per land acre, various seed companies are also sharing risk. However, a 50% refund of published seed cost is provided. There are issues specific to the various companies. It will be important to know and file the required paperwork (seed and herbicide purchase receipts, FSA forms) by the specific deadlines (which can vary by company). Some companies may require one of their representatives to investigate claimed acres while the crop is still in the field. Some reserve the right to reject without settlement any potential claim not inspected by their representative. Losses due to other perils such as disease, pests, hail, blowing sand damage, etc are not eligible for coverage. If producers have specific questions, Shawn Wade with Plains Cotton Growers in Lubbock has acquired and posted information which is company specific. The direct link for this information on the PCG website can be accessed here:

<http://www.plainscotton.org/seeddroughtrelief11.html>

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