



## Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative

83550 County Road 21, Renville, Minnesota 56284

December 8, 2025

Dear SMBSC Shareholder,

The 2026 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 get 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 2026. Seed pricing was sent to you in a separate shareholder message and can also be found under the Seed Info tab on the portal.

The planting tolerance for the 2026 crop has been set by the SMBSC Board of Directors at **89-108%** 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 the 2026 crop beet seed that are mailed need to be postmarked by January 16, 2026 to receive a 7% discount.**

**The last day to preorder seed is Monday, January 12, 2026.**

Contact your Agriculturist if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jared Kelm

Dylan Swanson

Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative