

# Handy Bt Trait Table

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Most corn hybrids planted in the U.S. now contain one or more transgenic traits for weed or insect management. These traits are meant to increase flexibility and profitability for producers, but sometimes cause confusion about their spectrum of control or refuge requirements. This bulletin is a handy one-stop-guide to make it easier to read company seed guides, sales materials, and bag tags. For the hybrids you purchase:

- \*Understand the **expected level of control** for each trait and refuge requirements for that hybrid;
- \***Confirm that the seed you ordered** in the fall is the same seed delivered in the spring;
- \*Keep good **planting records** and save a representative sample of **bags or bag tags**;
- \*Most important, if you see **unexpected damage or poor performance** of a trait (especially rootworm damage), contact your seed dealer and extension educator immediately so that the field can be visited while the problem is still fresh and samples can be taken. This is critical to **identify and manage rootworm resistance to Bt**.


**Table 1: Bt corn 'events' (transformations of one or more genes) and their Trade Names**

Trade name for trait	Event	Protein(s) expressed	Insect Target or Herbicide Activity
Agrisure CB/LL	Bt11	Cry1Ab + PAT	corn borer + <i>glufosinate tolerance</i>
Agrisure Duracade	5307	eCry3.1Ab	rootworm
Agrisure GT	GA21	EPSPS	<i>glyphosate tolerance</i>
Agrisure RW	MIR604	mCry3A	rootworm
Agrisure Viptera	MIR162	Vip3A	broad lesp control (but not corn borer)
Herculex 1 or CB	TC1507	Cry1Fa2 + PAT	corn borer + <i>glufosinate tolerance</i>
Herculex RW	DAS-59122-7	Cry34Ab1/Cry35Ab1 + PAT	rootworm + <i>glufosinate tolerance</i>
Roundup Ready 2	NK603	EPSPS	<i>glyphosate tolerance</i>
Yieldgard Corn Borer	MON810	Cry1Ab	corn borer
Yieldgard Rootworm	MON863	Cry3Bb1	rootworm
Yieldgard VT Pro	MON89034	Cry1A.105 + Cry2Ab2	broader lesp control
Yieldgard VT Rootworm RR	MON88017	Cry3Bb1 + EPSPS	rootworm + <i>glyphosate tolerance</i>

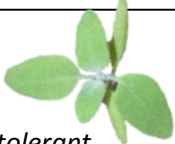
**Table 2** (next page) lists specific trait packages (combinations of events) sold by seed companies, their spectrum of control, and required refuge % + location. For many packages, pyramiding of Bt toxins allows for a reduction in refuge acres to 5%. Although some hybrids still require a structured refuge planted in rows or a block, an increasing proportion of Bt seed is sold as a refuge-in-the-bag (RIB).

Note that the spectrum of control in Table 2 - excellent, poor (= suppression), or none - is based on seed company literature, reflecting how a product should perform. Actual field-level performance may differ. For example, rootworm populations in the western corn belt have developed resistance to several Bt toxins. In the Great Lakes region, western bean cutworm susceptibility to Cry1F appears to be decreasing over time. Unexpected, poor performance should be reported ASAP because it may be an early sign of insect resistance in a field or region.

**Abbreviations used in Table 2**

Insect targets	
BCW black cutworm	
CEW corn earworm	SB stalk borer
ECB European corn borer	SWCB southern corn borer
FAW fall armyworm	TAW true armyworm
RW corn rootworm	WBC western bean cutworm

Herbicide activity
DI <i>dicamba tolerant</i>
GT <i>glyphosate tolerant</i>
LL Liberty Link, <i>glufosinate-tolerant</i>
RR2 Roundup Ready 2, <i>glyphosate-tolerant</i>



Refuge placement
RIB - Refuge In the Bag w/in - within adj - adjacent

**Table 2. Bt corn trait packages, with spectrum of control and refuge requirements.**

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Trait Family Product	Bt protein(s)	Insects controlled or <i>suppressed</i> Above-ground-----In soil	Herbicide tolerance	Refuge %, placement for the MIDWEST
<b>AGRISURE</b>				
Agrisure 3010, 3010A	Cry1Ab	ECB SWCB <i>CEW FAW SB</i>	---	GT LL 20% structured ½ mile
Agrisure 3000GT, 3011A	Cry1Ab mCry3A	ECB SWCB <i>CEW FAW SB</i>	RW	GT LL 20% structured w/in, adj
Agrisure Viptera 3110	Cry1Ab Vip3A	BCW <i>CEW ECB FAW SB</i> SWCB TAW WBC	---	GT LL 20% structured ½ mile
Agrisure Viptera 3111	Cry1Ab mCry3A Vip3A	BCW <i>CEW ECB FAW SB</i> SWCB TAW WBC	RW	GT LL 20% structured w/in, adj
Agrisure 3122 E-Z Refuge	Cry1Ab Cry1F mCry3A Cry34/35Ab1	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	RW	GT 5% RIB
Agrisure Viptera 3220 E-Z Refuge	Cry1Ab Cry1F Vip3A	BCW <i>CEW ECB FAW SB</i> SWCB TAW WBC	---	GT 5% RIB
Agrisure Duracade 5122 E-Z Refuge	Cry1Ab Cry1F mCry3A eCry3.1Ab	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	RW	GT 5% RIB
Agrisure Duracade 5222 E-Z Refuge	Cry1Ab Cry1F Vip3A mCry3A eCry3.1Ab	BCW <i>CEW ECB FAW</i> SB SWCB TAW WBC	RW	GT 5% RIB
<b>HERCULEX</b>				
Herculex 1 (HX1)	Cry1F	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	---	LL 20% structured ½ mile
Herculex RW (HXRW)	Cry34/35Ab1	---	RW	RR2 (most) 20% structured w/in, adj
Herculex XTRA (HXX)	Cry1F Cry34/35Ab1	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	RW	RR2 (most) 20% structured w/in, adj
<b>OPTIMUM</b>				
Intrasect (YHR)	Cry1F Cry1Ab	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	---	LL RR2 5% structured ½ mile
AcreMax (AM)	Cry1F Cry1Ab	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	---	LL RR2 5% RIB
<sup>a</sup> Leptra (VYHR)	Cry1F Cry1Ab Vip3A	BCW <i>CEW ECB FAW SB</i> SWCB TAW WBC	---	LL RR2 <sup>a</sup> 5% structured ½ mile
<sup>b</sup> AcreMax Leptra (AML)				<sup>b</sup> 5% RIB
AcreMax RW (AMRW)	Cry34/35Ab1	---	RW	LL RR2 10% RIB
AcreMax1 (AM1)	Cry1F Cry34/35Ab1	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	RW	LL RR2 10% RIB (RW) + 20% structured ½ mile (ECB)
TRIssect (CHR)	Cry1F mCry3A	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	RW	LL RR2 20% structured w/in, adj
<sup>a</sup> Intrasect TRIssect (CYHR)	Cry1F Cry1Ab	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	RW	LL RR2 <sup>a</sup> 20% structured w/in, adj
<sup>b</sup> AcreMax TRIssect (AMT)	mCry3A			<sup>b</sup> 10% RIB
<sup>a</sup> Intrasect Xtra (YXR)	Cry1F Cry1Ab	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	RW	LL RR2 <sup>a</sup> 20% structured w/in, adj
<sup>b</sup> AcreMax Xtra (AMX)	Cry34/35Ab1			<sup>b</sup> 10% RIB
<sup>a</sup> Intrasect Xtreme (CYXR)	Cry1F Cry1Ab	BCW ECB <i>FAW SB</i> SWCB WBC <i>CEW</i>	RW	LL RR2 <sup>a</sup> 5% structured w/in, adj
<sup>b</sup> AcreMax Xtreme (AMXT)	mCry3A Cry34/35Ab1			<sup>b</sup> 5% RIB
<b>YIELDGARD / GENUITY</b>				
YieldGard CB (YGCB)	Cry1Ab	ECB SWCB <i>CEW FAW SB</i>	---	RR2 20% structured ½ mile
YieldGard VT Rootworm	Cry3Bb1	---	RW	RR2 20% structured w/in, adj
YieldGard VT Triple	Cry1Ab Cry3Bb1	ECB SWCB <i>CEW FAW SB</i>	RW	RR2 20% structured w/in, adj
<sup>a</sup> Genuity VT Double PRO	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2	<i>CEW ECB FAW SB</i> SWCB	---	RR2 <sup>a</sup> 5% structured ½ mile
<sup>b</sup> or 'RIB complete'				<sup>b</sup> 5% RIB
<sup>a</sup> Genuity VT Triple PRO	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2 Cry3Bb1	<i>CEW ECB FAW SB</i> SWCB	RW	RR2 <sup>a</sup> 20% structured w/in, adj
<sup>b</sup> or 'RIB complete'				<sup>b</sup> 10% RIB
<sup>a</sup> Genuity SmartStax	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2 Cry1F Cry3Bb1 Cry34/35Ab1	BCW <i>CEW ECB FAW</i> SB SWCB WBC	RW	LL RR2 <sup>a</sup> 5% structured w/in, adj
<sup>b</sup> or 'RIB Complete'				<sup>b</sup> 5% RIB
<b>OTHERS</b>				
<sup>a</sup> Powercore	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2 Cry1F	BCW <i>CEW ECB FAW</i> SB SWCB WBC	---	LL RR2 <sup>a</sup> 5% structured ½ mile
<sup>b</sup> Powercore Refuge Adv.				<sup>b</sup> 5% RIB
<sup>a</sup> Smartstax	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2 Cry1F Cry3Bb1 Cry34/35Ab1	BCW <i>CEW ECB FAW</i> SB SWCB WBC	RW	LL RR2 <sup>a</sup> 5% structured w/in, adj
<sup>b</sup> Smartstax Refuge Adv.				<sup>b</sup> 5% RIB