



Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative

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Dear SMBSC Shareholder,

The 2018 beet seed information is now posted in the Shareholder Portal of the SMBSC website. This information includes: a seed order form, a seed information sheet, a chart to figure acres per box, and the SMBSC Variety Observation Sheet. There is also a field information sheet to gather the information of your fields for 2018.

There is going to be a good supply of multiple varieties available to SMBSC shareholders in 2018. Availability of these varieties is listed in the seed availability sheet which is included in this posting. **A Rhizoctonia seed treatment and 45 grams of Tachigaren will be included as a standard treatment on all SMBSC varieties.**

The planting tolerance for the 2018 crop has been set by the SMBSC Board of Directors at 98-105% of stock at this time. SMBSC Agricultural Staff recommends a harvest population of 45,000–50,000 plants per acre, which is approximately 190–210 beets per 100 foot of row. **All original ordered Rhizoctonia treated seed is non-returnable.**

Your Agriculturist will contact you in the next few weeks to discuss seed varieties and your planting intentions. **Prepayments for 2018 beet seed should be at the Cooperative Office by 4pm on Friday, December 29, 2017 to receive the 3.00% discount.**

The last day to preorder seed is Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Contact your agriculturist if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative

Scott Thaden

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