

FALL FINALE

As this harvest season draws to a close, I think many of us are pleasantly surprised by the amount of crop we harvested. We all struggled at times with too little rain, too much rain in spots, too much heat, and even not enough heat (early in the season when we needed it). Every mile you traveled down the road this Summer, a different scenario played out related to the weather. All Summer we waited for that next water laden cloud to pass over our fields. Spotty rains made this an interesting year for sure. And for the finale, we finished out the season with nearly perfect Fall weather. I, for one, spent all Fall harvesting seed beans, and we did so with minimal weather delays. It was great! Mighty dry, but great weather to take out a crop.



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...now comes the process of creating next year's game plan. I know you are anxiously awaiting news of how the newest entrant into local seed corn market, Martin Seed, is performing this season. I'm excited to report that the Martin Seed corn lineup performed exceptionally well. We have some real hot rod products that make lots of bushels and are selected for and ideally suited to our Illiana region.

The Corn Report

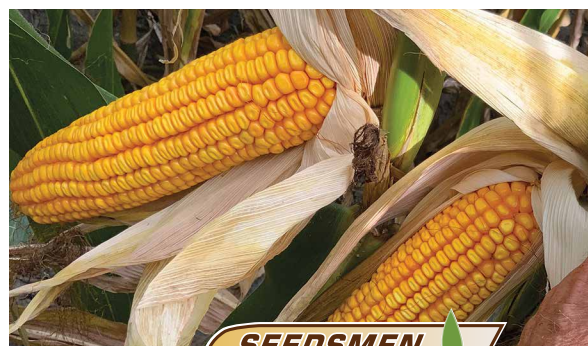
Deal of the season: Conventional Corn – new elite germplasm \$165 a unit (paid for at the first of the year). How bad do you really need roundup in the spray tank? We have a really strong conventional lineup and can save you a lot of money on your seed bill.

New Release for 2026: SS-384-5 VT2P – 108 RM

Tested as EX384-5 TRE last year. Exceptional two year performance from a really strong 108 day. Combines a strong new female that brings yield, health, and grain quality with a strong new male that brings yield, grain quality and kernel depth, and good agronomics. Strong early stand establishment, good late season agronomics, high yield, and exceptional grain quality for the RM. A good follow up to the established SS-396-4 VT2P at 109 RM.

SS-411-5 TRE – 111RM This new to commercial product stood out last year in the pre-commercial data

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SS-411-5 TRE – 111RM continued

set as well as local strip plots, and has followed it up with solid performance its first year as a commercial product. SS-411-5 features a unique female that brings yield and good agronomics combined with a strong new male that brings yield, grain quality and kernel depth, and good agronomics. (Same male as SS-384-5) Very consistent short girthy ears on every plant. Not many kernel rows around, but super deep kernels with a smooth finish, and very good test weight. Can be an ear on a stick late season and picks nice and clean. Appears to work on a wide range of soil types.



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SS-438-5 TRE – 113 RM Another recently commercialized product that stood out in pre-commercial and strip plot data last year, and as a new release this Spring, it exceeded expectations in the field this year. Exceptional yield potential. SS-438-5 TRE combines a hot new female that brings good yield stability and agronomics on a newer game changing male that is all about yield and stress tolerance. Combined, this is a must have hybrid for your operation.



SS-431-5 CV – 113 RM A close relative to SS-438-5 with same strong male parent, on an established stable female. This is a game changer as a conventional corn option. Save some money on the traits, and step up your ROI with a new level of yield potential.

New Release for 2026: SS-440-6 TRE – 114 RM

Took a chance on “too good to be true” pre-commercial data set, and hit a home run! With an amazing new female that is all about yield, combined with the same high-yielding tough male as used in SS-438-5 and SS-431-5. Order now to lock in your supply... This one will not last!

SS-442-4 TRE and CV – 114 RM Another strong year for this product, and I’ve added a conventional version to round out the CV lineup. SS-442-4 TRE is an established and dependable product that is still a strong performer. Best when used on better soils in high yield situations.

SS-456-5 VT2P – 115 RM Another brand new offering that rounds out the lineup as the fullest season offering to date. There is a lot to like here. This product employs a widely used heavy hitter female on a high yield male that brings good agronomics and shorter plant stature. This medium height product is “short corn” accessible without the high dollar trait. SS-456-5 set several new record yield for local fields in 2025.



Celebrating 90 Years in the Soybean Business!

Martin Seed is celebrating 90 years in the soybean business, and we have a really strong lineup of E3, XF, and CV soybeans. Our featured soybean trait this season is the Enlist E3 platform, and we are offering the newest elite germplasm, treated in proboxes for only **\$58/ unit (paid for by Feb 6th)**.



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Local Grower Opportunity

Martin Seed is working with the Benton Dairy again to offer local premium opportunities in conventional Soyleic Soybeans. Last year was a less than ideal start with seed bean quality that was a challenge. We started with fragile beans, and every time they were handled, the quality was impacted. This year seed production was in house, and seed quality is excellent! A quality analysis report with a complete listing of warm germ, cold germ, and accelerated aging scores is posted at www.martinseed.com/soybean. We also have a new 2.3 RM product to help bring an earlier product option.

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Let's Celebrate this Holiday Season!

We are all thankful for the people and opportunities that God has placed in our lives, and this audience is especially well blessed, because we get to live and work in an industry we love... Agriculture. Merry Christmas and we hope you get to spend time with loved ones this holiday season.

WHAT AN AMAZING RIDE IT HAS BEEN!

Many of us have been blessed with very good yields, dry grain, warm dry weather, and most importantly a safe return home every night. It's amazing how productive an operation can be when there are no rain days during harvest to slow you down. Thank you for all the hard work, long hours, and dedication that you, the American farmer, put into your profession. With an even bigger thank you to those of you that have trusted Martin Seed to be a seed supplying partner for your operation. We are grateful to be celebrating 90 years in the soybean and wheat business, and we are even more elated to be supplying our clients now with our hybrid seed corn!