

NEWS ADVISORY

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Genetically Modified Corn Seed Not Approved for Sale in Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. - The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is advising corn growers in the state that a certain rootworm resistant trait present in Syngenta corn seed has **NOT** been approved for sale in Minnesota. Farmers who may have purchased Syngenta “Agrisure RW MIR 604” from their seed dealer are being advised to **NOT** plant this seed. “Agrisure MIR 604” can be found in various rootworm products sold through Golden Harvest, NK Brands and Garst.

While Syngenta has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the seed has not been approved for sale by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

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