

SEED PIRACY

Local Summary



SERIOUS ABOUT SEED STEWARDSHIP

Monsanto is committed to enhancing grower productivity and profitability by bringing new seed technologies to market. As such, Monsanto patents seed and seed traits to protect its intellectual property. When growers purchase patented seed, they agree to respect the property rights held by the seed and trait providers. Unfortunately, Monsanto has had to pursue several Seed Piracy Matters in **IOWA** in the last couple of years (see right column).

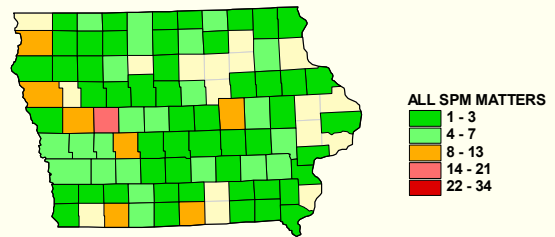
In addition, Monsanto filed litigation on two seed dealers, one against **Mark Hill and Hill Seed Company** and a second suit against **S.B.D., Inc. (dba Scott's Quality Seeds and Scott McAllister)**. Both Hill and S.B.D. have been enjoined from making, using, selling, transferring or offering to sell or transfer any Roundup Ready® soybean, Roundup Ready® corn or YieldGard® corn seed.

Monsanto receives hundreds of calls and letters each year about potential seed piracy cases nationwide. Anyone with concerns or questions about seed piracy can place a confidential call to 1-800-768-6387.

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The items below represent growers caught infringing Monsanto's patents in **IOWA**. Their settlements are totaled at the bottom. All of these cases involved saving Roundup Ready® soybeans.

ALL SEED PIRACY MATTERS



2003 AVG IA SETTLEMENT = \$33,500

2003 MAX IA Settlement = \$ 239,300

AVG U.S. SETTLEMENT = \$106,000

Another 46 seed piracy matters remain under investigation.

- Why Risk**
- Financial Exposure to \$500/acre**
- Litigation Costs**
- Crop Destruction**
- Loss of Technology License**

Monsanto returns all pretrial settlements back to rural America through the *Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program* and related youth initiatives. Over the last five years the scholarship program has awarded nearly three quarters of a million dollars to 450 farm youth pursuing an education and career in agriculture. For more information, visit www.monsanto.com.

