

Corn Growers "XLerate" Plant Health and Yields with Stratego Fungicide

Savvy corn growers want consistent, repeatable results when they look at ways to maximize plant health and yield, and that's exactly what they get with Stratego® fungicide from Bayer CropScience. Hundreds of trials have demonstrated a yield boost from corn treated with Stratego, says Product Manager Randy Myers, Bayer CropScience.

In 570 grower-demonstration trials conducted over the past four years, which were conducted under diverse environmental conditions, a single 10 oz application of Stratego resulted in an average yield increase of 7.8 bushels per acre, when compared to untreated acres. In trials conducted under favorable conditions, such as year 2004 and 2006, Stratego had an average increase of 15 bushels per acre.

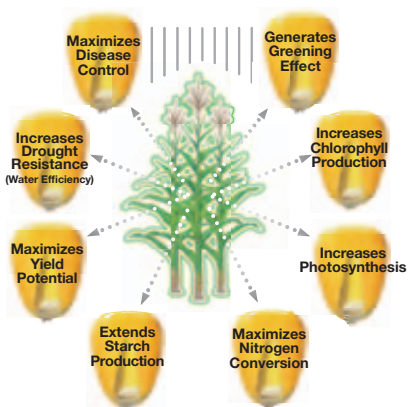
"Growers see the obvious benefits from Stratego in the increased yields at harvest," Myers says. "What may not be as obvious is that the treated corn plants were better able to tolerate adverse conditions during the growing season, like moisture stress and wind."

This consistent performance is possible because Stratego is equipped with XLerate™ technology. It works at the cellular level of corn to "supercharge" its ability to use nitrogen more efficiently, increase chlorophyll, improve stress tolerance and fight disease.

Stratego contains two active ingredients that provide preventive and curative activity, Myers explains. The fungicide controls major corn diseases such as gray leaf spot, Anthracnose leaf blight, rusts, eye spot, northern corn leaf blight and northern corn leaf spot.

Nebraska grower, John Kobza, is one of many corn growers who has seen firsthand the benefits of using Stratego. He conducted a side-by-side trial comparing corn treated with Stratego against an untreated check in 2007.

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"There was nearly a 40 bushel-per-acre increase with the Stratego-treated corn," Kobza says. "This was from a corn-on-corn field with heavy residue and heavy disease pressure. The results I saw were dramatic — both for plant health and for the pocketbook. With today's crop prices, growers have to weigh their options in paying for applications, and a return-on-investment like that with Stratego more than pays for itself in the long run."

Myers notes Stratego should typically be applied from VT (tasseling) to R2 (blister) for maximized disease protection and improved yields. Diseases can occur at any time during the growing season, but they usually affect yields the most around the grain-filling period.

For more information on Stratego fungicide and how it helps achieve higher yields, growers should contact their local Bayer CropScience representatives or visit www.BayerCropScienceUS.com.

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