

MONSANTO TECHNOLOGY STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is an MTSA?

The Monsanto Technology/Stewardship Agreement (MTSA) is a legal agreement between Monsanto and a grower that gives the grower a limited license to use, and describes stewardship guidelines and obligations for, Monsanto patented traits and germplasm and plant variety protection rights (Monsanto Technology).

What is included in the MTSA?

The MTSA includes a limited license for Monsanto Technology and specific information on the grower's obligations related to commodity marketing, and stewardship including insect resistance management (IRM) and weed resistance management (WRM).

Who is required to have an MTSA?

Any grower who wishes to purchase and plant seed that contains Monsanto Technology must have a valid MTSA.

When should the MTSA be obtained?

Dealers/Seed Company Licensees must confirm that a grower has a valid MTSA at the time of sale. MTSA status may be verified by checking www.mymonsanto.com, www.corn-states.com, or www.agcelerate.com, or by calling Customer Operations at 1-800-335-2676 Option #1.

How do growers obtain and sign the MTSA, check for updates, and maintain their farm profiles?

For growers without a MTSA:

1. Electronic – www.agcelerate.com - most efficient and accurate method.
2. Paper – using the paper format is acceptable but will require longer processing time than using the electronic format. If the form is not **ENTIRELY** and **PROPERLY** completed (e.g., errors, omitted information, lack of signature, etc.) a manual follow up is required that may delay or prevent MTSA completion. To order paper forms contact 1-800-Roundup, Option #3 (1-800-768-6387).
3. The electronic MTSA process is preferred; therefore large orders of paper applications may be limited.

For growers with a MTSA:

1. Register their MTSA with AgCelerate. Registration allows the grower to check for MTSA updates, maintain their farm profile, address, and access supplier information at www.agcelerate.com.
2. The grower should register on AgCelerate as the grower and list the farm(s) operated by the grower.
3. Growers registering their MTSA with AgCelerate are not entering into a new MTSA or renewing their MTSA. Registering their existing MTSA with AgCelerate allows the growers to verify their information, connect with their seed suppliers, manage multiple supplier agreements and check for product updates.

If a grower already has a valid MTSA, do they have to register at AgCelerate?

Growers are encouraged but not required to register on AgCelerate to maintain their MTSA.

Grower completed paper forms should be mailed to AgCelerate for processing and information validation:

DRC Data Services

Attn: AgCelerate Agreements
2009 Fourth Street, SW
Mason City, IA 50401

Whom do I call for help with the form or to check on the status of a MTSA?

Grower MTSA application status is available on the AgCelerate grower dashboard on www.agcelerate.com, or by calling 1-800-Roundup, Option #3 (1-800-768-6387).

Can I use forms that I find on the Internet?

No. Do not download forms off the Internet. Original MTSA's are multi-part forms and have a unique identification number. Scans or pictures of documents that appear to be current MTSA's are not acceptable and use of such documents will delay the grower licensing process.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

When Monsanto launches new products, do growers need to sign a new agreement?

No. The MTSA does not routinely expire. Growers are informed of new product information and policies on an annual basis through the Technology Use Guide and IRM Grower Guide. If a grower already has a valid MTSA, the grower does not need to sign a new one.

What mailing address should a grower list on the MTSA if they have a PO Box?

Monsanto requires a physical address/location for the MTSA. List the physical address and write in the PO Box above or below it. For example, a physical address is the one that emergency services would use.

If a grower only purchases or plants conventional products, are they required to sign the MTSA?

No, non-traited seed purchases do not require a grower to be licensed.

What are the rules around family farm operations? Does every family member need to sign a MTSA?

The owner and operator of the farm should sign the MTSA. If other family members are involved in the same farm as the primary grower, they do not need a separate MTSA.

How would a Trustee fill out the MTSA?

The name of the grower would be the name of the trust (John Jones Trust). An example signatory would be Mary Smith, as Trustee of the John Jones Trust.

What are the licensing requirements for landlord and tenant arrangements?

The tenant is the possessor of the farm land and is required to sign a MTSA. If the landlord is involved in the decision-making process and has control over the crop, the landlord will need to sign a MTSA.

What are the licensing requirements for Farm Managers?

In situations where Farm Managers are acting as agents for the grower, they do not need an MTSA.

If a grower purchases Monsanto branded seed containing another trait provider's trait, what license do they need?

If the seed is a Monsanto product, the grower is only required to sign a Monsanto MTSA.

What are the license status definitions?

Delicensed and Unlicensed status means that the grower does not have a valid MTSA associated with their account. This could mean the grower has never been licensed or the grower was licensed previously and the license has now been terminated. Denied or Not Authorized status indicates a grower is not eligible to be licensed and may not purchase or plant Monsanto Technology. Dealers/Seed Company/Licensees should not sell to this grower.

If a grower has been denied or not authorized, can they ever be re-licensed?

It is possible for a denied or not authorized grower to obtain a new MTSA. These situations are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Contact 1-800-Roundup, Option #2 (1-800-768-6387).

Does the grower need a new MTSA if they relocate?

If using a paper form, yes, the grower will need to fill out a new MTSA. If the grower is registered on AgCelerate they may update their information via the AgCelerate website and would not be required to fill out a new MTSA.

Do retailers that plant plot seed need a MTSA?

If a retailer is planting trial or research plot seed received from Monsanto, the retailer must sign a MTSA.