

2018 *Bt* Corn Products for the Southeastern United States

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Most corn hybrids now contain several transgenic traits for insect control and herbicide tolerance. Currently all transgenic insect control traits are various proteins derived from the bacterium called *Bacillus thuringiensis* (*Bt*). *Bt* corn traits can be divided into two categories, those that target above ground caterpillar (lepidopteran) pests such as corn borers, and those that target below ground or soil inhabiting corn rootworms. The table on the next page summarizes the currently available *Bt* corn products for the southern region. The table lists the specific *Bt* proteins and events, herbicide resistance traits, and relative efficacy of traits for controlling specific target insect pests.

Insecticide resistance management (IRM) is required for all *Bt* traits in corn and includes structured refuge of non-*Bt* corn. Refuge requirements are different for the northern corn-belt and the southern cotton-growing areas of the United States. Refuge requirements also differ among hybrids with one or more *Bt* traits. Single above-ground trait products require a 50% non-*Bt* refuge. Most multiple above-ground trait products require a 20% non-*Bt* corn refuge. Details concerning the placement and arrangement of refuges also vary among *Bt* corn products.⁵ The table lists the size of the non-*Bt* corn refuge. Seed bag tags will have details about product IRM requirements, refuge amount and refuge placement options.

Herbicide Traits GT, Glyphosate tolerant
 LL, Liberty Link (glufosinate tolerant)
 RR2, Roundup Ready 2 (glyphosate tolerant)

Target Above-Ground Insect Pests



Black cutworm



Lesser cornstalk
borer³



Fall armyworm



Corn borers²



Corn earworm

Target Below-Ground (in soil) Insect Pest



Western corn rootworm⁴

Footnotes:

²European corn borer, Southwestern corn borer, sugarcane borer, and others. ³Lepidopteran *Bt* traits do not specifically list lesser cornstalk borer (LCB) as a target pest. ⁴*Bt* rootworm traits target the western corn rootworm larvae, which occurs in areas such as north Alabama and north Georgia. These traits are not effective against southern corn rootworm.

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Product Trade Name (Abbreviation)	Bt protein(s)	Corn Earworm (ear)	Fall Armyworm (whorl)	Corn Borers ² (stalk)	Black Cutworm (seedling)	LCB ³ (seedling)	CRW ⁴ (roots)	Herbicide Tolerance ⁵	Refuge requirement in the South ⁶	Event(s)
		—————Aboveground—————					In soil			
Agrisure Products										
Agrisure Artesian 3010A	Cry1Ab	P-F	F-G	E	P	G	—	GTLL	50%	Bt11, GA21
Agrisure GT/CB/LL	Cry1Ab	P-F	F-G	E	P	G	—	GT LL	50%	Bt11, GA21
Agrisure 3000 GT, Agrisure Artesian 3011A	Cry1Ab mCry3A	P-F	F-G	E	P	G	F-G	GT LL	50%	Bt11, MIR604, GA21
Agrisure Viptera 3110	Vip3Aa20 Cry1Ab	E	E	E	G	G	—	GT LL	20%	MIR162, Bt11, GA21
Agrisure Viptera 3111	Vip3Aa20 Cry1Ab mCry3A	E	E	E	G	G	F-G	GT LL	20%	MIR162, Bt11, MIR604, GA21
Agrisure Viptera 3220	Vip3Aa20 Cry1Ab Cry1F	E	E	E	VG	VG	—	GT LL	20%	MIR162, Bt11, TC 1507, GA21
Herculex and Optimum Products										
Herculex I (HX1) or (HR)	Cry1F	P	G-VG ⁷	E	G	G	—	LL	50%	TC 1507
Optimum Intrasect (YHR)	Cry1F Cry1Ab	F	VG ⁷	E	VG	VG	—	LL RR2	20%	TC 1507, MON810
Optimum Intrasect XTRA (YXR)	Cry1F Cry1Ab Cry34Ab1/Cry35Ab1	F	VG ⁷	E	VG	VG	E	LL RR2	20%	TC 1507, MON810, DAS-59122-7
Optimum Leptra (VYHR)	Cry1F Cry1Ab Vip3A.20	E	E	E	VG	VG	—	LL RR2	20%	MIR162, MON810, TC1507
YieldGard Products										
YieldGard Corn Borer (YGCB)	Cry1Ab	P-F	F-G	E	P	G	—	—	50%	MON810
YieldGard VT Triple (VT3)	Cry1Ab Cry3Bb1	P-F	F-G	E	P	G	VG	RR2	50%	MON810, MON88017
Genuity/SmartStax /Powercore Products										
Genuity VT Double PRO (GENVT2P), Genuity Drought Gard VT Double PRO (GENDGVT2P)	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2	F-G	E	E	P	VG	—	RR2	20%	MON89034, NK603
Genuity VT Triple PRO (GENVT3P)	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2 Cry3Bb1	F-G	E	E	P	VG	VG	RR2	20%	MON89034, MON88017
Powercore	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2 Cry1F	F-G	E	E	G	VG	—	LL RR2	20%	MON89034, TC 1507, NK603
SmartStax (SSX, Dow) or Genuity SmartStax (GENSS, Monsanto)	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2 Cry1F Cry3Bb1 Cry34Ab1/Cry35Ab1	F-G	E	E	G	VG	E	LL RR2	20%	MON89034, TC 1507, MON88017, DAS-59122-7
Trecepta	Cry1A.105 Cry2Ab2 Vip3A.20	E	E	E	VG	VG	--	RR2	20%	MON89034, NK603 MIR162

¹ E = excellent, VG = very good, G = good, F = fair, P = poor. Excellent usually means better than 95 percent control. Poor means less than about 30% control

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⁶ See product Insect Resistance Management (IRM) documentation from the seed companies for more details.

⁷ Resistance to Cry1F has been reported in some areas of the Southeast.

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