

2009

# DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM

*West Texas*

## *Opportunity*

Reduce your financial risks from crop loss due to drought when you choose cotton varieties containing Monsanto traits.

## *Support*

Qualified farmers are eligible to receive a refund of 100% of the published cotton technology fee when a crop is lost or yields less than 150 lbs. of lint per land acre due to drought.\*

## *Recommendation*

You can qualify for the Drought Relief Program if:

1. You plant cotton varieties containing Bollgard®, Bollgard II®, Roundup Ready® or Roundup Ready® Flex.
2. Your loss occurs on acres planted with cotton varieties containing Monsanto cotton traits.
3. You use only Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides for all systemic non-selective herbicide in-crop applications on any Monsanto trait crops on your farm.\*



\*Follow the procedures on reverse side.

*Roundup Rewards® offers added protection through reduced risk program elements for your operation. You can farm with confidence when you use Monsanto technologies and agricultural herbicide recommendations.*



# 2009 Drought Relief Program WEST TEXAS

## Program Conditions

- Program valid only for the 2009 crop year in Monsanto's published Seed Drop Rate Zone E, which includes the states of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas and certain West Texas counties (see list below). Please contact your local dealer to confirm geographical eligibility.
- Program applies only to crop losses and/or specified yield reductions on acres planted with qualifying traits and incurred due to drought conditions. Losses or reductions due to other conditions or perils such as diseases, pests, hail, etc., are not eligible.
- Program benefits are limited to published technology fees for qualifying traits. Added seed treatment costs are not included.
- Final submission for Drought Relief Claims is January 15, 2010.
- To qualify for the Drought Relief Program, farmers are required to use a Roundup® agricultural herbicide for all systemic non-selective in-crop applications across all technology acres (as fully explained in the 2009 Roundup Rewards® brochure).
- Payment is contingent upon approved claim and corresponding sales reported for the farm.

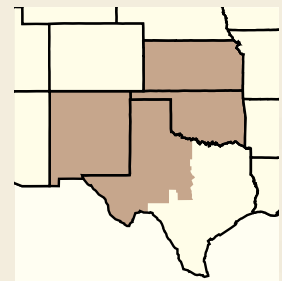
- Monsanto reserves the right to audit dealer sales and claims at any time.
- The cotton crop is considered a loss if the actual or estimated lint yield is less than 150 lbs. per land acre due to drought. **Farmer must provide proof of Federal Crop Insurance claim of an estimated yield of less than 150 lbs. of lint per land acre and drought is the primary cause contributing to 50% or greater of the claim damage under the Multiple Peril Crop Insurance coverage for the affected areas.** Total eligible acres equal the farmer's reported acres planted with cotton varieties containing Monsanto cotton traits for the USDA or Federal Crop Insurance.
- Drought Relief Program benefits are a supplement to the Roundup Rewards program.

## Claims Process

- Contact your local dealer to verify acres lost to drought.
- Dealer contacts the local Monsanto sales representative for complete details on claim procedures.
- Dealer or Monsanto sales representative investigates and verifies the farmer's crop claim.
- Drought Relief Program payments will be dual-party checks to both the dealer and farmer.

## Texas Counties in Monsanto Seed Drop Rate Zone E

Andrews	Coleman	Ector	Hemphill	Lubbock	Presidio	Swisher
Archer	Collingsworth	El Paso	Hockley	Lynn	Randall	Taylor
Armstrong	Comanche	Fisher	Howard	Martin	Reagan	Terrell
Bailey	Concho	Floyd	Hudspeth	McCulloch	Reeves	Terry
Baylor	Cottle	Foard	Hutchinson*	Midland	Roberts*	Throckmorton
Borden	Crane	Gaines	Irion	Mills	Runnels	Tom Green
Brewster	Crockett	Garza	Jeff Davis	Mitchell	San Saba	Upton
Briscoe	Crosby	Glasscock	Jones	Moore*	Schleicher	Ward
Brown	Culberson	Gray	Kent	Motley	Scurry	Wheeler
Callahan	Dallam*	Hale	King	Nolan	Shackelford	Wichita
Carson*	Dawson	Hall	Knox	Ochiltree*	Sherman*	Wilbarger
Castro	Deaf Smith	Hansford*	Lamb	Oldham	Stephens	Winkler
Childress	Dickens	Hardeman	Lipscomb*	Parmer	Sterling	Yoakum
Cochran	Donley	Hartley*	Llano	Pecos	Stonewall	Young
Coke	Eastland	Haskell	Loving	Potter	Sutton	



Qualifying Geography—  
Monsanto Seed Drop  
Rate Zone E

\*Do not use varieties containing Bollgard® or Bollgard II® cotton in these counties.



Before opening a bag of seed, be sure to read, understand and accept the stewardship requirements, **including applicable refuge requirements for insect resistance management**, for the biotechnology traits expressed in the seed as set forth in the Monsanto Technology Agreement that you sign. By opening and using a bag of seed, you are reaffirming your obligation to comply with the most recent stewardship requirements.



Monsanto Company is a member of BIO's Excellence Through Stewardship™ (ETS) Initiative. This product has been commercialized in compliance with the ETS and Monsanto Product Launch Stewardship policies, after meeting applicable regulatory requirements in key export markets with functioning regulatory systems. Any crop or material produced from this product can only be exported to, or used, processed or sold in countries where all necessary regulatory approvals have been granted. It is a violation of national and international law to move material containing biotech traits across boundaries into nations where import is not permitted. Monsanto encourages growers to talk to their grain handler to confirm their buying position for this product. Excellence Through Stewardship™ is a service mark of Biotechnology Industry Organization. **Cottonseed containing Monsanto traits may not be exported for the purpose of planting without a license from Monsanto.**

Roundup Rewards® applies only to Roundup® branded and other agricultural herbicides specified by Monsanto. Program details referenced in this publication are subject to change and should be verified by checking with your local Monsanto dealer or representative.

Growers may utilize the natural refuge option for varieties containing the Bollgard II® trait in the following states: AL, AR, FL, GA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, MO, NC, OK, SC, TN, VA, and most of Texas (excluding the Texas counties of Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler). The natural refuge option does not apply to **Bollgard II** cotton grown in areas where pink bollworm is a pest, including CA, AZ, NM, and the above listed Texas counties. It also remains the case that **Bollgard®** and **Bollgard II** cotton cannot be planted south of Highway 60 in Florida, and that **Bollgard** cotton cannot be planted in certain other counties in the Texas panhandle. Refer to the Technology Use Guide and IRM Guide for additional information regarding Bollgard II, Bollgard, natural refuge and EPA-mandated geographical restrictions on the planting of *Bt* cotton. **ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW PESTICIDE LABEL DIRECTIONS.** Roundup Ready® crops contain genes that confer tolerance to glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup® agricultural herbicides. Roundup® agricultural herbicides will kill crops that are not tolerant to glyphosate. **Bollgard®**, **Bollgard and Design®**, **Bollgard II®**, **Bollgard II and Design®**, **Cropshield Formula and Design®**, **Respect the Refuge and Cotton Design®**, **Roundup®**, **Roundup and Design®**, **Roundup PowerMAX®**, **Roundup Ready®**, **Roundup Rewards®**, **Roundup WeatherMAX and Design®**, and **Transorb and Design®** are registered trademarks of Monsanto Technology LLC. ©2009 Monsanto Company. [19639Apgd] 3A-8L-09-3806