STRONG STANDS WITH PIONEER



WHY IS A STRONG STAND IMPORTANT?

So many management decisions go into setting yield goals, but achieving uniform emergence can influence yield outcomes anywhere from 5 to 9 percent.

Factors INFLUENCING YIELD AT PLANTING

- Achieve uniform emergence (5-9%)
 - Plant within the optimum window (2-5%)
- Achieve the correct population (1-2%)
- Achieve uniform plant spacing (1-2%)

Four planting factors and their estimated typical impact on yield¹

Environment Successful Temperature germination Residue and emergence Compaction of corn is Water determined by three primary factors: Genetics **Seed Quality** Harvest Moisture Vigor Stress Tolerance Drvina and Conditioning

WHAT DOES PIONEER DO TO HELP ENABLE A STRONG STAND?

All Pioneer[®] brand corn products are developed and adapted for local conditions

- Plant scientists breed products with a farmer's management practices in mind
 - Research fields are planted at the same time farmers are planting
 - Research fields test at the same planting populations as farmers are using
- Advanced breeding technologies allow plant scientists to predict and select genetics with improved early season stress tolerance before testing in the field
- Stress emergence is an agronomic trait taken into consideration when we advance products

• Emergence scores for the 2021 Pioneer brand corn advancement class portfolio:



THE PROPRIETARY PIONEER STRESS TEST SETS THE STANDARD FOR PIONEER VIGOUR

Pioneer Stress Test goes beyond the saturated cold test

- Imposes more extreme chilling and anaerobic stresses
- Proven to be more predictive of hybrid performance under extreme cold stress
 - **Pioneer Stress Test**
 - Proprietary seed vigour test used on all Pioneer[®] brand corn products
 - 7 Greater stress level than a normal saturated cold test
 - More consistent results that better correlate to field performance

Saturated Cold Test

🏉 Water-saturated media increases imbibitional chilling and oxygen deprivation

Extended Cold Test

👴 Similar to a regular cold test with a longer duration of cold stress exposure

Cold Test

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👩 Seeds are planted in chilled media and exposed to cold stress, usually 10 °C (50 °F) for 7 days

- Provides better differentiation among genetics than cold germination test
- Allows for optimal separation between high and low seed quality, and detects even small differences in vigour

Pioneer customers can be confident that every batch of seed has been extensively tested and meets Pioneer's industry-leading standards

- Upholding the highest production and quality control standards is critical to ensure the highest quality seed for planting
- Seed lots must pass the standard germination and the Pioneer Stress Test to make it to a farmer's field
- Seed lots must pass quality testing, which occurs at new crop harvest, after conditioning, and if carried over to the next season
- All seed sizes must meet the same high-guality standards

LumiGEN[®] seed treatments protect our elite genetics from early-season disease, insects and nematodes to help with strong emergence and maximize yield potential.

- The most robust seed treatment package available in the industry includes premium protection from Lumiscend[™] Pro fungicide seed treatment, Lumivia[™] insecticide seed treatment and Lumialza™ nematicide seed treatment.
- Lumialza[™] nematicide seed treatment shields roots with an expanding bio-barrier protecting corn from vield-robbing nematodes for more than 80 days while cooperating with beneficial microorganisms.

Lumiscend [®] Pro	Lumivia ^{TT}	Lumialza [™]
PROTECTION Diseases: Pythium Fusarium Rhizoctonia Corn head smut	Insects: Wireworm White grub Black cutworm Fall armyworm Seed corn maggot	Nematodes: Sting Needle Lance Stubby-root Root-knot Dagger Lesion



