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TECH SHEET
HYBRID SUNFLOWER SEED

EARLY SEASON

EARLY | IMI TOLERANT | BLACK OIL SEED | WORKS IN THE CLEARFIELD® PRODUCTION SYSTEM

Starts blooming at about 65 days, then keeps building its seed heads for weeks after. Built to stand tall through the dry stretches of summer.

CHARACTERISTICS

Maturity	**Early**
Seed color	**Black**
Days to flower	**65**
Days to relative maturity	**102**
Average height	**60-66 inches**

AGRONOMIC TRAITS

- IMI (imidazolinone) herbicide tolerance
- DMR tolerance
- Strong drought tolerance
- Responds to nitrogen
- Excellent standability
- Excellent self-compatibility

AGRONOMIC RATINGS

Leaf Rust	5
Phomopsis	7
Downy Mildew	7
Stalk Quality	9
Root Quality	9
Self-Compatibility	9

Scale 1 to 9: 9 = Highly Resistant, 1 = Highly Susceptible

AT A GLANCE

Herbicide trait	**IMI (imidazolinone) tolerant**
Works in	**Clearfield® production system**
Herbicide option	**Can be sprayed with Beyond® herbicide**
Seeding rate	**18,000-24,000 plants per acre (NDSU)**
Bag sizes	**10 lb · 25 lb**

Always read and follow herbicide label directions.

PLANTING TIPS

- **Warm soil.** Sunflower seed needs soil near 50°F to germinate. In the northern Great Plains, planting runs from May 1 to late June.
- **Depth.** Plant 1.5 to 2.5 inches deep with good seed-to-soil contact and a closed furrow. If you plant deeper, raise the seeding rate.
- **Population.** Aim for 18,000-24,000 plants per acre, and plant about 10-15% more seed than your target stand. Go lower on light soils or where rain is unreliable.
- **Planter setup.** Calibrate the planter and recalibrate every time you switch hybrids or seed lots. Even spacing with no doubles or big gaps gives the best stand.
- **Rows or solid.** Rows and solid seeding (rows under 20 inches) yield about the same. Keep solid-seeded stands at the high end of the population range.

Planting tips adapted from NDSU Extension, Sunflower Production Guide (A1995), and NDSU's "Planting Sunflower with Attention to Details."