

# **REGIONAL SCN TESTS**

## **POLICY ON EVALUATION AND RELEASE OF STRAINS**

### **Qualifications for inclusion in the Northern Regional SCN Tests**

- 1) Participants must be willing and able to conduct separate tests for conventional strains and strains containing proprietary and/or transgenic traits. However, all participants are not required to evaluate both; and, placement of entries in tests depends on whether the entries are transgenic or non-transgenic.
- 2) Participants are individually responsible to ensure that any proprietary and/or transgenic strains that they submit are approved for human consumption and are cleared for sale as commodity seed.
- 3) Participants must disclose pedigrees to the Uniform Test Coordinator for publication with performance data in Uniform Soybean Test Report unless contract arrangements prohibit disclosure of information.
- 4) It is recommended that breeders obtain written permission for the use of privately developed varieties or strains as parents in the development of lines included in the Uniform Tests.

### **Use of Northern Regional SCN Test Entries in Soybean Breeding and Research**

- 1) Seed of Uniform test entries is for evaluation in the Uniform tests only and may not be distributed to non-participants of these tests without prior approval by the originator of the entry.
- 2) Uniform Test participants must obtain written approval before using any entry, other than their own, in any breeding or genetic studies, or for any other research.
- 3) Experimental strains entered in the Uniform Tests should be labeled "Experimental Strain" and should not be identified by strain designation when grown in demonstration plots or when the Uniform Tests are shown on field days or farm tours.
- 4) Seed of any transgenic entry must not be used for further evaluation without written permission from the originator of the entry, and must be discarded at the end of the season, except for crossing purposes, subject to the restrictions outlined in the preceding section two.

### **Release of Northern Regional SCN Test Entries**

- 1) Entries in the Northern Regional SCN Tests are released according to the policies and procedures of the originating institution.
- 2) Restricted or contractual releases cannot impose any restriction on the prior use of an entry as a parent by SCN Test Participants.