DATE: January 17, 2003

TO: Hybrid Corn Seed Companies and Cooperators

RE: Entry in the 2003 Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program

Dear Friends,

Enclosed are instructions and an entry form for the 2003 Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program.

New for 2003

1. Requests to drop hybrids or change hybrid names must be made prior to July 1, 2003. After that date hybrids will be published exactly as they appear on the entry form. Hybrid name changes from experimental to commercial designation may be made until October 1, 2003.

2. All seed must be received by March 21, 2003. However, you may contact us in the event that seed is late in returning from winter production. In this case, the absolute final date to receive seed for testing is April 4, 2003. If seed of a hybrid entered is not available by that date a substitute hybrid for the same trial must be sent and received by April 4.

Please read the enclosed instructions carefully, and note the following:

• A seed label describing seed treatment must accompany all hybrids entered in the 2003 trials.
• Enclose a copy of your corn hybrid promotional information with your entry form.
• We encourage, but do not require, seed companies that enter hybrids in the silage trials to also enter those same hybrids in at least one grain trial.
• Growers have expressed interest in identifying hybrids with specialty traits (i.e. Bt, SR, “Liberty-Link”, IT/IR, etc.) in the Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program. Please complete this column on the entry form.
• Experimental hybrids will be tested. Please indicate if hybrids were entered previously under an experimental designation.
• Please review the enclosed copy of the 2002 results. This will help you place hybrids in the most-adaptive zones.
• Demonstration plots will be planted at one site in each production zone (Janesville, Fond du Lac, and Chippewa Falls). At Arlington, all hybrids tested in the Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program will be planted.

Deadlines: March 7, 2003 Application and entry fee are due. March 21, 2003 Seed for testing received.

Thank you for your cooperation, and support of this program.

Sincerely,

Joe Lauer Pat Flannery Kent Kohn
Corn Specialist Program Manager Senior Research Specialist

Enclosure: 2002 Hybrid Trial Book
ZONES: The state will be divided into geographic zones with three or four test locations per zone. Please see map with 2002 results indicating locations within each zone. Hybrids will be grown in "early" and "late" maturity trials in Southern, South Central, and North Central Zones, based on the Relative Maturities provided by participating companies. Experimental design will be randomized complete blocks, with three or more replicates at each location within each trial and zone.

Grain Trials:
1. **Southern (S) Zone** - Arlington, Janesville, Lancaster  
   Early trial - 105 day RM and earlier, late trial - 106 day RM and later
2. **South Central (SC) Zone** - Fond du Lac, Galesville, Hancock (irrigated)  
   Early trial - 100 day RM and earlier, late trial - 101 day RM and later
3. **North Central (NC) Zone** - Chippewa Falls, Marshfield, Seymour, and Valders.  
   Early trial - 90 day RM and earlier, late trial - 91 day RM and later
4. **Northern (N) Zone** - Antigo (White Lake) and Spooner. At Spooner, all hybrids will be grown on sandy loam-dryland, sandy loam-irrigated, and silt loam-dryland sites.

Silage Trials:
1. **Southern (S) Zone** - Arlington and Lancaster  
   Early trial - 105 day RM and earlier, late trial - 106 day RM and later
2. **South Central (SC) Zone** - Fond du Lac and Galesville.  
   Early trial - 100 day RM and earlier, late trial - 101 day RM and later
3. **North Central (NC) Zone** - Chippewa Falls, Marshfield, and Valders.  
   Early trial - 90 day RM and earlier, late trial - 91 day RM and later
4. **Northern (N) Zone** - Rhinelander and Spooner. At Spooner, all hybrids will be grown on sandy loam-irrigated, and silt loam-dryland sites.  
   There will be no differentiation between Early and Late trials. All entries will be evaluated as a single trial.

PLANT POPULATIONS: Plots will be over-planted and thinned to a single, final population at each location based on soil type and fertility. Generally, final populations will be 28,000 - 30,000 plants/acre at harvest for grain trials and 28,000 - 32,000 for silage trials.

ELIGIBILITY OF ENTRANTS: Producers and/or distributors of corn seed and the University of Wisconsin, Department of Agronomy are eligible to make entries in the 2003 Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program. Experimental hybrids are allowed.

DATE OF ENTRY: The application and entry fee must be in the possession of the Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program, University of Wisconsin - Dept. of Agronomy, 1575 Linden Dr., Madison, Wisconsin 53706, by March 7, 2003. No entry fees will be refunded after March 7, 2003. The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to reject any applications received after that date.

ENTRY FEE: The fee for the Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program is $225 per entry per zone.

SEED FOR TESTING: Deliver or send by mail or express prepay, a minimum of 2 pounds for each entry in each zone to the Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program, c/o Kent Kohn, University of Wisconsin - Dept. of Agronomy, 1575 Linden Dr., Madison, Wisconsin 53706, by March 21, 2003. Please attach a regular seed label to the sample as if it were entering the commercial trade.

RIGHT TO REJECT: The right is reserved to reject any entry if: 1) the information requested on the application is incomplete, 2) there is a misrepresentation, 3) the entry fee is not paid, 4) samples are less than 2 pounds, or 5) the seed has not been received by March 21, 2003.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS: Grain yield, moisture, test weight, lodging, whole plant yield, ADF, NDF, CP, IVTD, Starch, NDFD and other data will be published and approximately 100,000 copies will be made available to the public in December. Data for individual locations and zones will be reported. The data will also be available at our website http://corn.agronomy.wisc.edu/.
Complete the hybrid information section and mark the zone in which each variety is to be tested.

(S = Southern, SC = South Central, NC = North Central, N = Northern) See instructions for locations within each zone.

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If any of the hybrids listed above were entered with a different experimental number in 2002, please indicate changes.

2002 experimental number: a.__________ b.__________ c.__________
2003 brand/number: a.__________ b.__________ c.__________

Fees Total number of zones entered in WI Hybrid Corn Performance Trials:__________ at $225/hybrid/zone = $__________

Please make check payable to: WISCONSIN CORN EVALUATION PROGRAM.

This application form is due by: March 7, 2003 at Wisconsin Corn Evaluation Program
Dept. of Agronomy
University of Wisconsin
1575 Linden Dr.
Madison, WI 53706

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Every possible effort will be made to plant, harvest, and report data for each entry accepted. However, should a natural calamity occur causing loss of crop and data, no financial liability, including return of testing fees, is either expressed or implied.

Company Name:_____________________________________ Signature of Entrant
Mailing Address:_____________________________________
Contact Person:_____________________________________
Company Web Site:___________________________________
Phone No.:_________________________________________
Date:_____________________________________________