

# ***INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF THE SOYBEAN INDUSTRY***

## **The Facts about Saving Soybean Seed**

Research-based seed companies have multiple tools to help protect the investments they are making in breeding and breeding technologies. For commercial soybean varieties two primary protections exist:

- **Commercial seed patents** provide exclusive rights by law to an inventor or assignee to prevent others from making use of or exploiting their invention for the term of the patent, typically 20 years from the filing date.
- **Plant Variety Protection (PVP)** gives the developer the right to exclude others from selling the variety for 20 years.

Nearly all commercial soybean varieties sold in North America today cannot be saved due to germplasm, technology and/or trait patents.

NuTech Seed's commercial soybean varieties are patented to enable it to continue investing in improved soybean breeding, traits, technologies and infrastructure to support farmers' expanding needs.

Farmers who plant our soybean varieties are required to sign a technology use agreement that gives them a right to plant the seed for one growing season. Both bag language and the technology use agreement reference our patent position and state that farmers are not allowed to save seed for their or someone else's use.

## **Our investment in the future of the soybean industry is paying dividends to growers:**

**Continuous yield improvement and access to high quality seed and seed treatments**

**More options for weed, disease and pest resistance management in soybeans, which include:**

- Peking SCN resistance; native SDS tolerance; Roundup Ready 2 Xtend™ technology; LibertyLink® trait; BOLT™ technology; among many others

**More options for greater profitability with downstream market opportunities**

**Advanced molecular breeding techniques to fast-track better solutions for the grower**

**One of the largest field research and testing footprints in the industry**

- Since 2011, DuPont has increased its soybean research footprint in North America by 50%
- Thousands of local field trials

**The gold standard for sales and agronomy to support the local needs of the grower**

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