# **Corn Silage Tests in Tennessee**

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#### **CORN SILAGE YIELD TESTS**

#### 2018

## Experimental Procedures

AgResearch and Education Center (REC) Tests: Thirteen corn hybrids were evaluated for silage yield and quality in 2018. The tests were conducted at the East Tennessee (Knoxville), Highland Rim (Springfield), Middle Tennessee (Spring Hill), and Plateau (Crossville) RECs. The plots at all locations consisted of two rows, planted 30 inches apart, 30 feet in length, and replicated three times. Yields presented were adjusted to both dry weight and 65% moisture. The plant populations, as well as the planting and harvesting dates, are given in Table 1. Plots were harvested using commercial silage harvesters. A sub-sample of approximately 3 lbs was taken from each plot for analysis. Fresh weight and dried weight were recorded on each sample for determination of moisture at harvest. Dried samples were then ground and analyzed for nutritional content. Silage quality analyses were provided by the UT Beef and Forage Center using the 2017 unfermented corn silage calibration model developed by the NIRS Consortium (Hillsboro, WI). Predictions for milk production per ton and milk production per acre were calculated using the University of Wisconsin Milk2006 program.

**Growing Season:** Trials were planted at the end of April to early/mid May. Throughout the state, cold temperatures and persistent rainfall early in the season delaying planting one to two weeks. Statewide corn planting was on par with five year average by mid-May with 86% of corn planted in Tennessee. By mid-August, 68% of the crop rated good to excellent, with rates increasing by mid-September to 73% of the crop rated good to excellent.

### Interpretation of Data:

The tables on the following pages have been prepared with the entries listed in order of yield performance, the highest-yielding entry being listed first. Mean separation was performed using the **Fisher's Protected LSD** (**Least Significant Difference**) **test**. The mean trait value of any two entries being compared must differ by at least the LSD amount shown to be considered different at the 5% level of probability of significance. To simplify interpretation, **Mean Separation Letters** have been listed next to each entry for traits analyzed across locations. Hybrids that have any letter in common are not significantly different in yield at the 5% level of probability based on the LSD test. Hybrids with performance not significantly different from the top performing hybrid will have an "a" included in the list of mean separation letters next to that entry.

## Results

Table 1. Location information from University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) AgResearch and Education Centers (REC) where corn silage variety tests were conducted in 2018.

| Location    | AgResearch and<br>Education Center | Planting<br>Date | Harvest<br>Date | Plant<br>Population | Soil Type         |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Knoxville   | East Tennessee                     | 04/27/18         | 08/15/18        | 33166               | Shady Loam        |
| Crossville  | Plateau                            | 05/18/18         | 09/05/18        | 33253               | Lily Loam         |
| Spring Hill | Middle Tennessee                   | 05/01/18         | 08/03/18        | 30149               | Maury Silt Loam   |
| Springfield | Highland Rim                       | 04/20/18         | 08/03/18        | 30909               | Dickson Silt Loam |

Table 2-a. Mean yield and agronomic traits across locations of 13 corn hybrids evaluated for silage in small plot replicated trials at four REC locations in Tennessee during 2018. Analysis included hybrid performance over a 1 yr (2018), 2 yr (2017-2018) and 3 yr (2016-2018) period.

| Hybrid                         | Herbicide<br>Pkg <sup>†</sup> | Insect<br>Pkg. <sup>†</sup> | Avg               | . Yield Dry We<br>(tons/acre) | eight  | Avg. | Yield 65% Mo<br>(tons/acre) | oisture |          | Milk/ton <sup>§</sup><br>(lbs/ton) |        |         | Milk/acre <sup>s</sup><br>(lbs/acre) |         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------|------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
|                                |                               |                             | 1 yr <sup>‡</sup> | 2 yr                          | 3 yr   | 1 yr | 2 yr                        | 3 yr    | 1 yr     | 2 yr                               | 3 yr   | 1 yr    | 2 yr                                 | 3 yr    |
| Croplan S5900VT2P***           | RR                            | VT2P                        | 8.8 a             | 8.9 a                         | 8.8 a  | 25 a | 26 a                        | 25 a    | 2840 a-c | 2933 d                             | 2922 b | 25056 a | 26182 a                              | 25844 a |
| TN Exp TN1803W                 | CONV                          | CONV                        | 8.3 a             |                               |        | 24 a |                             |         | 2480 d   |                                    |        | 20692 a | а                                    |         |
| Augusta A7768***               | GT,LL                         | VIP3110                     | 8.2 a             | 8.5 ab                        | 8.4 ab | 24 a | 24 ab                       | 24 ab   | 3003 a   | 3065 a-c                           | 3035 a | 24632 a | 26137 a                              | 25301 a |
| Terral 25BHR26                 | RR2,LL                        | YGCB,HX1                    | 8.0 a             | 8.2 b                         | 8.1 b  | 23 a | 23 b                        | 23 b    | 2936 a-c | 3107 ab                            | 3093 a | 23511 a | 25526 a                              | 24230 a |
| Masters Choice MCT6552         | RR,LL                         | VIP3110                     | 8.0 a             |                               |        | 23 a |                             |         | 2790 c   |                                    |        | 22487 a | а                                    |         |
| Croplan S5700VT2P              | RR                            | VT2P                        | 8.0 a             |                               |        | 23 a |                             |         | 2778 c   |                                    |        | 22270 a | а                                    |         |
| Taylor Seed Farms 8890VT2P     | RR                            | VT2P                        | 7.9 a             |                               |        | 23 a |                             |         | 3001 a   |                                    |        | 23713 a | а                                    |         |
| Masters Choice MCT6653**       | RR,LL                         | 3000GT                      | 7.8 a             | 8.2 b                         |        | 22 a | 23 b                        |         | 2810 bc  | 2952 d                             |        | 22043 a | 24309 a                              |         |
| Croplan 5678SS**               | RR,LL                         | VT2P                        | 7.7 a             | 8.0 b                         |        | 22 a | 23 b                        |         | 2836 bc  | 2949 d                             |        | 21853 a | 23749 a                              |         |
| Masters Choice MCT6733         | RR,LL                         | 3000GT                      | 7.7 a             | 8.0 b                         |        | 22 a | 23 b                        |         | 2796 c   | 2962 cd                            |        | 21539 a | 23746 a                              |         |
| Terral 28BHR18                 | RR2,LL                        | YGCB,HX1                    | 7.6 a             |                               |        | 22 a |                             |         | 2862 a-c |                                    |        | 22744 a | а                                    |         |
| Terral 25BHR89                 | RR2,LL                        | YGCB,HX1                    | 7.6 a             | 8.2 b                         |        | 22 a | 23 b                        |         | 2863 a-c | 3014 b-d                           |        | 21750 a | 25353 a                              |         |
| Masters Choice MCT6363         | RR,LL                         | 3000GT                      | 7.4 a             | 7.4 c                         |        | 21 a | 21 c                        |         | 2960 ab  | 3122 a                             |        | 23455 a | 23825 a                              |         |
| Average                        |                               |                             | 7.9               | 8.2                           | 8.5    | 23   | 23                          | 24      | 2843     | 3013                               | 3017   | 22750   | 24853                                | 25125   |
| Standard Error                 |                               |                             | 0.4               | 0.5                           | 0.4    | 1    |                             |         | 98       | 137                                | 83     | 1229    | 1886                                 | 1760    |
| L.S.D. <sub>.05</sub>          |                               |                             | N.S.              | 0.5                           | 0.5    | N.S. | 2                           | 1       | 164      | 105                                | 101    | N.S.    | N.S.                                 | N.S.    |
| C.V.                           |                               |                             | 14                | 11                            | 12     | 14   | 11                          | 12      | 7        | 6                                  | 6      | 18      | 15                                   | 17      |
| Plots per entry (reps x locs.) |                               |                             | 12                | 24                            | 36     | 12   | 24                          | 36      | 12       | 24                                 | 36     | 12      | 24                                   | 36      |

Table 2-a, cont.

|                                | Herbicide        | Insect            | Moi    | sture at Harv | rest |         | Plant Height |       |        | Ear Height |      |        | Lodging <sup>II</sup> |       |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------|------|---------|--------------|-------|--------|------------|------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Hybrid                         | Pkg <sup>†</sup> | Pkg. <sup>†</sup> |        | (%)           |      |         | (inches)     |       |        | (inches)   |      |        | (%)                   |       |
|                                |                  |                   | 1 yr   | 2 yr          | 3 yr | 1 yr    | 2 yr         | 3 yr  | 1 yr   | 2 yr       | 3 yr | 1 yr   | 2 yr                  | 3 yr  |
| Croplan S5900VT2P***           | RR               | VT2P              | 59 a-c | 64 a          | 64 a | 116 c-e | 118 c        | 115 a | 51 cd  | 50 b       | 49 a | 0.0 c  | 0.0 a                 | 0.0 b |
| TN Exp TN1803W                 | CONV             | CONV              | 61 a   |               |      | 133 a   |              |       | 69 a   |            |      | 2.0 a  |                       |       |
| Augusta A7768***               | GT,LL            | VIP3110           | 60 a-c | 64 ab         | 63 a | 119 bc  | 122 ab       | 118 a | 49 d-f | 46 c       | 45 c | 0.5 b  | 0.4 a                 | 0.3 a |
| Terral 25BHR26                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 59 a-c | 64 ab         | 63 a | 115 c-e | 117 c        | 114 a | 52 cd  | 49 b       | 47 b | 0.0 c  | 0.0 a                 | 0.0 b |
| Masters Choice MCT6552         | RR,LL            | VIP3110           | 55 e   |               |      | 112 ef  |              |       | 45 f   |            |      | 0.1 bc |                       |       |
| Croplan S5700VT2P              | RR               | VT2P              | 61 a   |               |      | 117 cd  |              |       | 53 bc  |            |      | 0.0 bc |                       |       |
| Taylor Seed Farms 8890VT2P     | RR               | VT2P              | 61 ab  |               |      | 113 de  |              |       | 50 c-e |            |      | 0.1 bc |                       |       |
| Masters Choice MCT6653**       | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 58 c-e | 62 b-d        |      | 122 b   | 125 a        |       | 56 b   | 53 a       |      | 0.2 bc | 0.1 a                 |       |
| Croplan 5678SS**               | RR,LL            | VT2P              | 58 b-d | 62 a-d        |      | 105 g   | 108 e        |       | 46 f   | 43 d       |      | 0.1 bc | 0.1 a                 |       |
| Masters Choice MCT6733         | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 57 de  | 61 d          |      | 117 cd  | 119 bc       |       | 47 ef  | 44 d       |      | 0.1 bc | 0.0 a                 |       |
| Terral 28BHR18                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 59 b-d |               |      | 115 c-e |              |       | 52 b-d |            |      | 0.1 bc |                       |       |
| Terral 25BHR89                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 60 a-c | 62 cd         |      | 114 c-e | 119 bc       |       | 51 cd  | 50 b       |      | 0.0 c  | 0.1 a                 |       |
| Masters Choice MCT6363         | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 58 c-e | 63 a-c        |      | 108 fg  | 112 d        |       | 47 ef  | 45 cd      |      | 0.0 c  | 0.0 a                 |       |
| Average                        |                  |                   | 59     | 63            | 63   | 116     | 117          | 116   | 51     | 48         | 47   | 0.2    | 0.1                   | 0.1   |
| Standard Error                 |                  |                   | 3      | 4             | 3    | 3       | 3            | 3     | 3      | 3          | 3    | 0.1    | 0.03                  | 0.03  |
| L.S.D. <sub>.05</sub>          |                  |                   | 2      | 2             | N.S. | 5       | 3            | N.S.  | 4      | 3          | 2    | -      | N.S.                  |       |
| C.V.                           |                  |                   | 5      | 4             | 4    | 5       | 5            | 5     | 8      | 8          | 7    | 188    | 198                   | 211   |
| Plots per entry (reps x locs.) |                  |                   | 12     | 24            | 36   | 12      | 24           | 36    | 12     | 24         | 36   | 12     | 24                    | 36    |

<sup>†</sup> For a full description of abbreviated biotech traits, see table 6.
‡ Hybrids that have any MS letter in common, within a column, are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability using a least significant difference (LSD) mean separation test.
§ Based on University of Wisconsin Milk2006 software program.

Il Lodging data was transformed due to non-normality. Least square means were back-transformed for ease of interpretation, therefore mean separation letters but no LSD value are given.

Table 2-b. Mean dry weight yield and feed quality characteristics across locations of 13 corn hybrids evaluated for silage in small plot replicated trials at four REC locations in Tennessee during 2018. Analysis included hybrid performance across a 1 yr (2018), 2 yr (2017-2018) and 3 yr (2016-2018) period.

|                                | Herbicide        | Insect            | Avg               | . Yield Dry We | eight  | (       | Crude Proteir | ,¶    | Neut     | ral Detergent | Fiber <sup>¶</sup> |        | itro Neutral De              |         |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------|---------|---------------|-------|----------|---------------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| Hybrid                         | Pkg <sup>†</sup> | Pkg. <sup>†</sup> |                   | (tons/acre)    |        |         | (% dm)        |       |          | (% dm)        |                    | Dig    | estibility <sup>¶</sup> (% c | of NDF) |
|                                |                  |                   | 1 yr <sup>‡</sup> | 2 yr           | 3 yr   | 1 yr    | 2 yr          | 3 yr  | 1 yr     | 2 yr          | 3 yr               | 1 yr   | 2 yr                         | 3 yr    |
| Croplan S5900VT2P***           | RR               | VT2P              | 8.8 a             | 8.9 a          | 8.8 a  | 7.0 b-d | 7.3 b         | 7.3 b | 46.1 b-d | 50.3 ab       | 50.6 a             | 44.7 a | 51.4 bc                      | 51.2 a  |
| TN Exp TN1803W                 | CONV             | CONV              | 8.3 a             |                |        | 6.2 e   |               |       | 56.1 a   |               |                    | 44.1 a |                              |         |
| Augusta A7768***               | GT,LL            | VIP3110           | 8.2 a             | 8.5 ab         | 8.4 ab | 7.0 bc  | 7.1 bc        | 7.1 b | 44.2 cd  | 48.1 b-d      | 48.7 a             | 46.3 a | 52.0 ab                      | 51.6 a  |
| Terral 25BHR26                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 8.0 a             | 8.2 b          | 8.1 b  | 7.6 a   | 7.8 a         | 7.8 a | 45.9 b-d | 47.4 cd       | 47.5 a             | 47.6 a | 53.7 a                       | 53.2 a  |
| Masters Choice MCT6552         | RR,LL            | VIP3110           | 8.0 a             |                |        | 6.5 c-e |               |       | 45.0 b-d |               |                    | 44.3 a |                              |         |
| Croplan S5700VT2P              | RR               | VT2P              | 8.0 a             |                |        | 6.5 de  |               |       | 48.1 bc  |               |                    | 44.5 a |                              |         |
| Taylor Seed Farms 8890VT2P     | RR               | VT2P              | 7.9 a             |                |        | 6.9 b-d |               |       | 44.6 cd  |               |                    | 46.4 a |                              |         |
| Masters Choice MCT6653**       | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 7.8 a             | 8.2 b          |        | 6.9 b-d | 7.1 bc        |       | 49.6 b   | 52.4 a        |                    | 47.7 a | 53.3 a                       |         |
| Croplan 5678SS**               | RR,LL            | VT2P              | 7.7 a             | 8.0 b          |        | 7.1 b   | 7.2 bc        |       | 46.1 b-d | 49.0 bc       |                    | 44.4 a | 50.0 c                       |         |
| Masters Choice MCT6733         | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 7.7 a             | 8.0 b          |        | 6.5 c-e | 6.8 c         |       | 48.0 bc  | 49.9 a-c      |                    | 45.6 a | 52.1 ab                      |         |
| Terral 28BHR18                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 7.6 a             |                |        | 7.0 b-d |               |       | 47.7 b-d |               |                    | 46.1 a |                              |         |
| Terral 25BHR89                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 7.6 a             | 8.2 b          |        | 6.9 b-d | 7.0 bc        |       | 47.1 b-d | 48.6 b-d      |                    | 44.5 a | 52.3 ab                      |         |
| Masters Choice MCT6363         | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 7.4 a             | 7.4 c          |        | 6.6 b-e | 6.8 c         |       | 43.3 d   | 46.2 d        |                    | 46.7 a | 52.7 ab                      |         |
| Average                        |                  |                   | 7.9               | 8.2            | 8.5    | 6.8     | 7.1           | 7.4   | 47.1     | 49.0          | 48.9               | 45.6   | 52.2                         | 52.0    |
| Standard Error                 |                  |                   | 0.4               | 0.5            | 0.4    | 0.5     | 0.4           | 0.3   | 3.4      | 2.8           | 2.5                | 2.0    | 6.1                          | 3.7     |
| L.S.D. <sub>.05</sub>          |                  |                   | N.S.              | 0.5            | 0.5    | 0.5     | 0.4           | 0.3   | 4.7      | 2.7           | N.S.               | N.S.   | 2.0                          | N.S.    |
| C.V.                           |                  |                   | 14                | 11             | 12     | 10      | 9             | 7     | 12       | 10            | 9                  | 8      | 7                            | 6       |
| Plots per entry (reps x locs.) |                  |                   | 12                | 24             | 36     | 12      | 24            | 36    | 12       | 24            | 36                 | 12     | 24                           | 36      |

Table 2-b, cont.

|                                | Herbicide        | Insect            |          | Starch <sup>¶</sup> |        | Aci     | d Detergent F | iber <sup>¶</sup> | Total    | Digestable No | utrients <sup>¶</sup> | Net E    | nergy for La | ctation <sup>¶</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|--------|---------|---------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|
| Hybrid                         | Pkg <sup>†</sup> | Pkg. <sup>†</sup> |          | (% dm)              |        |         | (% dm)        |                   |          | (% dm)        |                       |          | (Mcals/lb)   |                      |
|                                |                  |                   | 1 yr     | 2 yr                | 3 yr   | 1 yr    | 2 yr          | 3 yr              | 1 yr     | 2 yr          | 3 yr                  | 1 yr     | 2 yr         | 3 yr                 |
| Croplan S5900VT2P***           | RR               | VT2P              | 26.5 a-c | 22.2 cd             | 22.7 a | 26.3 bc | 29.4 ab       | 28.9 a            | 65.6 a-c | 67.5 c        | 67.7 b                | 0.63 a-c | 0.64 c       | 0.66 b               |
| TN Exp TN1803W                 | CONV             | CONV              | 20.0 d   |                     |        | 34.0 a  |               |                   | 60.9 d   |               |                       | 0.58 d   |              |                      |
| Augusta A7768***               | GT,LL            | VIP3110           | 28.9 a-c | 25.2 bc             | 25.2 a | 25.1 c  | 27.6 b-d      | 27.5 a            | 67.8 a   | 69.1 ab       | 69.1 ab               | 0.66 a   | 0.66 ab      | 0.68 a               |
| Terral 25BHR26                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 26.3 a-c | 25.7 ab             | 26.2 a | 26.7 bc | 27.3 cd       | 26.7 a            | 67.3 ab  | 70.0 a        | 70.2 a                | 0.64 a-c | 0.67 ab      | 0.69 a               |
| Masters Choice MCT6552         | RR,LL            | VIP3110           | 30.5 ab  |                     |        | 25.8 bc |               |                   | 64.9 c   |               |                       | 0.62 bc  |              |                      |
| Croplan S5700VT2P              | RR               | VT2P              | 24.3 cd  |                     |        | 27.4 bc |               |                   | 64.7 c   |               |                       | 0.62 c   |              |                      |
| Taylor Seed Farms 8890VT2P     | RR               | VT2P              | 28.5 a-c |                     |        | 25.9 bc |               |                   | 67.9 a   |               |                       | 0.65 a   |              |                      |
| Masters Choice MCT6653**       | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 24.2 cd  | 22.1 d              |        | 29.2 b  | 30.8 a        |                   | 65.6 a-c | 68.0 bc       |                       | 0.62 c   | 0.64 c       |                      |
| Croplan 5678SS**               | RR,LL            | VT2P              | 27.2 a-c | 25.4 b              |        | 26.4 bc | 28.4 b-d      |                   | 65.3 bc  | 67.3 c        |                       | 0.63 a-c | 0.65 c       |                      |
| Masters Choice MCT6733         | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 26.2 a-c | 24.9 b-d            |        | 27.8 bc | 28.9 a-c      |                   | 65.1 bc  | 67.9 bc       |                       | 0.62 c   | 0.65 c       |                      |
| Terral 28BHR18                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 25.4 bc  |                     |        | 27.6 bc |               |                   | 66.1 a-c |               |                       | 0.63 a-c |              |                      |
| Terral 25BHR89                 | RR2,LL           | YGCB,HX1          | 26.0 a-c | 25.6 b              |        | 27.3 bc | 28.0 b-d      |                   | 66.0 a-c | 68.6 a-c      |                       | 0.64 a-c | 0.65 bc      |                      |
| Masters Choice MCT6363         | RR,LL            | 3000GT            | 30.8 a   | 28.7 a              |        | 24.9 c  | 26.8 d        |                   | 67.4 ab  | 69.9 a        |                       | 0.65 ab  | 0.67 a       |                      |
| Average                        |                  |                   | 26.5     | 25.0                | 24.7   | 27.3    | 28.4          | 27.7              | 65.7     | 68.5          | 69.0                  | 0.63     | 0.65         | 0.67                 |
| Standard Error                 |                  |                   | 4.0      | 2.6                 | 2.6    | 2.4     | 1.8           | 1.5               | 1.2      | 2.3           | 1.3                   | 0.02     | 0.02         | 0.02                 |
| L.S.D. <sub>.05</sub>          |                  |                   | 5.1      | 3.1                 | N.S.   | 3.4     | 1.9           | N.S.              | 2.3      | 1.5           | 1.4                   | 0.02     | 0.02         | 0.02                 |
| C.V.                           |                  |                   | 24       | 22                  | 23     | 16      | 12            | 13                | 4        | 4             | 4                     | 5        | 4            | 4.00                 |
| Plots per entry (reps x locs.) |                  |                   | 12       | 24                  | 36     | 12      | 24            | 36                | 12       | 24            | 36                    | 12       | 24           | 36                   |

<sup>\*</sup> Hybrids marked with an asterisk were in the top performing "A" group for yield within two (\*\*) or three (\*\*\*) consecutive years of the previous three year evaluation period. † For a full description of abbreviated biotech traits, see table 6.

<sup>†</sup> Hybrids that have any MS letter in common, within a column, are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability using a least significiant difference (LSD) mean separation test.

¶ Quality values were calculated on a 100% dry matter (DM) basis

Table 3. Mean dry weight yields across and by location of 13 corn hybrids evaluated for silage in replicated small plot trials at four REC locations in Tennessee during 2018. Analysis included hybrid performance across a 1 yr (2018), 2 yr (2017-2018) and 3 yr (2016-2018) period.

| Hybrid                         | Herbicide<br>Pkg. <sup>†</sup> | Insect<br>Pkg. <sup>†</sup> | Avg.              | Yield Dry V<br>(tons/acre |        |      | Knoxville<br>(tons/acre |      |      | Crossville<br>(tons/acre) |      |      | Spring Hill<br>(tons/acre |      |      | Springfield<br>(tons/acre |      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|------|-------------------------|------|------|---------------------------|------|------|---------------------------|------|------|---------------------------|------|
|                                |                                |                             | 1 yr <sup>‡</sup> | 2 yr                      | 3 yr   | 1 yr | 2 yr                    | 3 yr | 1 yr | 2 yr                      | 3 yr | 1 yr | 2 yr                      | 3 yr | 1 yr | 2 yr                      | 3 yr |
| Croplan S5900VT2P***           | RR                             | VT2P                        | 8.8 a             | 8.9 a                     | 8.8 a  | 9.2  | 9.0                     | 8.8  | 9.1  | 9.3                       | 9.8  | 9.1  | 9.8                       | 8.7  | 8.0  | 7.6                       | 7.6  |
| TN Exp TN1803W                 | CONV                           |                             | 8.3 a             |                           |        | 8.7  |                         |      | 7.6  |                           |      | 9.7  |                           |      | 7.3  |                           |      |
| Augusta A7768***               | GT,LL                          | VIP3110                     | 8.2 a             | 8.5 ab                    | 8.4 ab | 7.3  | 7.9                     | 7.8  | 7.9  | 8.5                       | 8.7  | 9.6  | 10.2                      | 9.4  | 8.1  | 7.3                       | 7.3  |
| Terral 25BHR26                 | RR2,LL                         | YGCB,HX1                    | 8.0 a             | 8.2 b                     | 8.1 b  | 8.7  | 8.3                     | 7.9  | 7.5  | 8.1                       | 9.0  | 8.3  | 9.5                       | 8.4  | 7.5  | 6.8                       | 6.8  |
| Masters Choice MCT6552         | RR,LL                          | VIP3110                     | 8.0 a             |                           |        | 9.3  |                         |      | 6.7  |                           |      | 7.5  |                           |      | 8.4  |                           |      |
| Croplan S5700VT2P              | RR                             | VT2P                        | 8.0 a             |                           |        | 8.2  |                         |      | 8.0  |                           |      | 8.5  |                           |      | 7.3  |                           |      |
| Taylor Seed Farms 8890VT2P     | RR                             | VT2P                        | 7.9 a             |                           |        | 8.1  |                         |      | 7.3  |                           |      | 8.9  |                           |      | 7.3  |                           |      |
| Masters Choice MCT6653**       | RR,LL                          | 3000GT                      | 7.8 a             | 8.2 b                     |        | 7.4  | 7.9                     |      | 8.1  | 8.4                       |      | 7.6  | 8.8                       |      | 8.1  | 7.6                       |      |
| Croplan 5678SS**               | RR,LL                          | VT2P                        | 7.7 a             | 8.0 b                     |        | 8.3  | 8.3                     |      | 6.9  | 7.5                       |      | 8.0  | 9.2                       |      | 7.6  | 7.1                       |      |
| Masters Choice MCT6733         | RR,LL                          | 3000GT                      | 7.7 a             | 8.0 b                     |        | 7.7  | 8.3                     |      | 7.0  | 7.6                       |      | 8.1  | 8.6                       |      | 7.9  | 7.5                       |      |
| Terral 28BHR18                 | RR2,LL                         | YGCB,HX1                    | 7.6 a             |                           |        | 7.4  |                         |      | 6.9  |                           |      | 8.7  |                           |      | 7.5  |                           |      |
| Terral 25BHR89                 | RR2,LL                         | YGCB,HX1                    | 7.6 a             | 8.2 b                     |        | 6.7  | 8.1                     |      | 8.1  | 8.0                       |      | 7.4  | 9.9                       |      | 8.1  | 6.7                       |      |
| Masters Choice MCT6363         | RR,LL                          | 3000GT                      | 7.4 a             | 7.4 c                     |        | 8.0  | 7.7                     |      | 7.3  | 7.5                       |      | 7.1  | 8.0                       |      | 7.1  | 6.2                       |      |
| Average                        |                                |                             | 7.9               | 8.2                       | 8.5    | 8.1  | 8.2                     | 8.2  | 7.6  | 8.1                       | 9.2  | 8.4  | 9.3                       | 8.8  | 7.7  | 7.1                       | 7.2  |
| Standard Error                 |                                |                             | 0.3               | 0.5                       | 0.4    | 0.8  | 0.4                     | 0.4  | 0.6  | 0.6                       | 0.7  | 0.7  | 1.0                       | 1.2  | 0.5  | 0.7                       | 0.7  |
| L.S.D. <sub>.05</sub>          |                                |                             | N.S.              | 0.53                      | 0.50   | N.S. | N.S.                    | N.S. | N.S. | 1.10                      | N.S. | 1.48 | 1.10                      | N.S. | N.S. | 0.90                      | N.S. |
| C.V.                           |                                |                             | 14                | 11                        | 12     | 17   | 13                      | 15   | 14   | 11                        | 10   | 14   | 10                        | 11   | 10   | 10                        | 8    |
| Plots per entry (reps x locs.) |                                |                             | 12                | 24                        | 36     | 3    | 6                       | 9    | 3    | 6                         | 9    | 3    | 6                         | 9    | 3    | 6                         | 9    |

<sup>\*</sup> Hybrids marked with an asterisk were in the top performing "A" group for yield within two (\*\*) or three (\*\*\*) consecutive years of the previous three year evaluation period.

<sup>†</sup> For a full description of abbreviated biotech traits, see table 6.

<sup>‡</sup> Hybrids that have any MS letter in common, within a column, are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability using a least significant difference (LSD) mean separation test.

Table 4. Characteristics, as described by the seed company, of corn silage hybrids evaluated in yield tests in Tennessee during 2018<sup>†</sup>.

|                            |                |          |                        |                     | -               | -                           |                         |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hybrid <sup>‡</sup>        | Grain<br>Color | Maturity | Herbicide<br>Tolerance | Insect<br>Tolerance | Refuge in a Bag | Released or<br>Experimental | Seed Treatment          |
| Augusta A7768              | Υ              | 118      | GT,LL                  | VIP3110             | N               | R                           | Cruiser Maxx 250        |
| Croplan 5678SS             | Υ              | 116      | RR,LL                  | VT2P                | Υ               | R                           |                         |
| Croplan S5700VT2P          | Υ              | 116      | RR                     | VT2P                | Υ               | R                           |                         |
| Croplan S5900VT2P          | Υ              | 119      | RR                     | VT2P                | Υ               | R                           |                         |
| Masters Choice MCT6363     | Υ              | 113      | RR,LL                  | 3000GT              | N               | R                           | C250                    |
| Masters Choice MCT6552     | Υ              | 115      | RR,LL                  | VIP3110             | N               | R                           | 250                     |
| Masters Choice MCT6653     | Υ              | 116      | RR,LL                  | 3000GT              | N               | R                           | C250                    |
| Masters Choice MCT6733     | Υ              | 117      | RR,LL                  | 3000GT              | N               | R                           | C250                    |
| Taylor Seed Farms 8890VT2P | Υ              | 116      | RR                     | VT2P                | Υ               | R                           | ACC 250                 |
| Terral 25BHR26             | Υ              | 115      | RR2,LL                 | YGCB,HX1            | N               | R                           | Poncho1250+Votivo+Raxil |
| Terral 25BHR89             | Υ              | 115      | RR2,LL                 | YGCB,HX1            | N               | R                           | Poncho1250+Votivo+Raxil |
| Terral 28BHR18             | Υ              | 118      | RR2,LL                 | YGCB,HX1            | N               | R                           | Poncho1250+Votivo+Raxil |
| TN Exp TN1803W             | W              | FULL     |                        |                     | N               | E                           |                         |

<sup>†</sup> Information on this table provided by the respective seed companies. ‡ For a full description of abbreviated biotech traits, see table 6.

Table 5. Contact information for corn hybrid seed companies evaluated in silage tests in Tennessee during 2018.

| Company                  | Contact         | Phone        | Email                       | Web site              |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Augusta Seed Corporation | Matt Rawley     | 540-886-6055 | matt.rawley@augustaseed.com | www.augustaseed.com   |
| Croplan by Winfield      | Caleb Robertson | 731-614-5234 | clrobertson@landolakes.com  | www.croplan.com       |
| Master's Choice          | Kyle Vosburgh   | 866-444-1044 | kyle@seedcorn.com           | seedcorn.com          |
| Taylor Seed Farms        | Brad Taylor     | 785-595-3237 | brad@taylorseedfarms.com    | taylorseedfarms.com   |
| Terral Seed, Inc.        | Marty Hale      | 318-341-8814 | mhale@terralseed.com        | www.terralseed.com    |
| University of Tennessee  | Dennis West     | 865-974-8826 | dwest3@utk.edu              | plantsciences.utk.edu |

Table 6. Abbreviations used to identify biotech seed traits contained in corn silage hybrids evaluated in Tennessee in 2018.

| Abbreviation | Name  | Characteristic   |
|--------------|---|--|
| LL           | Bayer CropScience LibertyLink®                          | Glufosinate herbicide tolerance. Event: T25                    |
| ₹R           | Monsanto Roundup Ready® Corn                            | Glyphosate herbicide tolerance.                                |
| RR2          | Monsanto Roundup Ready® Corn 2                          | Glyphosate herbicide tolerance. Event: NK603                   |
| GT           | Syngenta Agrisure® GT                                   | Glyphosate herbicide tolerance. Event: SYTGA21                 |
| 3000GT       | Syngenta Agrisure® 3000GT                               | Cry1Ab, Corn Borer protection. Modified Cry3A, Protection of   |
|              |   | Western, Northern and Mexican Corn Rootworm. Glufosinate       |
|              |   | herbicide tolerance. Glyphosate tolerance. Event:              |
|              |   | SYTGA21+Bt11+MIR604  |
| HX1          | DowAgrosciences Pioneer Hi-Bred Herculex® I             | Cry1F, Western Bean Cutworm, Corn Borer, Black Cutworm         |
|              |   | and Fall Armyworm resistance. Glufosinate herbicide tolerance. |
|              |   | Event: TC1507  |
| SSX          | Monsanto Genuity™ SmartStax™ DowAgrosciences SmartStax™ | Cry1A.105, Cry2Ab2, Cry1F, Cry3Bb1, Cry34/35Ab1 Western,       |
|              |   | Northern, and Mexican Corn Rootworms, European and             |
|              |   | Southwestern Corn Borers, Sugarcane Borer, Southern            |
|              |   | Cornstalk Borer, Western Bean and Black Cutworms, Corn         |
|              |   | Earworm, Fall Armyworm protection. Glyphosate herbicide        |
|              |   | tolerance. Glyphosate herbicide tolerance. Event:              |
|              |   | Mon88017+Mon89034+TC1507+DAS59122-7                            |
| UD0110       | TV  | N. 01 0 11 5   |
| VIP3110      | Agrisure Viptera <sup>™</sup> 3110                      | Vip3A, Cry1Ab, European and Southwestern Corn Borers,          |
|              |   | Southern Cornstalk Borer, Fall and Beet Armyworm, Black and    |
|              |   | Western Bean Cutworm, Sugarcane Borer, Common Stalk            |
|              |   | borer and Dingy Cutworm protection Glyphosate                  |
| //D0444      | TM  | tolerance. Event: MIR162+Bt11+GA21                             |
| VIP3111      | Agrisure Viptera <sup>™</sup> 3111A                     | Vip3A, Cry1Ab. Protection from European and Southwestern       |
|              |   | Corn Borers, Corn earworm, Southern cornstalk borer, Fall and  |
|              |   | Beet armyworm, Black and Western Bean Cutworm, Sugarcane       |
|              |   | borer, Western, Northern and Mexican corn rootworm, Commor     |
|              |   | stalk borer and Dingy cutworm. Glyphosate tolerance. Contains  |
|              |   | Agrisure Artesian technology with multiple genes for season    |
|              |   | long drought protection. Event: MIR162+Bt11+GA21+MIR604        |
|              |   |  |
| /T2P         | Monsanto Genuity™ VT Double PRO™                        | Cry1A.105, Cry2Ab2, European and Southwestern Corn Borers      |
|              |   | Sugarcane Borer, Southern Cornstalk Borer, Corn Earworm,       |
|              |   | and Fall Armyworm protection. Glyphosate herbicide tolerance.  |
|              |   | Event: Mon89034+NK603  |
| YGCB         | Monsanto YieldGard® Corn Borer                          | Cry1Ab, European and Southwestern Corn Borers, Sugarcane       |
|              |   | Borer and Southern Cornstalk Borer protection. Event: Mon810   |
| RIB          | Refuge in Bag   |  |
| עוט          | Norugo iii Dag  |  |