



MICHIGAN SUGARBEET REACH

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2009 Variety Trial Results

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REACH - 2009 VARIETY RESULTS

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MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY

Approval of Seed Varieties for the 2010 Crop

The Seed Committee and Board of Michigan Sugar Company approved quantities of seed for commercial planting of the following varieties for the 2010 crop:

Fully Approved Varieties

<u>(Unlimited Quantities)</u>		
	<u>Until 2010</u>	<u>Until 2011</u>
HM 27RR	Beta 5411R*	Beta 5833R**
HM 50RR	Beta 5451*	Beta 5930R**
HM 42RR	Crystal R442*	SX 1233**
SX 1260RR	Crystal 355*	Crystal R509**
	HM 7172 Rz*	

*Last year to plant is 2010

**Last year to plant is 2011

Limited Approved Varieties

(Quantities limited to 10% of acres)

HM 51RR
HM 55RR

Limited Approved Varieties

(Quantities limited to 5% of acres)

HM 110RR SX 1281RR
Crystal RR840 BTS 18RR26
HM 133RR BTS 18RR16
HM 131RR

Specialty Approved Varieties

(Limited Quantities)

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Specialty</u>
HM 28RR		Approved 08
HM 29RR		Approved 08
BTS 17RR32		High Sugar
BTS 17RR62*		High Sugar
Crystal RR827		High Sugar
Crystal RR824		High Sugar
Crystal RR808	5% Sales	High Sugar
BTS 18RR4N		Nematode
HM 39RR		Rhizoctonia
BTS 18RR06	5% Sales	High Sugar

*Last year to plant is 2010



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Summary of Data





Varieties For Sale Summary

Average of 2 Years OVT Data

Values are % of Check

Variety		\$/A	RWSA	RWST	Cerc	Rhizoc	Root Aphid	Comments
Crystal RR827	High RWST	1462	120.2	105.8	128	121	90	Poor Rhizoc / Poor Cercospora
Crystal RR808	High RWST	1450	118.7	106.6	127	117	81	Poor Rhizoc / Poor Cercospora
Crystal RR824	High RWST	1443	118.5	102.0	134	120	86	Poor Rhizoc / Poor Cercospora
BTS 17RR32	High RWST	1411	116.0	101.4	127	117	68	Poor Rhizoc / Poor Cercospora
BTS 17RR62	High RWST	1409	115.8	105.0	141	116	81	Poor Rhizoc / Poor Cercospora
HM 110RR	Limited 5%	1360	111.5	100.9	110	100	131	Fair Rhizoc / Fair Cercospora
BTS 18RR16	Limited 5%	1359	111.7	101.8	97	107	113	Fair+ Cercospora / Fair- Rhizoc
BTS 18RR4N	Nematode	1359	111.6	98.9	134	107	113	Fair- Rhizoc / Poor Cercospora
HM 133RR	Limited 5%	1356	110.9	100.7	105	104	81	Fair Cercospora / Fair- Rhizoc
Crystal RR840	Limited 5%	1356	110.8	102.4	86	113	117	Good Cercospora / Fair- Rhizoc
HM 39RR	Rhizoc Spec.	1356	110.7	100.4	115	84	140	Good Rhizoc / Fair- Cercospora
HM 28RR	Spec. App.	1352	110.6	98.0	106	94	122	Fair Rhizoc / Fair Cercospora
BTS 18RR26	Limited 5%	1347	110.1	104.2	90	110	99	Good Cercospora / Fair- Rhizoc
SX 1281RR	Limited 5%	1341	109.7	101.1	104	98	99	Fair Cercospora / Fair Rhizoc
HM 27RR	Full Approval	1339	109.4	100.5	106	98	122	Good Rhizoc / Fair Cercospora
HM 29RR	Spec. App.	1339	109.5	98.7	108	98	117	Fair Rhizoc / Fair Cercospora
SX 1260RR	Full Approval	1338	109.6	99.1	113	111	131	Fair- Rhizoc / Fair- Cercospora
BTS 18RR06	High RWST	1337	109.9	103.2	118	106	45	Fair- Rhizoc / Fair- Cercospora
HM 131RR	Limited 5%	1334	109.2	101.7	101	96	113	Fair Cercospora / Fair Rhizoc
HM 50RR	Full Approval	1313	107.6	101.8	96	99	63	Fair+ Cercospora / Fair Rhizoc
HM 42RR	Full Approval	1302	106.8	101.8	98	100	86	Fair+ Cercospora / Fair Rhizoc

A Lower Value is Better for Cercospora, Rhizoctonia and Root Aphid

A Higher Value is Better for \$/Acre, RWSA and RWST



Rhizoctonia & Cercospora Choices

All Values are % of Check

Rhizoctonia

Varieties	Rhizoc	RWSA	RWST	Cerc	Comments
HM 39RR	84	110.7	100.4	115	Good Rhizoctonia Tolerance
HM 28RR	93	110.6	98.0	106	Fair Rhizoctonia Tolerance
HM 131RR	94	109.2	101.7	101	Fair Rhizoctonia Tolerance
HM 29RR	96	109.5	98.7	108	Fair Rhizoctonia Tolerance
HM 27RR	96	109.4	100.5	106	Field Performance has been Good
SX 1281RR	97	109.7	101.1	104	Fair Rhizoctonia Tolerance
HM 50RR	97	107.6	101.8	96	Fair Rhizoctonia Tolerance
HM 42RR	98	106.8	101.8	98	Fair Rhizoctonia Tolerance

All Values are % of Check

Cercospora

Varieties	Cerc	RWSA	RWST	Rhizoc	Comments
Crystal 840RR	86	110.8	102.4	113	Good Cercospora Tolerance
BTS 18RR26	90	110.1	104.2	110	Good Cercospora Tolerance
HM 50RR	96	107.6	101.8	99	Fair+ Cercospora Tolerance
BTS 18RR16	97	111.7	101.8	107	Fair+ Cercospora Tolerance
HM 42RR	98	106.8	101.8	100	Fair+ Cercospora Tolerance

A Higher Value is Better for RWSA and RWST

A Lower Value is Better for Cercospora and Rhizoctonia



High Sugar & Nematode Choices

All Values are % of Check

High Sugar

Varieties	RWST	RWSA	Rhizoc	Cerc	Comments
Crystal RR808	106.6	118.7	117	127	Poor Rhizoc and Cerc
C RR827	105.8	120.2	121	128	Poor Rhizoc and Cerc
BTS 17RR62	105.0	115.8	116	141	Poor Rhizoc and Cerc
BTS 18RR26	104.2	110.1	110	90	Good Cerc / Fair- Rhizoc
BTS 18RR06	103.2	109.9	106	118	Fair- Rhizoc / Fair- Cerc
Crystal RR840	102.4	110.8	113	86	Good Cerc / Fair- Rhizoc
C RR824	102.0	118.5	120	134	Poor Rhizoc and Cerc
HM 50RR	101.8	107.6	99	96	Fair Rhizoc / Fair+ Cerc
HM 42RR	101.8	106.8	100	98	Fair Rhizoc / Fair+ Cerc
BTS 18RR16	101.8	111.7	107	97	Fair+ Cerc / Fair- Rhizoc
HM 131RR	101.7	109.2	96	101	Fair Cerc / Fair Rhizoc
BTS 17RR32	101.4	116.0	117	127	Poor Rhizoc and Cerc
SX 1281RR	101.1	109.7	98	104	Fair Cerc / Fair Rhizoc

All Values are % of Check

Nematode

Varieties	Nem	RWSA	RWST	Rhizoc	Cerc	Comments
BTS 18RR4N	65	111.6	98.9	107	134	Good Nem, Fair- Rhizoc, Poor Cerc

A Higher Value is Better for RWSA and RWST

A Lower Value is Better for Cercospora, Rhizoctonia and Nematode Tolerance



Varieties For Sale Traits

Average of 2 Years (2008-2009)

Variety	Approval Status	\$/A ¹	RWSA	RWST	Tons/ Acre	% Suc	% CJP	Emerg	Disease/Insect Nurseries				
									Cerc	Root ² Aphid	Rhizoc	Aph	Rhizom ³
Crystal RR827	Spec - High Quality	1462	9971	282	35.1	18.9	95.1	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Good	Fair
Crystal RR808	Spec - High Quality	1450	9871	284	34.5	19.0	95.2	Exc	Poor	Good	Poor	Good	Fair
Crystal RR824	Spec - High Quality	1443	9842	272	35.9	18.3	95.2	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Fair	Good
BTS 17RR32	Spec - High Quality	1411	9631	270	35.4	18.1	95.3	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Fair	Good
BTS 17RR62	Spec - High Quality	1409	9595	280	34.1	18.7	95.4	Fair	Poor	Good	Poor	Fair-	Good
HM 110RR	Limited 5%	1360	9265	269	34.2	18.1	95.2	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
BTS 18RR16	Limited 5%	1359	9281	272	33.9	18.4	94.9	Fair	Fair+	Fair	Fair-	Fair	Fair
BTS 18RR4N	Spec - Nematode	1359	9273	264	34.8	17.8	95.1	Exc	Poor	Fair	Fair-	Good	Fair
HM 133RR	Limited 5%	1356	9226	269	34.1	18.2	94.9	Good	Fair	Good	Fair-	Fair	Fair
Crystal RR840	Limited 5%	1356	9218	273	33.5	18.5	94.9	Fair-	Good	Fair	Fair-	Fair	Fair
HM 39RR	Spec - Rhizoc	1356	9218	268	34.2	18.1	95.1	Exc	Fair-	Fair	Good	Good	Good
HM 28RR	Special App.	1352	9200	261	34.9	17.6	95.2	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good
BTS 18RR26	Limited 5%	1347	9172	278	32.7	18.8	95.0	Fair	Good	Good	Fair-	Good	Fair
SX 1281RR	Limited 5%	1341	9136	270	33.6	18.1	95.2	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Good	Fair
HM 27RR	Full Approval	1339	9091	268	33.8	18.1	95.1	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good	Good	Good
HM 29RR	Special App.	1339	9098	263	34.4	17.8	95.1	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good
SX 1260RR	Full Approval	1338	9108	264	34.2	17.8	95.1	Exc	Fair-	Fair	Fair-	Good	Good
BTS 18RR06	Spec - High Quality	1337	9124	275	32.9	18.4	95.5	Fair	Fair-	Good	Fair-	Good	Good
HM 131RR	Limited 5%	1334	9080	271	33.3	18.3	95.1	Exc	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
HM 50RR	Full Approval	1313	8944	271	32.7	18.3	94.9	Good	Fair+	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair
HM 42RR	Full Approval	1302	8885	272	32.4	18.4	94.8	Fair	Fair+	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair
Average		1365	9259	271	33.9	18.3	95.1						
LSD (P=.05)		50.8	352.0	7.7	1.5	0.5	0.4						
CV %		1.8	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.3	0.2						

¹\$/Acre Payment: Variety RWST / Trial Avg RWST X Tons/A X \$40/T

²Root Aphid: 2008 Data Only

³Rhizomania: Preliminary Results



Official Variety Trial

Average of 3 Locations (Frankenmuth, Quanicassee, and Ruth) 2009

Variety	\$/Acre ¹	RWSA	<u>RWST</u> Rank		<u>Tons/A</u> Rank		<u>% Suc</u> Rank		<u>% CJP</u> Rank		<u>%Emerg</u> Rank	
Crystal RR808	1505*	10877*	302*	1	36.0	5	20.0*	1	95.7*	13	66*	3
Crystal RR824	1492*	10783*	284	16	38.0*	1	19.0	13	95.4	20	61	5
Crystal RR827	1483*	10716*	302*	2	35.4	10	20.0*	2	95.7*	10	56	12
BTS 17RR32	1448*	10474*	283	18	36.9*	2	18.8	19	95.7*	9	52	17
BTS 18RR26	1426	10307	300*	3	34.4	16	19.9*	3	95.6*	15	49	19
HM 39RR	1424	10286	286	13	35.9	6	19.0	14	95.8*	8	59	8
HM 133RR	1422	10274	287	12	35.8	7	19.1	11	95.5*	16	57	11
Crystal RR840	1417	10231	294	7	34.9	14	19.6	6	95.4	19	39	21
SX 1281RR	1415	10226	286	15	35.7	8	18.9	15	95.8*	6	60	6
HM 28RR	1414	10209	279	21	36.5	3	18.5	21	95.9*	4	58	9
BTS 17RR62	1413	10212	299*	4	34.2	19	19.7*	5	95.9*	3	53	16
BTS 18RR16	1413	10216	297*	5	34.3	17	19.8*	4	95.3	21	54	14
BTS 18RR4N	1412	10203	283	19	36.1	4	18.8	17	95.6*	14	69*	1
HM 110RR	1409	10188	287	11	35.4	11	19.0	12	96.0*	1	56	13
SX 1260RR	1386	10009	283	17	35.3	12	18.8	18	95.7*	11	66*	2
HM 131RR	1382	9993	289	9	34.5	15	19.2	10	95.8*	7	61	4
HM 27RR	1381	9977	286	14	34.9	13	18.9	16	95.9*	5	51	18
HM 29RR	1378	9955	280	20	35.6	9	18.6	20	95.7*	12	60	7
BTS 18RR06	1371	9914	296	6	33.4	21	19.5	7	96.0*	2	43	20
HM 50RR	1365	9866	288	10	34.2	18	19.2	9	95.5	18	58	10
HM 42RR	1364	9856	291	8	33.7	20	19.4	8	95.5*	17	54	15
Average	1400	10113	286		35.0		19.0		95.4		54	
LSD (P=.05)	58.7	422	4.8		1.5		0.3		0.5		6.0	
CV %	2.5	2.5	1.0		2.5		0.8		0.3		5.6	

1. \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

* Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.

Reps: 6 for one and 8 for two
Row Width: 22 inches

Quadris: 2 applications
Cercospora sprays: 3, control very good



Plant to Stand**

Average of 3 Locations 2009

Variety	\$/A ¹	RWSA	<u>RWST</u> Rank		<u>Tons/A</u> Rank		<u>% Suc</u> Rank		<u>% CJP</u> Rank		<u>% Emerg</u> Rank		<u>Beets/100'</u> at Harvest Rank	
Crystal RR824	1285*	9209*	284	6	32.3*	1	18.8	6	95.9*	3	53	6	133	5
BTS 17RR32	1282*	9220*	287	5	32.0*	3	19.1	4	95.7*	10	44	11	126	8
Crystal RR827	1262*	9073*	300*	1	30.1	6	19.8*	1	96.0*	1	49	8	127	7
HM 28RR	1258*	9019*	279	11	32.2*	2	18.5	11	95.9*	5	58	2	144*	2
HM 29RR	1228*	8804*	281	9	31.3*	4	18.6	9	96.0*	2	54	5	137	3
HM 39RR	1217	8737	283	7	30.7	5	18.8	7	95.8*	9	56	3	133	4
BTS 17RR62	1184	8534	292*	2	29.0	8	19.3*	2	95.7*	11	45	10	119	10
SX 1260RR	1163	8334	283	8	29.4	7	18.8	8	95.8*	7	68*	1	146*	1
HM 27RR	1108	7978	280	10	28.3	9	18.6	10	95.9*	4	50	7	119	11
HM 42RR	1100	7917	288	4	27.3	10	19.1	5	95.8*	8	45	9	124	9
HM 50RR	1087	7814	289	3	26.9	11	19.2	3	95.9*	6	56	4	127	6
Average	1198	8604	286		30.0		19.0		95.9		53		130	
LSD (P=.05)	63.9	456.8	9.3		1.2		0.5		0.4		6.4		10.5	
CV %	3.2	3.2	1.9		2.5		1.6		0.3		7.3		4.8	

1. \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

* Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.

** The Plant to Stand trial uses less intense management than the OVT. It is planted with a 4.5 inch seed spacing, has only one Quadris application, and uses Beetcast to time fungicide applications for Cercospora.

Reps: 6

Row Width: 22 inches



2009 VARIETY TRIALS

Trial Averages

Cedar Pond Farms (Harbor Beach)
Loren & Joshua Humm (Ithaca)
LAKKE Ewald Farms (Unionville)
Yoder Farms (Pigeon)

Brian Fox (Dover, Ontario)
Knoerr Farms (Bay City)
Wadsworth Farms (Sandusky)

VARIETY	REV / ACRE	RWSA	RWST	TONS / ACRE	% SUGAR	% CJP
C-RR824	\$1,206	9136	292	31.1	19.3	95.9
B-17RR32	\$1,190	9023	289	31.0	19.2	95.8
C-RR827 (2) **	\$1,159	9005	302	29.7	19.9	95.9
HM-28RR	\$1,179	8916	287	30.9	19.0	95.9
C-RR827	\$1,158	8786	300	29.1	19.8	95.7
HM-29RR	\$1,148	8701	285	30.3	18.9	96.0
SX-1260RR	\$1,129	8551	289	29.5	19.1	95.9
B-17RR62	\$1,101	8394	296	28.1	19.5	96.0
HM-27RR	\$1,080	8219	287	28.4	19.1	95.7
HM-50RR	\$1,070	8124	296	27.2	19.7	95.5
HM-42RR	\$1,061	8068	297	26.9	19.7	95.8
HM-50RR (0)*	See Individual Trials					
AVERAGE	\$1,135	8629	293	29.3	19.4	95.8
LSD (5%)	—	438	6	1.2	0.3	0.3
C.V. (%)	—	5	2	4.0	1.5	0.3

* HM-50RR (0) had no Quadris applied.

** C-RR827(2) had two Quadris applications.

Comments: This is the average of 7 variety trials. Refer to individual trials for specific conditions such as Rhizoctonia, emergence, and etc. Revenue per acre is based on a \$40 per ton projected payment, an "average RWST" equal to the trial average of 293, and Quadris cost deducted from the revenue at a rate of \$25.20 per acre plus a \$7.50 application cost.

**2009 VARIETY TRIALS
Average of 6 Locations
Final – Mid – and Early Emergence**

TREATMENT NAME	EARLY *
SX-1260RR	177
C-RR824	138
B-17RR32	137
B-17RR62	131
C-RR827	119
HM-50RR	110
HM-42RR	104
HM-28RR	93
HM-27RR	86
HM-29RR	82
AVERAGE	117
LSD 5%	---
CV %	---

TREATMENT NAME	MID
SX-1260RR	196
C-RR824	190
B-17RR32	174
C-RR827	170
B-17RR62	170
HM-29RR	169
HM-50RR	162
HM-28RR	157
HM-42RR	153
HM-27RR	137
AVERAGE	167
LSD 5%	18
CV %	9

TREATMENT NAME	FINAL	% STAND
SX-1260RR	203	76
C-RR824	203	76
HM-29RR	197	74
B-17RR32	195	73
HM-28RR	194	73
C-RR827	188	70
B-17RR62	188	70
HM-50RR	185	69
HM-42RR	179	67
HM-27RR	165	62
AVERAGE	189	71
LSD 5%	12	--
CV %	6	--

* Based on two trials

Comments:

- Stand counts based on three 100 ft. replications at 6 locations.
- Average seed spacing – 4 ½ inches
- Early stand counts approximately 10-12 days
- Mid-stand counts approximately 15-20 days
- Final stand counts approximately 28-32 days



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WADSWORTH VARIETY / RHIZOCTONIA TRIAL

Treatment name	* Rhizoctonia 1200 ft. of row	Comments
HM-27RR	6	
HM-29RR	13	
HM-28RR	22	
HM-50RR	39	
C-RR827 (2)	49	2 Quadris Applications
HM-42RR	54	
B-17RR32	97	
SX-1260RR	114	
HM-50RR (0)	131	No Quadris Applied
C-RR827	221	
C-RR824	251	
B-17RR62	370	

AVERAGE – 114

LSD (10%) – 184

Comments: Trial had heavy levels of Rhizoctonia root rot. Trial received a single application of Quadris applied at 4-6 leaf stage to all varieties except C-RR827 (2) and HM-50RR (0). C-RR827 (2) received Quadris applications at 4-6 and 8-10 leaf stages. HM-50RR (0) did not have any Quadris applications.

* Rhizoctonia number represents dead or dying beets.

2009 FOX VARIETY / RHIZOCTONIA TRIAL

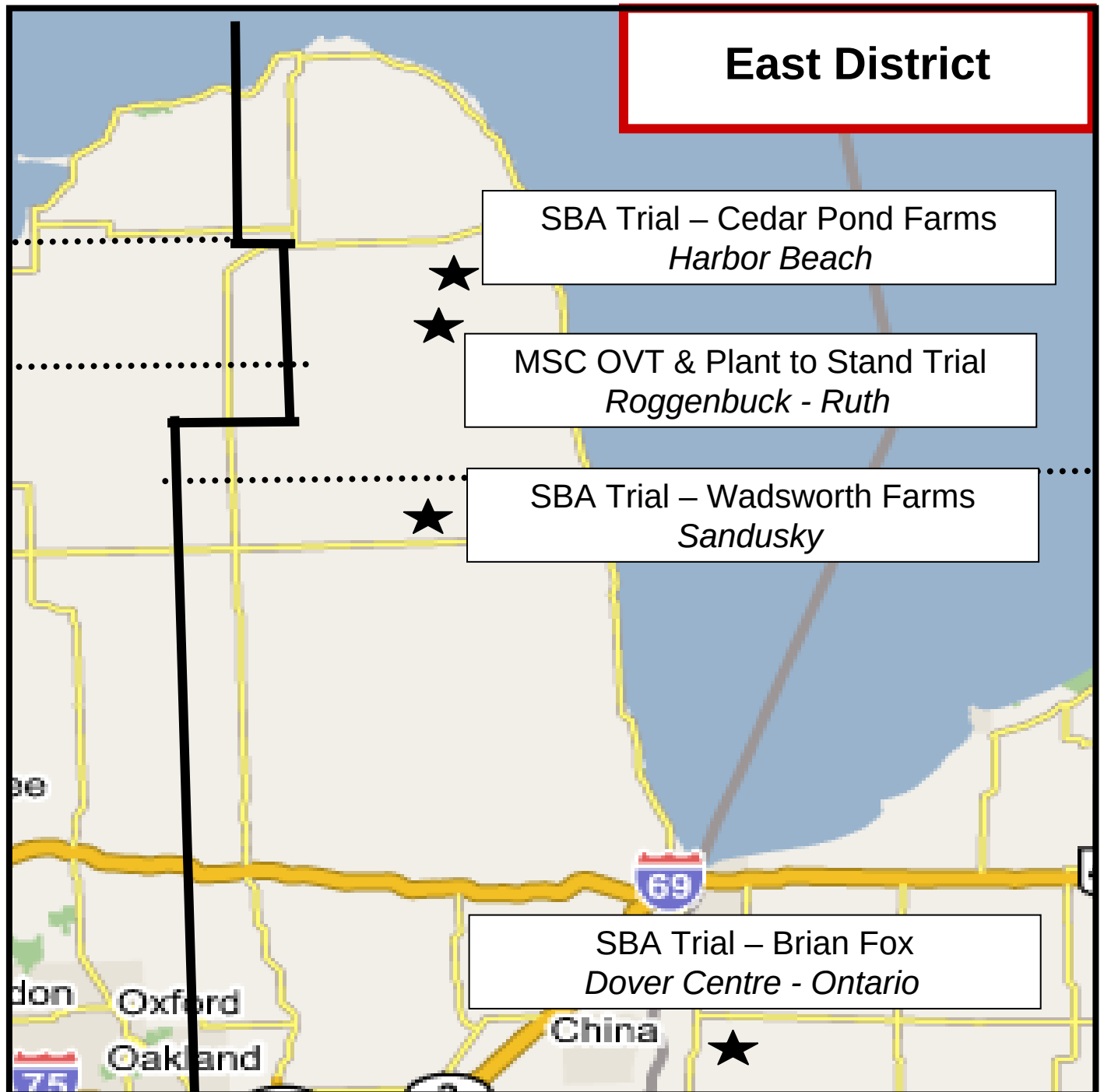
Treatment name	* Rhizoctonia 1200 ft. of row	Comments
HM-50RR (1)	5	1 Quadris Application
HM-27RR	6	
HM-50RR	14	
HM-28RR	14	
HM-42RR	14	
HM-29RR	16	
C-RR827 (1)	29	1 Quadris Application
SX-1260RR	31	
B-17RR62	42	
C-RR827	43	
B-17RR32	58	
C-RR824	65	

AVERAGE – 28

LDS (5%) – 19

Comments: Low-moderate levels of Rhizoctonia root rot. Quadris was only applied on HM-50RR (1) and C-RR827 (1). * Rhizoctonia numbers represent dead or dying beets.

East District Trials



2009 VARIETY TRIAL

Brian Fox

Location: Dover, ON, Canada
Planting Date: 5/8/2009
Previous Crop: Soybeans
Soil Type: Loam
Spacings: 4 1/8"
Fertilizer: 10 gallons of 28% banded over row.
P & K₂O variable rate applied.
60 lbs N sidedressed.

Tillage: Chisel Plow - Spring S Tine 2x
Harvest Date: 11/3/2009
Sample Date: 11/3/2009
Herbicides: Glyphosate 3x
Replicated: 3x
Fungicide: Proline 55 DSV
Headline 125 DSV

VARIETY	REV / ACRE	RWSA	RWST	TONS / ACRE	% SUGAR	% CJP	POPULATIONS 100 Ft. of Row				RHIZ. 1200 Ft. of Row
							12 DAY	17 DAY	30 DAY	HARV.	
HM-28RR	\$1,278	9595	295	32.5	19.5	95.9	157	190	188	186	14
HM-27RR	\$1,252	9391	301	31.2	19.9	95.8	146	167	174	164	6
C-RR824	\$1,251	9371	296	31.7	19.7	95.6	177	194	192	173	65
HM-29RR	\$1,248	9346	298	31.4	19.7	95.9	146	170	173	165	16
HM-50RR	\$1,232	9232	306	30.2	20.5	95.2	163	174	174	165	14
SX-1260RR	\$1,211	9097	295	30.8	19.6	95.6	212	209	202	188	31
HM-42RR	\$1,185	8878	313	28.4	20.7	95.7	155	173	173	166	14
B-17RR32	\$1,178	8827	285	31.0	19.1	95.2	184	201	196	171	58
HM-50RR (1)*	\$1,143	8819	305	28.9	20.3	95.6	165	185	180	169	5
B-17RR62	\$1,164	8730	303	28.8	20.1	95.5	151	174	175	169	42
C-RR827 (1)*	\$1,122	8664	305	28.4	20.3	95.3	142	161	164	148	29
C-RR827	\$1,144	8567	300	28.6	20.0	95.2	144	165	168	152	43
AVERAGE	\$1,201	9043	300	30.2	19.9	95.5	162	180	180	168	28
LSD (5%)	—	610	10	1.6	0.6	0.7	19	18	18	17	19
C.V. (%)	—	4	2	3.1	1.6	0.4	7	6	6	6	40

* Varieties had a single application of Quadris (6-8 Leaf). All other varieties had no Quadris.

TRIAL RELIABILITY: High

EMERGENCE: Excellent	CERC. LEAF SPOT: Good
RHIZOCTONIA: Low / moderate	NEMATODES: None
QUADRIS APP: None	WEATHER: Good

Comments: Revenue per acre is based on a \$40 per ton projected payment, an "average RWST" equal to the trial average of 300, and Quadris cost deducted from the revenue at a rate of \$25.20 per acre plus a \$7.50 application cost.



Official Variety Trial

Roggenbuck, Ruth, MI
2009

Variety	\$/Acre ¹	RWSA	<u>RWST</u> Rank		<u>Tons/A</u> Rank		<u>% Suc</u> Rank		<u>% CJP</u> Rank		<u>%Emerg</u> Rank	
Crystal RR808	1419*	9737*	295*	2	33.0*	2	19.4*	1	96.1*	8	64*	3
Crystal RR827	1374*	9438*	291*	3	32.4*	4	19.2*	3	95.9*	12	48	11
Crystal RR824	1309	9003	274	14	32.8*	3	18.4	11	95.1	20	47	14
HM 28RR	1293	8872	266	20	33.3*	1	17.7	20	95.9*	10	47	13
Crystal RR840	1286	8834	283	5	31.2*	13	18.9	6	95.6	18	35	20
BTS 18RR4N	1286	8808	274	13	32.2*	7	18.1	14	96.1*	4	64*	2
HM 39RR	1281	8792	275	12	32.0*	9	18.2	12	96.1*	7	50	6
HM 27RR	1278	8773	273	16	32.1*	8	18.0	16	96.3*	3	50	5
HM 110RR	1269	8694	274	15	31.8*	10	18.0	18	96.4*	1	49	8
BTS 17RR32	1264	8711	268	19	32.3*	5	17.9	19	95.8*	13	40	18
BTS 18RR26	1263	8685	289*	4	30.0	17	19.2*	4	95.7	16	40	19
SX 1281RR	1262	8648	276	11	31.4*	12	18.1	13	96.3*	2	48	10
BTS 18RR16	1260	8638	283	6	30.6	15	19.1*	5	94.9	21	45	16
HM 133RR	1252	8594	272	17	31.6*	11	18.1	15	95.7	15	48	12
BTS 17RR62	1243	8512	296*	1	28.8	21	19.4*	2	96.1*	6	44	17
HM 50RR	1238	8498	279	9	30.5	16	18.5	10	95.9*	9	50	7
HM 29RR	1235	8474	263	21	32.2*	6	17.6	21	95.6	17	49	9
SX 1260RR	1230	8424	271	18	31.2*	14	18.0	17	95.8*	14	67*	1
BTS 18RR06	1216	8352	279	8	29.9	18	18.5	7	95.9*	11	28	21
HM 131RR	1214	8343	280	7	29.7	19	18.5	8	96.1*	5	53	4
HM 42RR	1173	8052	277	10	29.1	20	18.5	9	95.5	19	46	15
Average	1269	8616	278		31.3		18.4		95.8		48	
LSD (P=.05)	103.3	716	9.0		2.4		0.5		0.6		9.9	
CV %	7.1	7.1	2.8		6.5		2.4		0.6		17.8	

1. \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

* Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.

Trial Quality: Good

Plant/Harvest Dates: May 6 / Oct 12

Reps: 6

Row Width: 22 inches

Quadris: Twice 4 leaf & 10 leaf,

Rhizoc. Control Fair

Cercospora sprays: 3, control very good



Plant to Stand**

Roggenbuck, Ruth, MI
2009

												Beets/ 100 ft at		
	\$/A ¹	RWSA	<u>RWST</u> Rank		<u>Tons/A</u> Rank		<u>% Suc</u> Rank		<u>% CJP</u> Rank		<u>% Emerg</u> Rank		<u>Harvest</u> Rank	
Crystal RR827	1407*	9829*	299*	1	32.9	5	19.4*	1	96.8*	2	51	6	144*	3
Crystal RR824	1406*	9821*	278	7	35.4*	1	18.2	6	96.6*	7	60*	2	150*	2
BTS 17RR32	1400*	9776*	288	3	34.0*	4	18.8	3	96.7*	5	44	11	140*	6
HM 28RR	1334*	9319*	271	9	34.4*	3	17.8	9	96.6*	9	59*	3	142*	4
HM 29RR	1318*	9203*	266	11	34.6*	2	17.4	11	96.8*	3	53	5	141*	5
BTS 17RR62	1315*	9181*	290*	2	31.7	7	19.0*	2	96.2	13	47	9	136	8
HM 39RR	1287	8991	278	6	32.3	6	18.1	7	96.9*	1	56	4	139	7
SX 1260RR	1226	8560	272	8	31.5	8	17.9	8	96.4*	11	68*	1	150*	1
HM 50RR	1212	8465	283	5	29.8	10	18.5	5	96.8*	4	50	7	131	10
HM 42RR	1210	8451	284	4	29.7	11	18.7	4	96.4*	10	46	10	134	9
HM 27RR	1177	8222	269	10	30.5	9	17.7	10	96.6*	6	48	8	127	11
Average	1299	9074	280		30.9		18.3		96.6		49.5		140	
LSD (P=.05)	105	733.8	9.7		2.4		0.5		0.6		9.9		10.4	
CV %	7.0	7.0	3.0		6.4		2.4		0.6		16.2		6.4	

* Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.

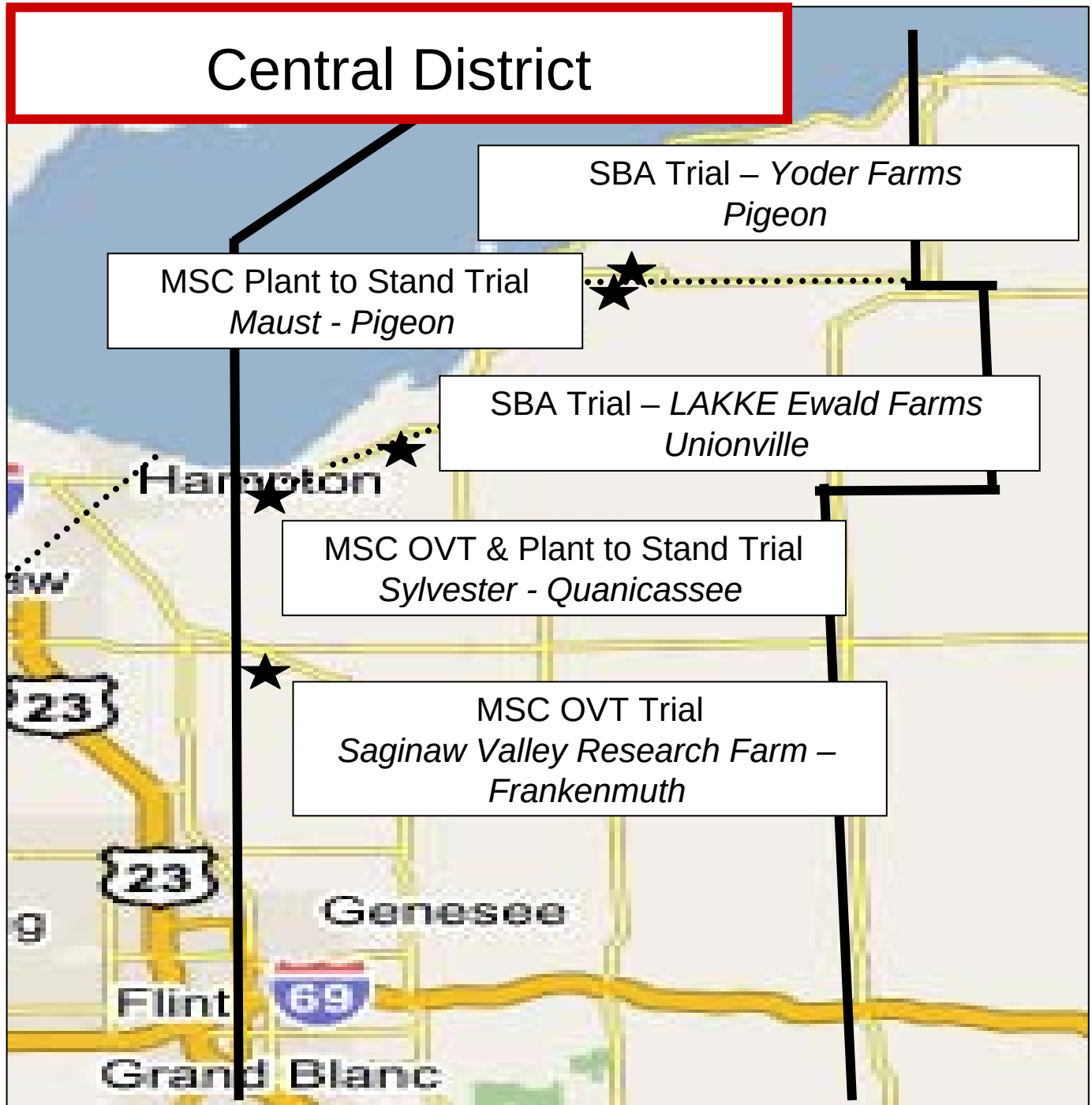
1. \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

** The Plant to Stand trial uses less intense management than the OVT. It is planted with a 4.5 inch seed spacing, has only one Quadris application, and uses Beetcast to time fungicide applications for Cercospora.

Trial Quality: Good
Plant/Harvest Dates: May 6 / Oct 13
Reps: 6

Row Width: 22 inches
Quadris: 6 leaf, Rhizoc. Control Fair
Cercospora sprays: 3, control very good

Central District Trials





2009 VARIETY TRIAL

Cedar Pond Farms

Location: Harbor Beach, Huron Co.
Planting Date: 4/15/2009
Previous Crop: Wheat
Soil Type: Loam
Spacings: Seed - 4 1/8", Row - 30"
Fertilizer: 8000 Gallons Manure
 40 Lbs N. Sidedressed

Tillage: Stale Seed Beed
Harvest Date: 11/3/2009
Sample Date: 10/21/2009
Herbicides: Glyphosate 2x
Replicated: 3x
Fungicide: Proline (45 DSV)
 Gem (110 DSV)

VARIETY	REV / ACRE	RWSA	RWST	TONS / ACRE	% SUGAR	% CJP	POPULATIONS 100 Ft. of Row				RHIZ. 1200 Ft. of Row
							15 DAY	22 DAY	33 DAY	HARV.	
HM-28RR	\$1,372	10629	295	36.0	19.7	95.5	29	166	182	166	3
C-RR824	\$1,369	10607	302	35.1	20.0	95.7	99	222	222	196	13
C-RR827	\$1,348	10459	309	33.8	20.4	95.7	107	209	208	183	13
B-17RR32	\$1,338	10377	305	34.1	20.1	95.9	90	199	206	178	5
C-RR827 (2)**	\$1,294	10287	308	33.4	20.4	95.6	81	208	208	185	5
SX-1260RR	\$1,316	10210	294	34.8	19.5	95.5	141	224	220	188	1
HM-29RR	\$1,306	10141	297	34.2	19.5	96.0	18	173	195	177	5
B-17RR62	\$1,307	10140	315	32.2	20.7	96.0	111	221	222	201	10
HM-42RR	\$1,219	9471	303	31.3	20.2	95.2	53	179	187	170	1
HM-50RR	\$1,195	9281	303	30.7	20.2	95.2	52	192	204	180	4
HM-27RR	\$1,144	8901	300	29.7	19.9	95.5	26	138	150	148	0
AVERAGE	\$1,292	10046	303	33.2	20.1	95.6	73	194	200	179	5
LSD (5%)	—	901	11	2.5	0.5	0.9 NS	32	31	34	28	13 NS
C.V. (%)	—	5	2	4.4	1.5	0.5	27	9	10	9	153

** C-RR827(2) had two Quadris applications (4-6 & 8-10 Leaf).

TRIAL RELIABILITY: Good

EMERGENCE:	Excellent	CERC. LEAF SPOT:	Good / Excellent
RHIZOCTONIA:	Low	NEMATODES:	None
QUADRIS APP:	4-6 Leaf	WEATHER:	Good

Comments: Revenue per acre is based on a \$40 per ton projected payment, an "average RWST" equal to the trial average of 303, and Quadris cost deducted from the revenue at a rate of \$25.20 per acre plus a \$7.50 application cost.

2009 VARIETY TRIAL

Wadsworth Farms Inc.

Location: Sandusky, Sanilac Co.
Planting Date: 4/17/2009
Previous Crop: Dry Beans
Soil Type: Loam
Spacings: Seed - 4 1/16", Rows - 28"
Fertilizer: 250#, 15-20-3 plus micros
 80# N - anhydrous side dress
 Variable rate 0-0.60

Tillage: Chisel, Spring Field Cult 1x
Harvest Date: 11/6-7/2009
Sample Date: 10/19/2009
Herbicides: Glyphosate 2x
Replicated: 3x
Fungicide: Eminent - 71 DSV
 Gem - 140 DSV

VARIETY	REV / ACRE	RWSA	RWST	TONS / ACRE	% SUGAR	% CJP	POPULATIONS 100 Ft. of Row				RHIZ. 1200 Ft. of Row
							DAY	16 DAY	30 DAY	HARV.	
HM-28RR	\$1,401	10,120	281	36.1	18.3	96.9	—	229	241	182	22
HM-27RR	\$1,356	9834	280	35.1	18.4	96.2	—	204	201	180	6
HM-29RR	\$1,355	9828	275	35.7	18.0	96.8	—	250	245	205	13
C-RR827 (2) **	\$1,302	9680	295	32.8	19.3	96.3	—	234	232	151	49
B-17RR32	\$1,301	9423	275	34.3	18.1	96.4	—	223	231	158	97
C-RR824	\$1,291	9382	279	33.6	18.3	96.4	—	245	241	152	251
SX-1260RR	\$1,279	9248	282	32.9	18.6	96.1	—	242	234	159	114
C-RR827	\$1,255	9134	292	31.2	19.2	96.3	—	230	228	111	221
HM-50RR	\$1,250	9094	288	31.5	19.1	95.7	—	210	209	163	39
B-17RR62	\$1,230	8920	280	31.9	18.3	96.5	—	216	218	134	370
HM-42RR	\$1,221	8877	287	30.9	18.9	96.2	—	218	223	173	54
HM-50RR (0) *	\$1,138	8053	284	28.4	18.9	95.7	—	230	226	157	131
AVERAGE	\$1,282	9299	283	32.9	18.6	96.3	—	228	227	160	114
LSD (5%)	—	652	13	1.8	0.8	1.0	—	18	17	35	184
C.V. (%)	—	4	3	3.2	2.6	0.6	—	5	4	13	115

*HM-50RR (0) had no Quadris applied. **C-RR827 (2) had two applications of Quadris (4-6 & 8-10 leaf).

TRIAL RELIABILITY: Excellent

EMERGENCE: Excellent	CERC. LEAF SPOT: Excellent
RHIZOCTONIA: Moderate	NEMATODES: Detected
QUADRIS APP: 4-6 Leaf	WEATHER: Good

Comments: Heavy Rhizoctonia level in the front part of trial. The harvest stand counts are low because they were taken in the worst part of the Rhizoctonia. Revenue per acre is based on a \$40 per ton projected payment, an "average RWST" equal to the trial average of 283, and Quadris cost deducted from the revenue at a rate of \$25.20 per acre plus a \$7.50 application cost.



Official Variety Trial

Sylvester, Quanicassee, MI
2009

Variety	\$/Acre ¹	RWSA	<u>RWST</u> Rank		<u>Tons/A</u> Rank		<u>% Suc</u> Rank		<u>% CJP</u> Rank		<u>%Emerg</u> Rank	
Crystal RR824	1409*	10429*	293	19	35.6*	1	19.4	17	95.7*	11	74*	6
BTS 18RR16	1383*	10217*	307*	5	33.3	8	20.4	4	95.4	17	67	15
BTS 18RR26	1381*	10226*	312*	1	32.7	13	20.7*	1	95.6	15	63	16
BTS 17RR32	1381*	10197*	293	16	34.8*	3	19.4	18	95.9*	6	59	19
Crystal RR808	1374*	10164*	308*	3	33.0	10	20.5*	2	95.3	21	77*	5
BTS 18RR4N	1361*	10081*	289	20	34.8*	2	19.3	20	95.4	18	81*	1
Crystal RR827	1354*	9989*	310*	2	32.3	16	20.5*	3	95.6	14	71	11
HM 39RR	1348*	9959*	295	15	33.8*	4	19.4	16	96.0*	3	70	12
HM 133RR	1342*	9927*	299	9	33.2	9	19.8	9	95.7	13	72	9
HM 42RR	1341*	9912*	302	8	32.9	12	20.0	7	95.7	12	67	14
HM 29RR	1333*	9846*	293	17	33.6*	7	19.4	19	96.0*	5	77*	4
SX 1281RR	1330*	9830*	293	18	33.6*	6	19.5	12	95.3	20	79*	2
HM 131RR	1314	9721	296	12	32.9	11	19.5	13	95.9*	7	72	10
HM 28RR	1313	9682	287	21	33.8*	5	19.0	21	95.9*	9	74	7
BTS17RR62	1299	9627	307*	4	31.3	21	20.2	5	95.9*	8	61	17
HM 27RR	1296	9585	296	13	32.4	14	19.5	15	96.1*	2	61	18
HM 50RR	1294	9574	295	14	32.4	15	19.7	10	95.3	19	73	8
BTS 18RR06	1294	9561	305	6	31.4	19	20.0	8	96.3*	1	53	20
HM 110RR	1291	9550	297	10	32.1	17	19.7	11	95.7*	10	68	13
Crystal RR840	1287	9521	303	7	31.4	20	20.1	6	95.5	16	47	21
SX 1260RR	1283	9489	296	11	32.1	18	19.5	14	96.0*	4	78*	3
Average	1334	9590	296		32.4		19.7		95.5		65	
LSD (P=.05)	90.3	633	6.8		2.1		0.3		0.6		7.2	
CV %	6.9	6.5	2.3		6.3		1.6		0.6		10.5	

1. \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

*** Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.**

Trial Quality: Good

Plant/Harvest Dates: May 4 / Oct 19

Reps: 8

Row Width: 22 inches

Quadris: Twice 6 leaf & 10 leaf,

Rhizoc. Control Very Good

Cercospora sprays: 3, control very good



Official Variety Trial

Saginaw Valley Research Farm, Frankenmuth, MI
2009

Variety	\$/Acre ¹	RWSA	<u>RWST</u> Rank		<u>Tons/A</u> Rank		<u>% Suc</u> Rank		<u>% CJP</u> Rank		<u>%Emerg</u> Rank	
Crystal RR824	1784*	12917*	284	18	45.4*	1	19.1	17	95.2	18	79*	8
Crystal RR808	1760*	12730*	304*	2	41.9	11	20.2*	2	95.6*	8	83*	3
Crystal RR827	1758*	12720*	306*	1	41.6	12	20.2*	1	95.7*	4	72	16
BTS 17RR62	1729*	12498*	294	8	42.5	6	19.6	8	95.6*	9	68	17
BTS 17RR32	1728*	12515*	287	16	43.6*	2	19.1	15	95.5*	10	73	13
Crystal RR840	1708*	12339*	295	7	42.0	10	19.7	7	95.2	19	49	21
HM 110RR	1702*	12319*	291	10	42.3	7	19.3	13	95.8*	3	72	15
HM 133RR	1702*	12301*	289	12	42.6	4	19.4	11	95.2	20	77	10
SX 1281RR	1686	12200	289	13	42.3	8	19.1	16	95.9*	1	79*	7
HM 39RR	1676	12107	288	15	42.1	9	19.3	14	95.3*	16	76	12
SX 1260RR	1675	12113	284	20	42.7	3	19.0	19	95.4*	12	86*	2
HM 28RR	1669	12072	284	19	42.5	5	18.8	20	95.8*	2	78	9
BTS 18RR26	1661	12010	297	5	40.5	16	19.8	5	95.4*	11	65	19
HM 131RR	1646	11915	292	9	40.8	15	19.5	9	95.4*	13	79*	6
BTS 18RR06	1634	11827	303*	3	39.0	21	20.1*	3	95.7*	5	61	20
BTS 18RR16	1632	11793	302*	4	39.1	20	20.0*	4	95.7*	6	73	14
BTS 18RR4N	1622	11721	285	17	41.2	13	19.1	18	95.4*	15	86*	1
HM 42RR	1605	11605	296	6	39.2	19	19.7	6	95.4*	14	76	11
HM 27RR	1600	11573	288	14	40.1	17	19.3	12	95.3	17	68	18
HM 29RR	1596	11545	283	21	40.9	14	18.8	21	95.7*	7	82*	4
HM 50RR	1593	11525	290	11	39.8	18	19.4	10	95.1	21	80*	5
Average	1638	11847	289		41.2		19.3		95.2		70	
LSD (P=.05)	94.5	640	7.2		2.2		0.4		0.6		7.4	
CV %	5.8	5.5	2.5		5.5		2.1		0.6		10.0	

1. \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

*** Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.**

Trial Quality: Very Good

Plant/Harvest Dates: April 17 / Oct 14

Reps: 8

Row Width: 22 inches

Quadris: Twice 6 leaf & 10 leaf,

Rhizoc. Control Very Good

Cercospora sprays: 3, control very good



Plant to Stand²

Sylvester, Quanicassee, MI 2009

Variety	\$/A ¹	RWSA	<u>RWST</u> Rank		<u>Tons/A</u> Rank		<u>% Suc</u> Rank		<u>% CJP</u> Rank		<u>% Emerg</u> Rank		<u>Beets/ 100 ft at Harvest</u> Rank		<u>CLS** Rating Rank</u>	
BTS 17RR32	1402*	10818*	308	6	35.2*	1	20.2	6	96.2*	10	65	11	154	10	2.5	10
Crystal RR827	1350*	10421*	326*	1	31.9	7	21.3*	1	96.3*	6	69	10	152	11	2.8	11
Crystal RR824	1348*	10402*	305	9	34.1*	2	20.0	8	96.3*	7	71	8	155	8	3.0	13
HM 39RR	1327	10239	303	10	33.8*	3	19.9	11	96.2*	9	81	4	163	5	2.3	8
HM 29RR	1325	10222	306	8	33.4	5	19.9	10	96.7*	1	74	6	170*	3	2.3	7
BTS 17RR62	1319	10175	320*	2	31.8	8	20.7	2	96.6*	2	59	13	149	12	2.9	12
HM 28RR	1307	10088	300	13	33.7	4	19.6	13	96.5*	3	81	3	182*	2	2.2	5
HM 27RR	1260	9726	307	7	31.7	9	20.0	7	96.4*	4	73	7	155	9	2.3	9
SX 1260RR	1241	9574	302	11	31.7	10	19.8	12	96.1*	11	93*	1	183*	1	2.3	6
HM 42RR	1193	9208	311	5	29.6	12	20.3	5	96.2*	8	63	12	148	13	1.8*	1
HM 50RR	1148	8860	312	4	28.4	14	20.4	4	96.3*	5	85*	2	164	4	1.9*	2
Average	1293	9976	309		32.3	7	20.2		96.3		74		161		2.4	
LSD (P=.05)	70.3	542.7	7.9		1.4		0.5		0.7		9.1		13.3		0.3	
CV %	4.8	4.8	2.2		3.9		2.0		0.6		10.7		7.2		10.5	

* Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.

** 0-9 scale, 0 = no disease and 9 = leaves dead

1. \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

2. The Plant to Stand trial uses less intense management than the OVT. It is planted with a 4.5 inch seed spacing, has only one Quadris application, and uses Beetcast to time fungicide applications for Cercospora.

Trial Quality: Very Good

Plant/Harvest Dates: May 4 / Oct 20

Reps: 6

Row Width: 22 inches

Quadris: 6 leaf, Rhizoc. Control good

Cercospora sprays: 3, control very good



Official Variety Trial

Spero, Saginaw, MI

Affected by Aphanomyces, Not included in average or for approval
2009

Variety	\$/A ¹	RWSA	RWST Rank		Tons/A Rank		% Suc Rank		% CJP Rank		%Emerg Rank		Aph** Rank	
Crystal RR827	1508*	9611*	269*	1	35.8*	1.0	18.4*	1	94.4*	6	47	9	0.51	18
BTS 17RR32	1372	8702	250	17	35.1*	2.0	17.5	14	93.5	21	44	13	0.66	20
BTS 18RR4N	1336	8528	255	10	33.4*	3.0	17.6	9	94.0	14	55.1*	1	0.24*	5
Crystal RR840	1332	8493	256	9	33.3*	5.0	17.6	10	94.2*	10	33	21	0.14*	2
Crystal RR808	1331	8482	260*	6	32.7	8.0	18.0*	3	93.8	19	49.9*	4	0.44*	15
HM 27RR	1294	8232	248	19	33.3*	4.0	17.0	20	94.4*	4	39	18	0.33*	7
HM 133RR	1291	8226	258*	7	32.0	14.0	17.6	11	94.6*	2	44	15	0.64	19
Crystal RR824	1284	8191	251	16	32.7	9.0	17.4	15	93.9	17	53.1*	2	0.46*	16
BTS 18RR16	1283	8176	255	11	32.2	12.0	17.5	13	94.2*	8	44	12	0.43*	13
SX 1281RR	1282	8179	251	15	32.6	10.0	17.3	17	94.4*	5	48	6	0.36*	11
HM 28RR	1280	8143	248	20	32.9	6.0	17.1	19	94.2*	7	48	7	0.34*	8
HM 110RR	1278	8129	250	18	32.7	7.0	17.3	16	93.8	18	44	14	0.35*	9
HM 39RR	1276	8136	254	13	32.0	13.0	17.7	8	93.7	20	48	8	0.44*	14
HM 131RR	1266	8072	262*	3	30.9	16.0	17.9*	5	94.5*	3	52.5*	3	0.17*	3
HM 29RR	1260	8033	254	14	31.7	15.0	17.2	18	95.0*	1	47	10	0.21*	4
SX 1260RR	1248	7976	245	21	32.5	11.0	17.0	21	94.0	16	48.3*	5	0.31*	6
HM 42RR	1242	7894	261*	4	30.4	19.0	18.0*	4	94.1	12	35	19	0.41*	12
HM 50RR	1231	7846	257	8	30.6	17.0	17.8	7	94.0	15	44	16	0.48	17
BTS 18RR06	1216	7761	255	12	30.5	18.0	17.6	12	94.1*	11	34	20	0.35*	10
BTS 18RR26	1200	7620	263*	2	29.2	20.0	18.1*	2	94.0	13	40	17	0.09*	1
BTS 17RR62	1006	6445	261*	5	24.6	21.0	17.9*	6	94.2*	9	44	11	1.27	21
Average	1277	8030	252		31.2		17.4		93.9		42		0.41	
LSD (P=.05)	115.5	735	11.6		2.8		0.6		0.9		6.9		0.37	
CV %	9.4	9.4	4.7		9.2		3.4		1.0		15.5		108.9	

¹ \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

*** Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.**

** 0 = no damage, 9 = dead

Trial Quality: Fair

Plant/Harvest Dates: May 13 / Oct 16

Reps: 8

Row Width: 22 inches

Quadris: Twice 6 leaf & 10 leaf,

Rhizoc. Control Good

Cercospora sprays: 3, control very good

2009 VARIETY TRIAL LAKKE-Ewald Farms

Location: Unionville, Tuscola Co.
Planting Date: 4/15/2009
Previous Crop: Wheat / Clover
Soil Type: Loam
Spacings: Seed - 4 1/2", Row -22"
Fertilizer: 12 Gallons 28% 2x2,
 MAP & Potash Variable Rate Applied
 Additional N (30 - 57# of N) Variable

Tillage: Fall Plow, Spring Field Cult. 2x
Harvest Date: 10/13/2009
Sample Date: 10/13/2009
Herbicides: Glyphosate
Replicated: 3X
Fungicide: Proline (46 DSV)
 Gem (105 DSV)

VARIETY	REV / ACRE	RWSA	RWST	TONS / ACRE	% SUGAR	% CJP	POPULATIONS 100 Ft. of Row				RHIZ. 1200 Ft. of Row
							DAY	15 DAY	33 DAY	HARV.	
C-RR824	\$1,327	10,024	295	34.0	19.4	96.1	—	214	220	213	11
B-17RR32	\$1,316	9944	297	33.5	19.4	96.5	—	185	205	189	3
C-RR827 (2)**	\$1,253	9715	303	32.1	19.8	96.4	—	190	204	196	0
C-RR827	\$1,278	9668	306	31.6	20.0	96.2	—	181	197	186	2
HM-28RR	\$1,219	9222	293	31.5	19.1	96.6	—	166	207	203	1
HM-29RR	\$1,165	8841	285	31.0	18.7	96.5	—	186	208	203	1
B-17RR62	\$1,156	8748	300	29.2	19.5	96.7	—	175	201	191	1
SX-1260RR	\$1,148	8700	289	30.1	18.9	96.6	—	225	218	214	1
HM-50RR	\$1,125	8527	299	28.6	19.6	96.3	—	149	198	197	0
HM-42RR	\$1,110	8426	301	28.0	19.7	96.3	—	181	207	203	0
HM-50RR (0)*	\$1,141	8420	294	28.6	19.6	95.6	—	192	196	191	0
HM-27RR	\$1,090	8291	277	29.9	18.6	95.3	—	137	174	173	0
AVERAGE	\$1,194	9044	295	30.7	19.3	96.3	—	182	203	197	2
LSD (5%)	—	505	11	0.8	0.6	1.0	—	21	14	16	4
C.V. (%)	—	3	2	1.6	2.0	0.6	—	7	7	5	122

* HM-50RR (0) had no Quadris applied.

** C-RR827(2) had two Quadris applications (4-6 & 8-10 leaf).

TRIAL RELIABILITY: Excellent

EMERGENCE:	Excellent	CERC. LEAF SPOT:	Very good
RHIZOCTONIA:	Low	NEMATODES:	Low
QUADRIS APP:	4-6 Leaf	WEATHER:	Good

Comments: Revenue per acre is based on a \$40 per ton projected payment, an "average RWST" equal to the trial average of 295, and Quadris cost deducted from the revenue at a rate of \$25.20 per acre plus a \$7.50 application cost.



Plant to Stand**

Maust, Pigeon, MI
2009

Variety	\$/A ¹	RWSA	<u>RWST</u> Rank	<u>Tons/A</u> Rank	<u>% Suc</u> Rank	<u>% CJP</u> Rank	<u>% Emerg</u> Rank	Beets/ 100 ft at Harvest Rank
HM 28RR	1135*	7649*	267* 8	28.6* 1	18.2* 9	94.6* 6	33 3	107* 1
Crystal RR824	1104*	7405*	270* 5	27.5* 2	18.3* 6	94.9* 3	29 6	94* 5
BTS 17RR32	1051*	7065*	264* 11	26.8* 3	18.2* 10	94.2 11	24 11	84 8
HM 29RR	1040*	6988*	271* 4	25.8* 5	18.4* 4	94.6* 7	36 2	101* 3
HM 39RR	1039*	6982*	269* 6	26.0* 4	18.4* 5	94.3* 9	32 5	97* 4
Crystal RR827	1037*	6968*	275* 2	25.4* 6	18.6* 3	95.0* 2	27 9	84 9
SX 1260RR	1020*	6867*	275* 1	25.0 7	18.6* 2	95.0* 1	44* 1	104* 2
BTS 17RR62	929	6245	266* 9	23.5 8	18.3* 7	94.2 10	28 8	73 11
HM 50RR	909	6118	273* 3	22.4 11	18.7* 1	94.5* 8	33 4	87 7
HM 42RR	906	6093	268* 7	22.7 9	18.2* 8	94.8* 5	26 10	90 6
HM 27RR	891	5985	264* 10	22.7 10	18.0 11	94.8* 4	29 7	75 10
Average	1006	6761	269	25.1	18.3	94.6	31	91
LSD (P=.05)	141	952	13.5	3.5	0.7	0.8	7.8	15.9
CV %	12.4	12.4	4.3	12.2	3.2	0.7	22.1	15.4

* Results are not statistically different from the top ranking variety in each column.

1. \$/Acre: Gross dollars per acre assuming \$40 payment

** The Plant to Stand trial uses less intense management than the OVT. It is planted with a 4.5 inch seed spacing, has only one Quadris application, and uses Beetcast to time fungicide applications for Cercospora.

Trial Quality: Fair

Plant/Harvest Dates: April 24 / Sept 16

Reps: 6

Row Width: 22 inches

Quadris: 6 leaf, Rhizoc. Control good

Cercospora sprays: 3, control very good

2009 VARIETY TRIAL

Knoerr Farms

Location: Bay County
Planting Date: 4/13/2009
Previous Crop: Corn
Soil Type: Loam
Spacings: 5 1/2" - 20" rows
Fertilizer: 25 Gallons 28%
 14 Gallons 19-17-0, 2 X 2
 Foliar-Coron applied

Tillage: Chisel, Spring Field Cult. 1x
Harvest Date: 10/20/2009
Sample Date: 10/15/2009
Herbicides: Glyphosate 3x
Replicated: 3X
Fungicide: Proline (45 DSV)
 Headline (90 DSV)
 Inspire XT (135 DSV)

VARIETY	REV / ACRE	RWSA	RWST	TONS / ACRE	% SUGAR	% CJP	POPULATIONS				RHIZ. 1200 Ft. of Row
							100 Ft. of Row				
							DAY	18 DAY	36 DAY	HARV.	
C-RR824	\$1,148	9298	313	29.7	20.6	95.9	—	140	158	158	0
B-17RR32	\$1,117	9055	307	29.5	20.3	95.7	—	131	153	152	0
C-RR827 (2)**	\$1,081	9024	326	27.7	21.3	96.1	—	127	146	150	0
B-17RR62	\$1,090	8844	325	27.2	21.2	96.2	—	128	143	152	0
C-RR827	\$1,084	8814	327	26.9	21.4	96.1	—	144	160	165	0
HM-29RR	\$1,073	8714	310	28.1	20.3	96.1	—	170	182	179	0
HM-28RR	\$1,045	8463	312	27.2	20.4	96.2	—	132	173	169	0
HM-27RR	\$997	8115	312	26.0	20.5	96.1	—	126	144	137	0
SX-1260RR	\$978	7939	306	26.0	20.3	95.7	—	138	154	147	0
HM-50RR (0) *	\$953	7517	318	23.6	21.1	95.5	—	139	152	161	0
HM-50RR	\$905	7395	313	23.6	20.7	95.7	—	130	143	151	0
HM-42RR	\$902	7344	316	23.3	20.8	95.7	—	109	137	141	0
AVERAGE	\$1,031	8377	315	26.6	20.7	95.9	—	134	154	155	—
LSD (5%)	—	937	8	2.8	0.4	.7 NS	—	21 NS	19	18	—
C.V. (%)	—	7	1.5	6.3	1.1	0.4	—	14	7	7	—

*HM-50RR (0) had no Quadris applied. **C-RR827(2) had two applications of Quadris (4-6 & 8-10 leaf).

TRIAL RELIABILITY: Good

EMERGENCE:	Excellent - 40,000 Plants / Acre	CERC. LEAF SPOT:	Excellent
RHIZOCTONIA:	None	NEMATODES:	None
QUADRIS APP:	4-6 Leaf	WEATHER:	Heavy early season rainfall

Comments: Trial planted into extremely heavy residue corn stalks. High yielding and high quality trial. The Rhizoctonia counts were actually all zero. Revenue per acre is based on a \$40 per ton projected payment, an "average RWST" equal to the trial average of 315, and Quadris cost deducted from the revenue at a rate of \$25.20 per acre plus a \$7.50 application cost.



2009 VARIETY TRIAL

Yoder Farms, Inc.

Location: Pigeon, Huron Co.
Planting Date: 4/15/2009
Previous Crop: Wheat and Clover
Soil Type: Loam
Spacings: Seed - 5 1/2", Row - 20"
Fertilizer: 23 gallons, 28%, broadcast at planting
 22 gallons, 28%, side dress

Tillage: Chisel, Spring Field Cult. 1x
Harvest Date: 10/1/2009
Sample Date: 9/30/2009
Herbicides: Glyphosate 2x
Replicated: 3X
Fungicide: Eminent -
 Headline -

VARIETY	REV / ACRE	RWSA	RWST	TONS / ACRE	% SUGAR	% CJP	POPULATIONS				RHIZ.
							100 Ft. of Row				1200 Ft. of Row
							DAY	15 DAY	33 DAY	HARV.	
B-17RR32	\$1,415	10,754	303	35.5	19.7	96.6	—	102	177	177	5
C-RR824	\$1,355	10,277	304	33.9	19.6	97.1	—	124	185	172	6
C-RR827 (2)**	\$1,287	10,050	306	32.8	19.9	96.7	—	75	161	158	1
C-RR827	\$1,291	9824	309	31.8	20.1	96.6	—	107	172	165	7
SX-1260RR	\$1,273	9697	297	32.6	19.4	96.7	—	136	188	179	7
B-17RR62	\$1,242	9432	306	30.9	19.9	96.5	—	103	171	163	21
HM-28RR	\$1,236	9426	286	32.9	19.1	95.6	—	61	171	175	1
HM-29RR	\$1,231	9393	285	32.9	18.9	95.9	—	62	177	174	0
HM-42RR	\$1,234	9391	308	30.5	20.0	96.7	—	55	146	148	0
HM-50RR	\$1,193	9096	304	29.9	20.0	96.0	—	75	174	163	0
HM-27RR	\$1,157	8808	300	29.4	19.7	96.1	—	52	148	142	1
HM-50RR (0)*	\$1,168	8749	295	29.7	19.5	95.8	—	67	157	156	4
AVERAGE	\$1,257	9575	300	31.9	19.7	96.3	—	85	169	164	4
LSD (5%)	—	846	11	2.6	0.5	1.0	—	27	22	23	8
C.V. (%)	—	5	2	4.8	2.0	0.6	—	19	8	8	173

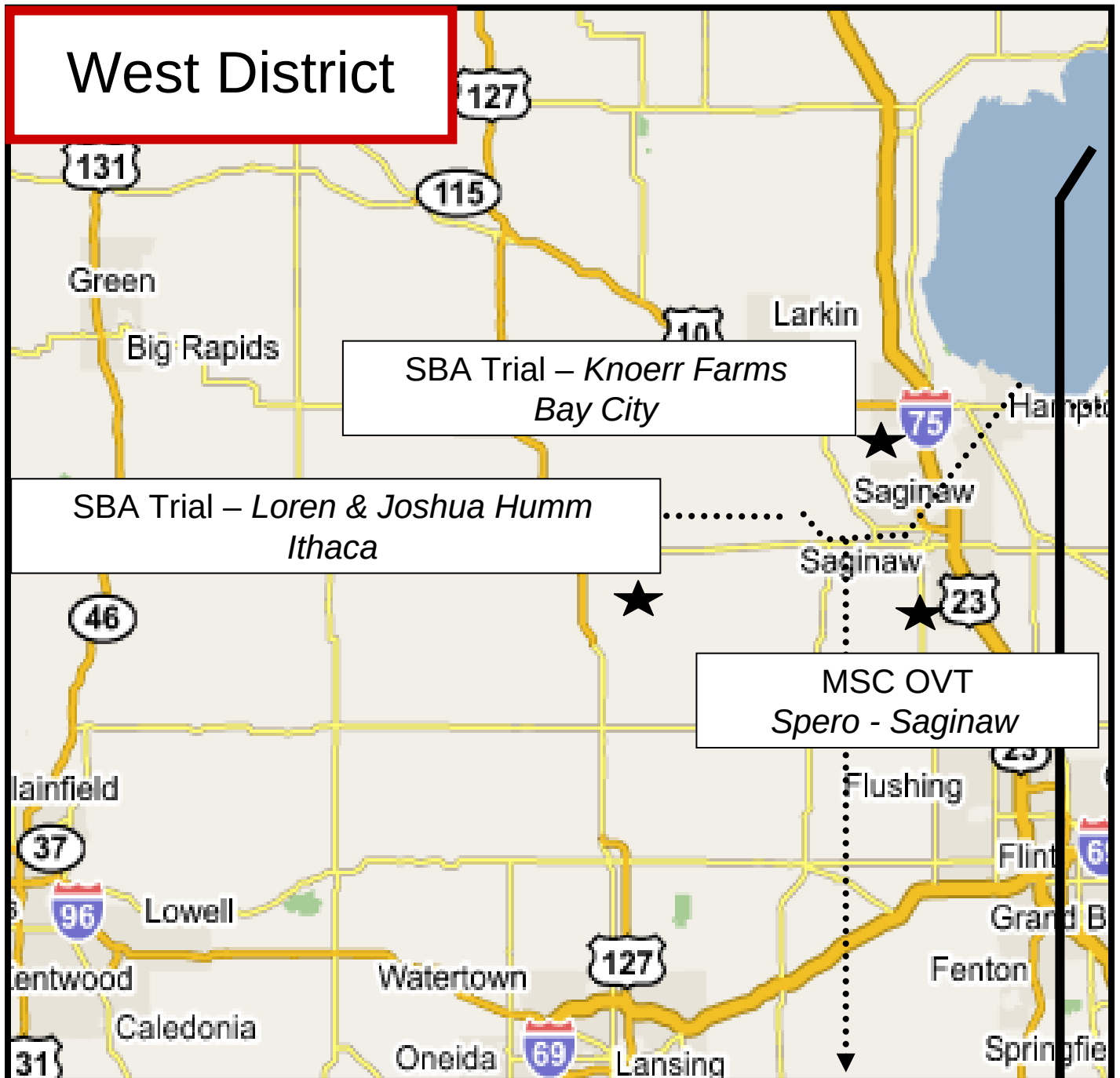
* HM-50RR(0) had no Quadris. ** C-RR827(2) had in furrow plus 6-8 leaf application

TRIAL RELIABILITY: Excellent

EMERGENCE:	Excellent - 44,000 PPA	CERC. LEAF SPOT:	Good
RHIZOCTONIA:	Very low	NEMATODES:	Low
QUADRIS APP:	In furrow	WEATHER:	Good

Comments: Very good field. Good field conditions; some root aphid found in sampling. Revenue per acre is based on a \$40 per ton projected payment, an "average RWST" equal to the trial average of 300. Quadris cost was deducted from the revenue at a rate of \$18.90 per acre for the in furrow application and \$25.20 per acre plus a \$7.50 application cost for the 6-8 leaf application.

West District Trials



2009 VARIETY TRIAL

Loren and Joshua Humm

Location: Ithaca, Gratiot Co.
Planting Date: 4/25/2009
Previous Crop: Corn
Soil Type: Loam
Spacings: Seed - 3.8", Row - 28"
Fertilizer: 15 gallon, 28%, 2X2
 110 lbs. total N Urea / ESN
 120 lbs. K₂O Fall applied

Tillage: Fall Chisel, Field Cult. 2X
Harvest Date: 10/6/2009
Sample Date: 10/5/2009
Herbicides: Glyphosate 3x
Replicated: 3x
Fungicide: Proline 60 DSV
 Kocide 3000, 120 DSV

VARIETY	REV / ACRE	RWSA	RWST	TONS / ACRE	% SUGAR	% CJP	POPULATIONS 100 Ft. of Row				RHIZ. 1200 Ft. of Row
							DAY	DAY	30 DAY	HARV.	
C-RR827 (2) **	\$820	5613	272	20.6	18.5	94.7	—	—	102	96	11
C-RR827	\$766	5038	255	19.8	17.6	94.0	—	—	109	107	17
C-RR824	\$757	4994	255	19.6	17.4	94.6	—	—	118	109	39
SX-1260RR	\$750	4964	258	19.2	17.5	95.0	—	—	108	110	7
HM-28RR	\$752	4956	247	20.1	16.8	94.9	—	—	115	108	0
B-17RR32	\$723	4778	253	18.9	17.4	94.5	—	—	99	92	23
HM-29RR	\$704	4644	248	18.8	16.9	94.7	—	—	138	128	2
HM-50RR (0)*	\$675	4273	251	17.0	17.3	94.2	—	—	100	98	1
HM-50RR	\$640	4242	261	16.3	17.9	94.4	—	—	121	121	0
HM-27RR	\$631	4195	237	17.7	16.3	94.6	—	—	77	78	2
HM-42RR	\$615	4089	253	16.2	17.4	94.5	—	—	86	90	1
B-17RR62	\$591	3941	242	16.3	16.7	94.4	—	—	89	84	5
AVERAGE	\$702	4644	253	18.4	17.3	94.5	—	—	105	102	9
LSD (5%)	—	553	16	2.0	0.8	1.0	—	—	23	19	14
C.V. (%)	—	7	4	6.3	2.8	0.7	—	—	13	11	97

* HM-50RR (0) had no Quadris applied.

** C-RR827(2) had two Quadris applications (4-8 & 8-12)

TRIAL RELIABILITY: Fair

EMERGENCE: Poor	CERC. LEAF SPOT: Good
RHIZOCTONIA: Very Low	NEMATODES: None detected
QUADRIS APP: 4-6 Leaf	WEATHER: Heavy rainfall at planting

Comments: Trial received 4 inches of rainfall immediately after planting was completed. The rain caused soil crusting and compact soil conditions throughout the growing season. Trial was rotary hoed in an attempt to break up the crust. The fast emerging varieties, such as SX-1260RR, may have incurred higher rotary hoe damage as compared to slower emerging varieties due to being closer to the soil surface. Growth of all varieties was slow and stands were thin. Aphanomyces injury was evident, especially on B-17RR62. Revenue per acre is based on a \$40 per ton projected payment, an "average RWST" equal to the trial average of 253, and Quadris cost deducted from the revenue at a rate of \$25.20 per acre plus a \$7.50 application cost.

Nursery Data





Cercospora Nursery

Michigan Sugar Trials Avg. of 2 Years (2008-2009)

Variety	Cercospora 0-9 Rating*
C RR840	2.7
BTS 18RR26	2.8
HM 50RR	3.0
BTS 18RR16	3.0
HM 42RR	3.0
HM 131RR	3.1
SX 1281RR	3.2
HM 133RR	3.3
HM 27RR	3.3
HM 28RR	3.3
HM 29RR	3.3
HM 110RR	3.4
SX 1260RR	3.5
HM 39RR	3.6
BTS 18RR06	3.6
C RR808	3.9
BTS 17RR32	3.9
C RR827	3.9
C RR824	4.1
BTS 18RR4N	4.2
BTS 17RR62	4.4
Average	3.4
LSD 5%	0.4
CV %	7.9

*Cercospora Ratings: 0 to 9 scale with 0 = no infection
and 9 = complete desiccation of leaves



Rhizoctonia Nursery

Michigan Sugar Trials Avg. of 2 Years (2008 and 2009)

Variety	Disease Index 0-7 Rating*
HM 39RR	4.5
HM 131RR	4.6
HM 29RR	4.8
HM 42RR	4.8
HM 27RR	4.9
HM 28RR	4.9
HM 50RR	4.9
HM 133RR	5.0
SX 1281RR	5.1
Crystal RR840	5.1
HM 110RR	5.1
BTS 18RR26	5.2
BTS 18RR16	5.2
SX 1260RR	5.3
BTS 17RR32	5.4
BTS 18RR4N	5.4
Crystal RR808	5.5
BTS 17RR62	5.5
BTS 18RR06	5.5
Crystal RR827	5.5
Crystal RR824	5.7
Average	5.1
LSD 5%	0.40
CV %	3.8

* 0-7 Rating: Based upon 0 = no disease and
7 = beets completely rotted



Rhizoctonia Nursery

USDA - Ft. Collins, CO
Avg. of 2 Years (2008 and 2009)

Variety	Disease Index 0-7 Rating*
HM 39RR	3.5
HM 28RR	4.2
HM 110RR	4.3
SX 1281RR	4.5
HM 50RR	4.6
BTS 18RR06	4.6
HM 27RR	4.6
BTS 18RR16	4.7
HM 131RR	4.7
BTS 18RR4N	4.8
HM 29RR	4.8
HM 42RR	4.9
BTS 18RR26	5.1
HM 133RR	5.1
SX 1260RR	5.2
Crystal RR840	5.4
BTS 17RR62	5.4
Crystal RR824	5.4
Crystal RR808	5.4
BTS 17RR32	5.6
Crystal RR827	5.7
Average	4.9
LSD 5%	1.04
CV %	10.3

* 0-7 Rating: Based upon 0 = no disease and
7 = beets completely rotted



Aphanomyces Nursery

Shakopee, MN
Average of 2 Years

Name	Aphanomyces Ratings		Stand Loss ² %
	Root (1-9) ¹	Foliar (1-9)	
Resistant Check	2.7	1.4	7.5
BTS 18RR26	3.2	1.9	30.5
Crystal RR808	3.2	1.9	26.5
BTS 18RR4N	3.3	2.0	34.0
SX 1260RR	3.3	2.4	29.0
HM 39RR	3.4	2.3	32.5
Crystal RR827	3.4	2.2	24.5
SX 1281RR	3.4	1.9	27.0
BTS 18RR06	3.4	1.9	22.5
HM 27RR	3.5	2.7	33.5
HM 29RR	3.5	2.3	33.5
BTS 17RR32	3.5	2.3	34.0
Crystal RR824	3.5	2.4	34.5
HM 131RR(9131RR)	3.6	2.3	32.5
BTS 18RR16	3.6	2.2	36.5
HM 133RR(9133RR)	3.6	2.5	39.5
Crystal RR840	3.7	2.1	30.5
HM 50RR	3.7	2.3	28.5
HM 28RR	3.7	2.4	34.5
HM 42RR	3.8	2.4	36.0
HM 17RR62	3.8	2.2	19.0
HM 110RR(9110RR)	4.0	2.6	36.5
Susceptible Check	6.1	4.0	52.0
Average	3.6	2.3	31.1
LSD (P=.05)	0.4	0.6	11.6
CV %	5.7	12.8	17.9

¹ = no damage, 9 = dead

² percent of plants that died from highest population
to July 29



Cyst Nematode Nursery

Vader's Farm, Akron MI
2009

Variety	Avg Rating	Nem Rate 0-5	Root Rate 0-3	RWSA	RWST	Tons/A	% Suc	% CJP
BTS 18RR4N	1.29	1.43	1.14	5081	206	24.8	14.6	93.4
BTS 19RR1N	1.41	1.76	1.06	4798	200	23.9	14.3	93.5
HM 9176RR	1.42	1.70	1.15	3645	196	18.6	14.3	92.4
Beta 1643N	1.56	1.88	1.24	5167	212	24.4	15.0	93.6
HM 28RR	1.94	2.33	1.55	4071	213	19.2	15.2	93.2
B 17RR32	2.10	2.56	1.65	4724	208	22.7	14.7	93.7
Average	1.62	1.94	1.30	4581	206	22.3	14.7	93.3
LSD (P=.05)	0.43	0.65	0.34	615	9.6	3.0	0.5	0.8
CV %	22.4	28.1	22.0	11.3	3.9	11.2	2.9	0.7

Nem Rate 0-5: 0 = no nematodes visible, 5 = very high nematode infestation

Root Rate 0-3: 0 = no root symptoms, 3 = high level of sprangling, hairy roots, small beets



Root Aphid Nursery

Shakopee, MN
2008

Variety	0-4 Rating*
BTS 18RR06	1.02
HM 50RR	1.41
BTS 17RR32	1.53
Crystal RR808	1.77
HM 133RR	1.80
BTS 17RR62	1.80
Crystal RR824	1.87
HM 42RR	1.89
Crystal RR827	2.01
SX 1281RR	2.16
BTS 18RR26	2.18
HM 131RR	2.45
BTS 18RR16	2.52
BTS 18RR46	2.53
Crystal RR840	2.62
HM 29RR	2.64
HM 27RR	2.69
HM 28RR	2.73
SX 1260RR	2.92
HM 110RR	2.93
HM 39RR	3.10
Average	2.22

* RATING SCALE

1=NO APHIDS

2=A FEW YOUNG APHIDS

3=A FEW YOUNG AND ADULT APHIDS

4=MANY YOUNG AND ADULT APHIDS



Rhizomania Nursery

USDA - Salinas, CA
Avg. of 2 Years (2008-2009)

Variety	Disease Index 0-9 ¹	% Resistant Roots ²
HM 29RR	3.71	68.9
HM 28RR	3.80	66.3
HM 27RR	3.88	66.3
HM 39RR	3.93	66.7
BTS 18RR06	3.95	68.6
BTS 17RR62	3.99	67.6
BTS 17RR32	4.11	65.0
SX 1260RR	4.16	62.0
Crystal RR824	4.36	57.7
BTS 18RR16	4.45	54.9
HM 9131RR	4.64	51.4
HM 9133RR	4.88	45.8
SX 1281RR	4.89	50.4
BTS 18RR4N	4.89	43.2
Crystal RR808	4.95	50.0
Crystal RR840	5.05	42.6
HM 9110RR	5.10	47.9
BTS 18RR26	5.12	38.2
Crystal RR827	5.21	41.9
HM 50RR	5.59	37.0
HM 42RR	5.66	34.8
Average	4.58	53.7
LSD 5%	0.78	13.3
CV%	8.11	11.9

¹0-9 Rating: Rating scale of 0 (no disease) to 9 (dead beet)

²Resistant Roots: % of beets in classes 0 through 4 which are considered resistant



OVT Information

2009

	<u>Quanicassee</u>	<u>Frankenmuth</u>	<u>Ruth</u>	<u>Saginaw</u>
Grower	Sylvester	Saginaw Valley Research Farm	Roggenbuck	Spero
Trial Quality	Good	V. Good	Good	Fair
Planted	4-May	17-Apr	6-May	13-May
Harvested	20-Oct	14-Oct	12-Oct	16-Oct
Soil Type	Sandy Clay Loam	Sandy Loam	Sandy Loam	Loam
Soil pH	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.3
Soil %OM	3.1	2.5	2.2	3.3
CEC meq/100 g	15.6	13.9	10.7	13.8
Phosphorus	Abv. Optimum	Abv. Optimum	Abv. Optimum	Abv. Optimum
Potassium	Abv. Optimum	Optimum	Abv. Optimum	Optimum
Magnesium	Abv. Optimum	Abv. Optimum	Abv. Optimum	Abv. Optimum
Manganese	Medium	High	High	High
Boron	Medium	Low	Low	Medium
Zinc	Medium	Medium	Medium	High
Nitrogen Added	90	125	80	120

* Seasonal Rainfall

	<u>Quanicassee</u>	<u>Frankenmuth</u>	<u>Ruth</u>	<u>Saginaw</u>
April	5.03	4.87	4.85	5.88
May	2.19	1.47	6.85	1.60
June	5.84	5.53	11.12	3.85
July	3.40	3.55	3.22	2.33
August	4.35	2.96	1.28	2.93
September	1.26	0.98	1.55	0.75
October	2.27	1.74	0.65	1.60
Total	24.34	21.10	29.52	18.94

*Rainfall amounts included from month the first location planting to the date of harvest at each location.

Michigan Sugar Company

Sugarbeet Variety Approval System for 2009

Revised 1/11/07

Objective:

The purpose of the Official Variety Trials (OVT) testing program is to identify and evaluate improved sugarbeet varieties for Michigan Sugar Company growers. The variety approval process is based primarily on a mathematical system which measures the yield, quality, storability and Cercospora leafspot levels of new varieties. Minimum levels for RWSA, RWST, RWST-Storage and Cercospora leafspot tolerance must be met before a variety will be fully approved. Additional testing is conducted to measure other varietal traits such as emergence and tolerance to pests and diseases. No variety may be sold or given away unless approved by Michigan Sugar Company.

The yield, quality, storability and Cercospora tolerance of new varieties are measured against approved “check varieties”. The current check varieties for yield, quality, storability and Cercospora are: **HM 2771Rz, Crystal R442, Beta 5833R, and HM 7172Rz.**

The Performance Standards used to approve a variety will include:

RWSA: 99.4% or more of the check varieties.

RWST: 99.7% or more of the check varieties.

RWST-Storage: 92.7% or more of the check varieties.

Cercospora Leafspot: 113.7% or less of the check varieties.

These performance standards are based on an average of the most recent 3 years of data.

Limited Approval (5%):

After 2 consecutive years of successful testing (performance standards passed) a variety will be advanced to Limited Approval (5%). This is intended to be a test marketing period and the variety can be planted on up to 5% of the Co-op’s acreage. Commercially processed seed must be used. If the OVT performance standards are maintained during this test marketing period the variety will become fully approved.

Limited Approval (10%):

If the performance standards are maintained after 3 consecutive years of successful testing, but the variety was not test marketed or if commercial seed is not available after 2 years of successful testing, the variety will be advanced to Limited Approval (10%). Varieties in this category can be planted on up to 10% of the Co-op’s acreage. If the performance standards are maintained during this test marketing period and commercial plantings were successful the variety will become fully approved.

Full Approval:

After 3 consecutive years of testing a variety will be advanced from Limited Approval to Full Approval assuming the 3 year OVT data averages pass all requirements and the variety has been test marketed and commercial seed is available. Fully approved varieties do not have limits on the amount of seed that can be sold or planted. A fully approved variety must maintain a leafspot level of 118.7% or less or it will be disapproved. If a variety's 3 year leafspot level exceeds the limit of 118.7% it will be disapproved and put on a 2 year plant out. A disapproved variety can be reinstated if the latest 3 year average meets the leafspot level.

If a fully approved variety is not submitted for testing, it will be disapproved and put on a 2 year plant out.

Specialty Approval:

Varieties may be approved as "Specialty Varieties" if they do not meet the performance standards but have other desirable characteristics such as insect or disease tolerance. To be considered for a specialty approval the variety must be designated by the seed company as having the specialty trait and must be successfully tested by the Company in an approved nursery. Commercial seed must also be available. If approved by the Seed Committee, the variety can be sold for 2 years after approval and the seed committee will determine the quantity of seed that can be sold each year.

Seed Committee:

The Michigan Sugar Company Seed Committee is comprised of the following members: 4 employees from the Agricultural Department, 3 members from the Board of Directors and 6 Grower members two from each growing districts. The chairman will be elected from the 6 Grower members. Each member on the Seed Committee has 1 vote.

Variety Approval and Policy Changes are Subject to Board of Director Approval

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