

# *Producer Seed and Biotech Best Management Practices Checklist*

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**Follow Seed Label Directions**

- It is extremely important to read and follow label directions on seed tags and seed bags.
- The grower also needs to know and follow all marketing restrictions associated with seed traits.
- If new directions are proposed, but not yet in writing (seed tags, seed bags, channel agreements and technology agreements), or if in doubt, please call us. We will help you get the correct information or reference [www.ncga.com/biotechnology](http://www.ncga.com/biotechnology).

**Ensure Proper Identification of Seed and Fields**

- Check all labels and confirm that all bags have the intended Biotech trait and are trait compatible at delivery or before opening seed bags.
- Best management practices include cleaning all seed handling and planting equipment when changing between non-compatible traits.
- It is important to clearly mark with positively identifiable markers any change from one trait to another within a field or farm.
- It is highly advisable to use maps or GPS locations to indicate fields planted with specific biotech traits.

**Grain Stewardship**

- Understand which traits are accepted by grain marketers and/or end users, the potential need for segregation of specific traited grains, and the responsibility for grain delivered.
- Best management practices include cleaning all harvest, handling and hauling equipment.
- Information may be found on market channels at <http://www.amseed.org/aboutMarketChoices.asp> or [www.ncga.com/biotechnology](http://www.ncga.com/biotechnology)

**Ensure Documentation of Seed Use**

- Documentation of pertinent information by field (i.e. seed company, variety, lot numbers, traits, compatible herbicides, dates planted, spray treatments, and dates harvested) are all very important.
- Document required refuge acres for traits such as ECB, CRW and any potential future traits that will require it or refer to [www.ncga.com/biotechnology](http://www.ncga.com/biotechnology).
- This information will help us to help you if questions or problems ever arise.

**Communication**

- Communication among seed supplier, grower, custom planter, custom applicator and custom harvester is crucial.
- All farm business team members must maintain effective communication.

**Best Management Practices Education**

- I have read and understand the content of this educational document as it relates to my farming operations.
- If you have any questions in any of the above areas, please call so we can personally assist you in finding information needed to successfully follow the "Best Management Practices Check List".

Producer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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