

Team 5-Bean Welcomes First Member of 2010

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ST. LOUIS (August 12, 2010) - With many farmers reporting five-bean pods in their [Asgrow® brand Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield®](#) [1] fields last season, excitement has been building to see who would be the first to find a five-bean pod this season, and the wait is over! Bill Gartner of Lawrenceville, Ill., has become the first farmer to discover several five-bean pods in 2010.

Gartner planted about 425 acres of this advanced soybean technology, hoping to join the exclusive [Team 5-Bean](#) [2]. Once a rarity, five-bean pods have now become a reality with the Asgrow® brand Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield® that gives farmers the opportunity to produce more soybeans per pod and more bushels per acre.

“Our Asgrow Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans were planted in mid-April so they have really taken off with the weather we have had,” said Gartner. “They are in full pod, and I have been seeing about 20 pods per plant already.”

While Gartner is excited to have found five-bean pods, he’s also looking forward to the free Asgrow Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield seed that he can receive for next season. As part of the Asgrow 5-Bean Pod Challenge, the first 1,000 farmers to find a five-bean pod in their Asgrow Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield field this season will receive five free bags of Asgrow Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans for the 2011 planting season. And, new this season, the first grower who finds five, five-bean pods in his or her state will win 50 bags.

BG & JB Farms, owned by Gartner and partner Jeff Bottoms, are second year winners of the Asgrow 5-Bean Pod Challenge. Gartner says they will continue to look for five-bean pods in the fields and expects them to contribute to higher yield opportunity.

“We were very happy with the outcome and yield increase from last year’s Asgrow Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans, and I anticipate the highest yield we have ever had with this year’s crop.”

For more details on the 5-Bean Pod Challenge, farmers may contact their local Asgrow Dealer or www.asgrowanddekalb.com/5bean [3].

Asgrow brand is the leading provider of Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield trait technology, which enables the same dependable, flexible herbicide tolerance that farmers have experienced for more than a decade with first-generation Roundup Ready® soybeans but now with significantly higher yield opportunity. Farmers interested in more information about Asgrow Genuity® Roundup Ready 2 Yield can contact their local seed dealer or visit Asgrow.com. Follow our business on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Asgrow [4].

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