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Dear Valued Monsanto Vegetable Seeds Customer,

Thank you for your interest in Bayer Vegetable Seeds' quality management program as it relates to product quality issues. Please find below information regarding our processes for ensuring product quality.

Bayer strives to produce its seed following the industry's best practices for managing product quality utilizing a comprehensive, systems-based approach designed to minimize the occurrence of agronomic seed-borne diseases in commercial seed products.

There is currently no formal system of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for seed production developed or issued by any local, state or federal regulatory body. However, a number of seed companies, including our company, maintain individual integrated quality management systems intended to meet internal specifications and customer demand. These systems generally combine process and procedure controls based on continuous improvement principles and are subject to internal and external audits. For example, our quality management systems include seed tracking and tracing capabilities from origin to customer. We have also established phytosanitary guidelines, sanitation procedures and hygiene requirements to help ensure quality seed production in protected culture and open field environments. We remain customer focused to deliver the highest quality seed for all vegetable species we sell.

Our commitment to quality is further supported through certification or participation in various quality programs, including the following:

- ISO 9001:2008 Certification (transitioning to ISO 9001:2015 standard by July 2018)
- Excellence Through Stewardship® (ETS)
- Good Seed and Plant Practices (GSPP)



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Bayer takes product quality concerns very seriously and is fully committed to the stewardship of our products.

Yours sincerely,

Bayer AG

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