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PREPARING FOR PLANTING: Plantability tips



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As the weather turns from winter cold to spring sun, our minds are shifting to preparing for planting season. Plantability is top-of-mind here at Hoegemeyer, as we want to ensure our product gets to your planter and into the ground in a successful and timely fashion. Factors such as air and seed temperature, relative humidity, seed treatment recipe, as well as seed size and shape impact seed flow and plantability. Here are three tips for planting success:

1. USE PLANTER AIDS (TALC, GRAPHITE) PROPERLY

- » Among the three main Planter Aids regularly used (Talc, Graphite & Fluency Agents), only Talc acts as a drying agent.
- » When cold seed is exposed to warm or humid air, condensation forms on the seed. Only a drying agent like talc will help with the condensation.
- » Proper mixing of talc is essential.







Well mixed treatment, mixing seed

Well mixed treatment, adding planter aid to the hopper while seed is flowing.



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2. SET YOUR PLANTER FOR EACH BATCH/LOT NUMBER

- » Download the Granular Insights App
- » Scan Barcode on bag tag (or enter batch #)



3. MANAGE SEED TEMPERATURE

- » Temperature and humidity both matter when planting
- » Gently warming seed 1-2 weeks before planting helps reduce condensation



If you're looking for more resources regarding plantability, check out our website at <u>https://www.therightseed.com/agronomy/seed-corn-plantability-guidelines</u>. Your Hoegemeyer District Sales Manager and Agronomist are great resources as well and can help you with any questions you have. Have a safe and prosperous planting season and thank you for being a part of the Hoegemeyer team.