

Pilot Biotech Yield Endorsement

Quick Reference

Availability

Available for NI Grain Corn

APH, CRC, & RA plans only; not available for CAT coverage policies.

Pilot Area - states of IL, IN, IA, & MN

Qualifying Hybrid that contains a combination of three proprietary biotech traits developed & licensed by the Monsanto Company: YieldGard® Corn Borer, YieldGard® Rootworm, and Roundup Ready®Corn2.

Result of Qualification

A Premium Rate Reduction will be applied at unit level.

EU – rate reduction will be applied to overall unit, not underlying basic or optional unit.

WU – rate reduction will be applied only to insured corn acreage planted, not to other crops in whole farm unit or to underlying basic or optional unit.

Premium rate reduction amount will vary by county, coverage level, plan of insurance and possibly by year.

For Revenue plans the BYE rate reduction is determined and applied to the yield risk component of the premium calculation.

Eligibility

To be eligible for above premium rate reduction all of the following conditions must be met:

1. Insured must comply with all the terms of conditions of the BYE Endorsement provisions.
2. Must have an eligible policy and plan of insurance.
3. Insured must separately identify on the acreage report each unit meeting the requirement of the following:
 - a. Basic & Optional units – as least 75 % of the total insured corn acreage planted, including any replanted acreage, in the unit must be NI corn for grain planted to qualifying hybrid.
 - b. Enterprise & Whole Farm units – at least 75% of the total insured corn acreage planted, including any replanted acreage in the enterprise or whole farm unit must be NI corn for grain planted to a qualifying hybrid.
4. On or before the acreage reporting date the insured must submit all of the following:
 - a. A completed and signed BYE seed dealer Certification Statement.*
 - b. Copies of purchase and return seed invoices that correspond to the BYE Seed Dealer Certification Statement.
 - c. A signed BYE Insured's Certification Statement.

Spot Checks, Reviews and Compliance

Spot-checks and reviews may be performed at any time by the company, anyone authorized by the company, or any employee of the USDA authorized to investigate or review a matter related to crop insurance, to verify:

1. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the endorsement, including testing of plants for the presence of the required traits or
2. The information certified on the BYE Seed Dealer Certification Statement, including verifying the amount of qualifying hybrid seed obtained is adequate to meet the eligibility requirement #3.

If an insured is selected for spot-check or review:

1. Policyholder information will be provided to the applicable person for conducting the compliance activities, including testing for the presence of the required traits; and
2. The insured will be required to identify the physical location of the NI Grain corn acreage planted to a qualifying hybrid, and the physical location of any other corn planted within the unit. If the NI Grain Corn acreage planted to qualifying hybrid and any other corn is planted in alternating rows the insured must specify the manner in which such acreage is planted.
3. If the insured does not comply with all terms and condition of the endorsement on ANY unit reported as eligible for the BYE premium rate reduction, or false or fraudulent certification is provided;
 - a. The policy will be voided.
 - b. The insured may be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal sanction, as applicable under the basic provisions.
 - c. The insured still may be required to pay 20% of the premium due under the policy in accordance with section 27 of the Basic provisions even though the policy is void.

Other information:

1. The BY Endorsement is only applicable to planted acreage. Not to pp acreage in the unit.
2. The BY Endorsement can be applied to written agreements for changes in premium rate or transitional yield for designated high-risk land or written agreements that establish optional units. No other written agreement units will be given the premium rate reduction for BYE.