

Technology Protection FIELD CHECK PROGRAM



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Monsanto's goal in any dealings with our farmer customers is to treat them with a high level of integrity, respect and transparency. We are committed to ensuring a level playing field for all farmers who choose to use our patented technology and that is why we undertake our annual Technology Protection Field Check Program.

In keeping with our commitment to you we have outlined what you can expect should you be selected for a Field Check.

1. The Field Check will be conducted in accordance with standards that adhere to Monsanto's pledge of transparency and ethical behavior – standards that are reviewed by a professional third party.
2. Monsanto will use a third party to carryout the Field Check and conduct field sampling.
3. Appointments will be scheduled in advance and we strive for all conversations and meetings to be held at a mutually agreeable time and location. We understand the importance of planting and harvesting and will always seek to minimize interfering with your normal day-to-day farm activities during these busy times.
4. When our representative arrives for the Field Check, they will properly introduce themselves, provide identification, clearly state the purpose of their visit, and provide you with additional details about how the Field Check will be conducted.
5. Our representative will always seek permission prior to entering your property or fields and will abide by all federal, provincial and local laws concerning individual property rights, inspections and sampling activities.
6. You will have the option to accompany the Field Check representative and observe the sample collection process. You may also retain an independent laboratory of your choice to verify the seed sampling findings.
7. We will treat all information we collect during the Field Check as confidentially as possible.
8. We will provide you with the results of your individual Field Check on a timely basis. If it is determined you are compliant, the Field Check is immediately concluded. In cases of confirmed seed patent infringement, you will be afforded every opportunity to seek resolution through settlement before we pursue other remedies available to us.
9. We will always conduct good faith settlement negotiations and you may retain your own lawyer at any time.
10. We will never exercise our patent rights where trace amounts of our patented seed or trait technology are present in a farmer's fields as a result of inadvertent means.

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