

Standardizing Corn Terminology

LOT TERMS

Sheller lot: sample submitted after shelling, first testing on this lot of corn

Finished lot: sample submitted after conditioning/sizing, normally treated and put in some type of container, mini bulk, 80K bag

Carryover lot: sample submitted from finished lot that did not get sold and was carried over in warehouse

Rebagged lot: sample submitted from finished lot that got delivered to a farm site but not all units got planted and some bags were returned to warehousing

TESTING EVENT TERMS

Date testing: sample submitted from any lot needing a germination date in a specific month/year such as November or December

Referee testing: sample submitted from any lot need additional testing due to a failing or questionable test result

OTHER TERMS

New Crop: both sheller and finished are new crop year production

Kind: Hybrid Corn, inbred corn, popcorn, sweet corn

Single Kind: one unblended 95% plus hybrid seed

Blend: blend of two or more hybrids (Refugee in a Bag, RIB)

Mixtures: two different kinds—yellow dent corn and white dent corn mixed—not common

SEED AMENDMENTS

Raw: no products applied to seed

Chemical Treatment: fungicide and/or insecticide chemical plus contrasting colorant

Biological Treatment: non-chemical “organic” amendment. Organic Seed is an example

Coated: example could be a delay coating like Intellicoat® on inbreds—maybe treated

CONTAINERS

Bulk: large volume of corn usually unsized seed and not a finished lot

Mini Bulk: fast filling container with finished corn, 35 to 50 units depending on size and weight

Units: 80,000 kernels in a paper bag is normally considered a unit