



### Early Order Seed – Special Promotion Coming Soon!

As 2024 crop planning conversations continue and seed booklets land on kitchen tables this month, we will once again be running our early order seed promotion for fall 2023 for all seed orders submitted by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, keep an eye out and talk to your agronomist for more details!

### Data Driven Decisions

At Holmes Agro, we firmly believe that everything begins with soil and the more we improve our soil's physical and chemical properties, while being mindful of our carbon footprint and environmental sustainability, the more successful we can all be!

Based on current costs of production and an increased need for producers to balance environmental sustainability with economic viability, we clearly believe our approach is critical to creating a successful path forward. We continue to invest in areas of our business including people, software programs, and field application equipment which all support these initiatives.

1. Create & manage production zones using data available such as historical yield data, topography, soil type, drainage, and historical crop rotations
2. Validate these zones with soil sampling and continued data collection
3. Evaluate the results and address the challenges/differences in management zones
4. Create detailed fall fertility and soil amendment recommendations ensuring nutrients are available where they are needed, when they are needed



If you haven't already, please speak with your crop advisor and start planning today for 2024, including gathering better data to drive better decisions moving forward!

### Compaction

The increased precipitation across southern Ontario has raised concerns about fall compaction which can have long term effects on the soil structure. The presence of compaction can restrict water and root infiltration and effect crop emergence and cause plant stand variability in the spring. Tips to avoid compaction this fall:

- ✓ Avoid over filling grain carts and combine bins to reduce overall equipment weight
- ✓ Use wide tires with lower inflation pressure
- ✓ Keep trucks out of the fields. Consider unloading at the ends of the field and establish a grain cart path
- ✓ Use cover crops to help maintain soil structure

The use of tillage can help to alleviate some of the negative effects of compaction but should be used in conjunction with the avoidance measures listed above. The use of tillage tools that lift and shatter such as an inline ripper can be beneficial to alleviate compaction layers, but before you begin ensure that the soil conditions are proper to not cause further damage.

### Dairy & Beef Producer Meeting – November 28<sup>th</sup>

Save the date for the 2023 Dairy & Beef Producer Meeting on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1:30pm (lunch included) at the Amaranth Town Hall, Laurel, ON. Come out for a great meal and discussions! Topics include manure management, alternative forage sources, pasture rejuvenation and more! Please RSVP to [amanda@holmesagro.com](mailto:amanda@holmesagro.com) or call 519-941-0450.

### Watch Us Grow – Employment Opportunities

Looking for an exciting career in Agriculture? We are currently seeking motivated and dynamic individuals to join our Sales Agronomy Team. If you enjoy working with growers to develop successful crop plans alongside some of the top agronomists in the area, send your resume to [WatchUsGrow@holmesagro.com](mailto:WatchUsGrow@holmesagro.com) and let us know. Check out all our employment opportunities at [Holmesagro.com](http://Holmesagro.com) and click on our Employment Page. Now hiring for seasonal Spring and Summer employment too!

### CLEAN Farms 2023

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Clean Farms program over the past year. We have wrapped up empty jug collection for the 2023 year and will start up again in April of 2024 😊

## 2024 Seed Showcase – Key Varieties to Consider

### Brevant

<b>B82R25AM</b>	2400	Solid yielding early day variety. Good drought tolerance and fast dry down. Also available with below ground protection. Above average root strength. Silage specific, TMF, corn with improved stalk digestibility. Taller overall plant.
<b>B87D33AM</b>	2550	
<b>B96R17SX</b>	2825	

### Corn

### Pride

<b>A4646G2</b>	2300	Fast establishment and vigour, fast dry down and outstanding test weight
<b>A5292G8</b>	2600	Strong emergence and vigour. Below ground protection for corn-on-corn acres.
<b>A5424G2</b>	2625	A “take anywhere” hybrid with top-end yield potential and excellent agronomics.
<b>A5959G2</b>	2725	Versatile racehorse type hybrid with consistent performance and large cobs.

### NK

<b>NK8204V</b>	2550	Strong emergence with good root system. Viptera trait for WBC control.
<b>NK8519DV</b>	2650	Great standability & strong drought tolerance. Below ground & WBC protection.
<b>NK9175DV</b>	2750	Exceptional disease & drought tolerance. Below ground & WBC protection. Dual purpose.

### Silverline

<b>S03-W4</b>	2650	Consistent performer across soil types with a dependable yield.
<b>S04-K9</b>	2675	Similar to the W4s but with value-added agronomics such as SCN and root rot protection.
<b>S10-R2</b>	2750	Excellent yielder on tougher ground with a value-added agronomic package.

### IP Soybeans

### Pride

<b>PS0098XR</b>	2500	Very good stress tolerance with strong yield potential
<b>PS0521XRN</b>	2600	Strong disease package and spring vigour. Well adapted to all tillage scenarios.
<b>PS0944 XRN</b>	2775	Exceptional yield across all soil types and row widths. Above average standability.

### Xtend Soybeans

### NK

<b>S02-M4XF</b>	2550	Well suited for highly productive acres. Above average white mold tolerance.
<b>S04-J6X</b>	2625	Great emergence, solid stress tolerance while maintaining a top end yield potential.
<b>S06-A3XF</b>	2675	Exceptional spring vigour with quick emergence. Shows big yields on tough ground.

### Brevant

<b>B036CE</b>	2600	Excellent standability with value-added SCN package.
<b>B043EE</b>	2625	High yield potential. Strong spring emergence well suited for early planting.
<b>B074HE</b>	2700	Mid-full season option with Enlist. Good white mold tolerance.

### Enlist (E3) Soybeans

### Pride

<b>PS0322EN</b>	2625	Consistent performer across all environments. Excellent standability.
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### NK

<b>S03-V5E3</b>	2600	Well suited for highly productive acres. Broadly adapted across soil types.
<b>S09-H7E3</b>	2775	Excellent standability with high-end yield potential. Above average root rot tolerance.

Talk to your Holmes Agro representative about which variety and trait package will fit your agronomic needs in 2024!

## Upcoming Dates

November 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> – Ontario Young Farmers Forum  
November 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Grain Symposium  
November 28<sup>th</sup> – Holmes Agro Livestock Meeting Laurel, ON  
January 3, to 5<sup>th</sup> – Southwest Agricultural Conference  
January 3 to 9<sup>th</sup> – Grey Bruce Farmers Week

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