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## MEMORANDUM:

**TO: Seedsmen, Plant Breeders, and Cooperators participating in the Texas High Plains Corn and Grain Sorghum Performance Tests**

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**FROM: Dennis Pietsch, Ted Dusek, and Dr. Jurg Blumenthal**

**SUBJECT: 2006 Crop Testing Program (CTP)**

## INTRODUCTION

Enclosed you will find entry forms for the Texas High Plains Corn, Grain Sorghum, and Sorghum Silage Test. Entry forms for tests located in South and Central, Texas were mailed earlier this year. Please note that entry fees will increase approximately 10% for all tests in 2006. This is the first increase in fees since 1997. With the new fee structure, performance tests will increase from \$150/entry/location to \$165/entry/location; for corn and grain sorghum supplemental tests, a 3 rep-2 row test will increase from \$50 to \$55; a 2 rep-2 row test will increase from \$40 to \$45, and a 1 rep-2 row test will increase from \$30 to \$35; all corn and grain sorghum disease observation tests will increase from \$50 to \$55; and the grain sorghum silage test will increase from \$210/entry to \$230/entry.

Once again, this year our Crop Testing Advisory Committee has requested that corn entries submitted into the Texas Corn Performance Tests be treated with an insecticide. Please use a product such as Poncho or Cruiser at the 1250 rate. For grain sorghum it is not necessary to have the seed treated with an insecticide; however, if you want to treat entries with an insecticide please use a product such as Cruiser or Gaucho. We will not apply a soil insecticide at planting, therefore if seed comes to us untreated, it will be planted accordingly. For corn and grain sorghum supplemental tests, we realize you may have limited seed supplies, especially experimentals, and they may not be treated with an insecticide. In order to provide protection, we are prepared to apply a soil insecticide at planting. We are still requesting sorghum seed to be safened to facilitate herbicides used for grass and weed control.