

To American Crystal Sugar Company Growers planting Roundup Ready® Sugarbeets:

We wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the subject of grower claims involving Roundup Ready® seed, specifically **replant** and **crop loss** situations. Monsanto's expectation is to see the grower satisfied with the use of the Roundup Ready® technology and charged the Herbicide Tolerance Payment (HTP) **once** per production year.

Timing of claim for replant or crop loss.

- 60 days after planting or July 15 (whichever date is earlier) are the key dates to keep in mind. Claims can not be submitted after July 15 – no exceptions.

In the event of any claim (replant or crop loss) the grower must contact the seed company representative who supplied the original Roundup Ready® seed. That seed company representative (not the agricultural staff, insurance adjuster, or crop consultant) will complete a verification form for the claim.

The following scenarios must occur within the parameters of 60 days after planting or July 15 – which ever is earlier.

REPLANT: The Roundup Ready® sugarbeet crop is lost or fails to make an acceptable stand and the grower replants the failed acreage to Roundup Ready® sugarbeet.

- The company that originally sold the Roundup Ready® seed supplies new Roundup Ready® seed for replant. The HTP is not charged on the sales agent verified portion of the field for replant seed.
- The company that originally sold the Roundup Ready® seed can not supply Roundup Ready® seed for replant, the grower has the option to choose another company's Roundup Ready® seed and will pay the HTP fee on those units of seed. The sales agent representing the original seed supplier must verify the field or portion of the field that is involved, calculate how many units are involved and refund the HTP fee on those units of seed.

CROP LOSS: The Roundup Ready® sugarbeet crop is lost or fails to make an acceptable stand and the grower does not replant the failed acreage to Roundup Ready® sugarbeet.

- The company that originally sold the Roundup Ready® seed supplies **non** Roundup Ready® seed for replant on the sales agent verified portion of the field. The HTP is not charged on that verified portion of the field for replant.
- The company that originally sold the Roundup Ready® seed determines that the sales agent verified portion of the field is a crop loss, on or before July 15, and that verified portion of the field is not replanted to Roundup Ready® seed. The HTP is not charged on that verified portion or the field.

In each and every case involving replant or crop loss of Roundup Ready® seed, the grower must contact the company that sold the initial Roundup Ready® seed to file a claim.

Thank you,

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