

PATENTS AND ROUNDUP READY® SEEDS

Think Before You Bin-Run Soybeans

Do You Know the Rules Around Planting Roundup Ready® Soybeans Post Patent?

The U.S. patent on the original Roundup Ready soybean trait expired in 2015, and that means there are changes to what soybean seed products U.S. growers can legally save and plant. Did you know that even though the Roundup Ready soybean biotech trait patent has expired, most Roundup Ready seed in the United States may still be covered by other forms of intellectual property?

Be informed. Ask before you plant.

Check with your local seed provider to see if the original Roundup Ready soybean products you harvested are eligible to be legally saved and planted in 2015 on your farm. If so, ask your dealer for a license that clarifies your rights to legally save and plant those soybeans.

Visit WWW.SOYBEANS.COM for more information on the expiration of the original Roundup Ready soybean trait.

Remember:

- Patents encourage innovation in new seed technology
- Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield® soybeans are still patent protected and cannot be saved
- Soybean seeds may contain multiple forms of intellectual property, not just the trait patent
- Patented seed can only be used according to the permissions granted by the patent holder
- Germplasm may be patent protected. Please refer to your seed bags and bag tags for more information
- Replanting patented seed is illegal and an infringement of intellectual property rights
- People who actively encourage or induce growers to save and replant seed of patented traits may be liable for infringement

At this facility, samples of cleaned or conditioned seed batches may be retained or tested to identify the seed and/or provided to third parties upon request.



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