

Technology Stewardship Agreement

Frequently Asked Questions



What is a TSA?

The Technology Stewardship Agreement (TSA) is a legal agreement between Bayer CropScience LP ("Bayer") and a grower that gives the grower a limited license to use, and describes stewardship guidelines and obligations for, Bayer's patented traits and germplasm and plant variety protection rights (Bayer Technologies).

What is included in a TSA?

A TSA includes a limited license for Bayer Technologies and specific information on the grower's obligations related to commodity marketing and stewardship, including insect resistance management (IRM) and weed management.

Who is required to have a TSA?

Any grower who wishes to purchase and plant seed that contains Bayer Technologies must have a valid TSA.

When should a TSA be confirmed?

Dealers/Seed Company Licensees must confirm that a grower has a valid TSA at the time of sale. TSA status may be verified by checking www.mymonsanto.com, www.corn-states.com, or www.agcelerate.com, or by calling Customer Operations at 1-866-99-BAYER.

How does a grower obtain a TSA?

Growers are encouraged but not required to register at AgCelerate. Grower-completed paper forms should be mailed to AgCelerate for processing and information validation:

DRC Data Services
Attn: AgCelerate Agreements
PO Box 221679
Charlotte, NC 28222-1679

Who does a grower contact for help with the form or to check the status of a TSA application?

Grower TSA application status is available on the AgCelerate grower dashboard on www.agcelerate.com, or by calling 1-866-99-BAYER.

Can a grower use a TSA form downloaded from the Internet?

No. Do not download forms off the Internet. Original TSAs are multi-part forms and have a unique identification number. Scans or pictures of documents that appear to be current TSAs are not acceptable and use of such documents will delay the grower licensing process.

How do growers obtain and sign a TSA, check for updates, and maintain their farm profiles?

For growers without a TSA:

- 1** Electronic Licensing at www.agcelerate.com is the most efficient and accurate method.
- 2** Paper Licensing— using the paper format is acceptable but will require longer processing time than using the electronic format. If the form is not **ENTIRELY** and **PROPERLY** completed (e.g., errors, omitted information, lack of signature, etc.), a manual follow-up is required that may delay or prevent TSA completion. To order paper forms, contact 1-866-99-BAYER.
- 3** The electronic TSA process is preferred; therefore large orders of paper applications by a Dealer/Seed Company Licensee may be limited.

For growers with a TSA:

- 1** A grower should register their TSA with AgCelerate if they have not done so already. Registration allows the grower to check for TSA updates, maintain their farm profile and address, and access supplier information at www.agcelerate.com.
- 2** The grower should register on AgCelerate as the grower and list the farm(s) they operate.
- 3** Growers registering their existing TSA with AgCelerate are not entering into a new TSA or renewing their TSA. Registering their existing TSA with AgCelerate allows the growers to verify their information, connect with their seed suppliers, manage multiple supplier agreements and check for product updates.

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When Bayer launches new products, do growers need to sign a new agreement?

No. A TSA does not routinely expire. Growers are informed of new product information and policies on an annual basis through the Technology Use Guide (TUG) and IRM Grower Guide on the seed bags and/or tags. The TUG can be found at <https://tug.bayer.com>. If a grower already has a valid TSA, the grower does not need to sign a new one.

What mailing address should a grower list on a TSA if they have a PO Box?

Bayer requires a physical address for a TSA. For example, a physical address is the one that emergency services would use. If a grower needs to include a PO Box number, they should add it above or below the street address.

If a grower only purchases or plants conventional seed products, are they required to have a valid TSA?

No, non-traited seed purchases do not require a grower to be licensed.

What are the rules for family farm operations? Does every family member need to sign a TSA?

Both the owner and operator of the farm should sign a TSA. If other family members are involved in the same farm operation as the primary grower, they do not need a separate TSA.

How would a Trustee fill out a TSA?

The name of the grower would be the name of the trust (John Jones Trust). An example signatory would be Mary Smith, as Trustee of the John Jones Trust.

What are the licensing requirements for landlord and tenant arrangements?

The tenant is the user of the farmland and is required to sign a TSA. If the landlord is involved in the decision-making process and has control over the crop, the landlord will need to sign a TSA, too.

What are the licensing requirements for Farm Managers?

In situations where Farm Managers are acting as agents for the grower, they do not need a TSA.

If a grower purchases Bayer-branded seed containing another trait provider's trait, what license do they need?

If the seed is a Bayer product, the grower is only required to sign a Bayer TSA.

What are the license status definitions?

Delicensed and Unlicensed status means that the grower does not have a valid TSA associated with their account. This could mean the grower has never been licensed or the grower was licensed previously and the license has been terminated. Denied or Not Authorized status indicates a grower is not eligible to be licensed and may not purchase or plant Bayer Technologies. Dealers/Seed Company Licensees should not sell to this grower.

If a grower has been denied or not authorized, can they ever be re-licensed?

It is possible for a denied or not authorized grower to obtain a new TSA. These situations are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Contact 1-866-99-BAYER.

Does the grower need a new TSA if they relocate?

If a grower signed a paper copy of the TSA and has not registered their information with AgCelerate, they will need to submit a new TSA request by paper or register for a TSA on the AgCelerate website. If the grower is registered on AgCelerate they may update their information via the AgCelerate website and is not required to fill out a new TSA.

Do retailers that plant plot seed need a TSA?

If a retailer is planting seed received from Bayer for a trial or a research plot, the retailer must sign a TSA.