

Technology Protection

FIELD CHECK PROGRAM



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Our Field Check Program began in 1997 as a way to help maintain a level playing field for all growers. Since then, we have conducted more than 10,000 Field Checks, all in an effort to make sure that growers who haven't paid for our patented technology are not benefitting unfairly.

Monsanto invests in our Field Check Program for three key reasons:

- No business can survive without being paid for its product.
- Monsanto currently invests \$2.6 million every day to develop and bring new products to market. If only some growers are paying the required technology fees, our ability to invest in research and development to create new products is decreased.
- When a grower decides to go against the terms of their Technology Stewardship Agreement by saving and re-using seed, it is unfair to the growers who choose to honour their agreement with Monsanto.

Monsanto's Field Check Program helps keep farming fair for everyone.

How the Field Checks Work

Each year, Monsanto growers are randomly selected for a Field Check (as described in our Technology Stewardship Agreement). A Monsanto Field Check Representative will begin by calling to schedule a visit to their farm at a time that is convenient for the grower. During this visit, our representative will review the grower's receipts of seed and glyphosate purchases as well as maps of the grower's farmed land. After the grower has supplied all relevant information, our representative will take seed, plant and bin samples to ensure no seed is being saved and the grower's farmed acres are being managed according to our Technology Stewardship Agreement.

Our Field Check Representatives are independent third-party professionals who are committed to conducting their checks with the utmost privacy and consideration. The entire process should feel respectful and comfortable for the grower.

Your role in the Program

We are grateful to the thousands of growers who observe and respect their Technology Stewardship Agreements – especially those who have been randomly selected to participate in our Field Check Program. Participating in this program helps keep the playing field level for thousands of growers across Canada, and allows us to continue developing new patented technology that helps improve farming for everyone.

Every dollar collected as a result of Technology Protection violations is donated to charitable programs that benefit rural residents and communities across Canada. Visit www.monsanto.ca for more information on Monsanto's corporate giving programs.

For more information on Monsanto's Field Check Program - please call our CustomCare® Line at **1.800.667.4944** or visit **www.monsanto.ca**.