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Product Highlight: Dekalb 62-52/62-53

Corn



62-52 RIB/62-53 RIB



Overall Plant Health Rating: 2
Overall Appearance Rating: 1.75

Characteristics:	Maturity	Mid (112)
	Stalk Strength	2
	Kernel Count	17 x 34
	Unpollinated Kernels/Ear	5
	Harvestable Ears/Acre	28000
	Planting Rate	Medium
	Leaf Characteristics	Average stature, average color and wide
	Grey Leaf Spot Presence	Lower leaves, 5%
	Common Rust Presence	Middle/lower leaves, 3%
	Southern Rust Presence	Middle, 5%
	Goss's Wilt Presence	None

Overall Rating Reason: This hybrid has a slight leaf roll due to drought, but looks fairly good considering the hot, dry weather.

Hybrid Preference: This is a good looking corn plant with good potential. It is a flex hybrid, so a moderate population is required for this plant to reach its potential. It appears to be a fairly versatile 112 day product, that could replace 62-78 for the higher yield environment and potentially some 62-98 acres. Its current rating on GLS is a 5, so it would benefit from a fungicide application.



62-52 is SmartStax and 62-53 is VT Double Pro

Scale: 1 = Excellent 5 = Poor

This is a new, 2018 release in the 112-day relative maturity available in SmartStax and Double Pro platforms. So far, this hybrid appears to have great heat and drought tolerances, good ear flex (with a moderate population push) and grain quality. DKC 62-52 and 62-53 are more of a medium plant height, and they have good ear placement. Their dark green, wide leaves help create a thick canopy, and their root system makes them able to handle the clay soils. Since this hybrid has a GLS rating of 5, we would recommend a fungicide application.

Also, since this is a new product, it will come standard with NemaStrike. It is an EPA approved broad spectrum nematicide, and is designed to protect the roots from nematodes. The 3-year average yield protection advantage of NemaStrike has resulted in a 73% positive response.

Note – this hybrid should replace DKC 62-78 and complement DKC 62-98.

Market Update: Lincoln Hillyer

Harvest has started. There is not a lot of activity as the corn is slow to dry down, but every day it picks up. Many of the reports around are showing yields to be close to or a little better than expected. Hopefully, that trend continues.

Marketwise, we are in a slow period. We have switched to a new crop year with little news to show for it. The USDA will update its supply/demand numbers Tuesday. There will mostly be revisions to the production numbers, but the estimate ranges are becoming much narrower. If there any surprises it could spark some volatility, but with harvest upon us there most likely will not be major price fluctuations.

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