



Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative

83550 County Road 21, Renville, Minnesota 56284

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Dear SMBSC Shareholder,

The 2022 beet seed information is now posted on the SMBSC website under the "Agronomic Sustainability" tab and also on the portal under "Seed Info" (click on the "Variety Information" section to go to the seed information). 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 for your fields for 2022. Seed pricing was sent to you in a separate shareholder message and can also be found under the Seed Info tab on the portal.

There is going to be a good supply of multiple varieties available to SMBSC shareholders in 2022. Availability of these varieties is listed in the seed availability sheet which is included on the website. **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 2022 crop has been set by the SMBSC Board of Directors at 100-105% of stock at this time. SMBSC Agricultural Staff recommends a harvest population of 50,000–55,000 plants per acre, which is approximately 210–230 beets per 100 foot of row. **All original ordered treated seed is non-returnable. Bulk box orders are also non-returnable.**

Your Agriculturist will contact you in the next few weeks to discuss seed varieties and your planting intentions. **Prepayments for 2022 crop beet seed must be mailed and need to be postmarked by January 15, 2022 to receive a 7% discount. NO payments will be accepted at the Cooperative Office due to Covid-19.**

The last day to preorder seed is Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Contact your Agriculturist if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jared Kelm

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