



News Release

Xitavo™ soybean seed kicks off 2022 yield trials as a top performer

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., November 14, 2022 – [Xitavo™ soybean seed](#) takes home over a dozen first-place finishes as the first rounds of yield trial results start to roll in. Xitavo soybean seed is owned by [M.S. Technologies](#) and exclusively distributed by BASF.

So far this year, Xitavo has snagged 12 first place finishes, 118 top 10 finishes and 240 top 30 finishes in the [Farmers' Independent Research of Seed Technologies](#) (FIRST) trials. FIRST provides unbiased comparisons of soybean varieties with a mission of improving yield and profitability for American farmers. In the last two years, 17 Xitavo soybean seed varieties have placed first 26 times in the FIRST trials.

For the second year in a row, Xitavo soybean seed also performed exceptionally well in the [WinField United Answer Plot® testing program](#). This program collects valuable data across multiple geographies to help increase productivity and profitability for farmers.

Over the last two years, 13 Xitavo varieties were defined as National Performers by WinField. In 2022, five varieties were designated as a National Performer. In total, Xitavo had 11 varieties place in the top five nationally in RM tests 0.0-4.4.

“Xitavo is only a two-year-old brand and already getting the attention of soybean growers,” said Marc Hoobler, U.S. soybean agronomy lead for BASF. “We want growers to know we have their backs and help them feel confident in their decision to plant Xitavo brand soybeans.”

The chart below highlights several of the varieties that WinField ranked as National Performers and Regional Winners.

RM Test	Xitavo variety	National	East	East Central	West	West Central	North
0.0	XO 0311E	#3	not tested	not tested	not tested	not tested	#3
0.4	XO 0602E	#4	not tested	#1	not tested	#5	#9
0.8	XO 0993E	#3	not tested	#17	not tested	#1	#3
1.2	XO 1372E	#1	not tested	#2	not tested	#1	#1
1.6	XO 1632E	#4	#14	#2	not tested	#7	not tested
2.0	XO 2181E	#5	#17	#8	#11	#6	not tested
2.4	XO 2501E	#4	#12	#3	#4	#6	not tested
2.8	XO 2832E	#5	#5	#1	#14	#17	not tested
3.2	XO 3341E	#3	#16	#4	#6	#1	not tested
3.6	XO 3861E	#1	#15	#1	not tested	#12	not tested
4.0	XO 4132E	#9	#10	#6	not tested	#11	not tested
4.4	XO 4522E	#3	not tested	#2	not tested	#15	not tested

	National Performer
	Regional Winner

“As good as these varieties are, they get even better with the proper placement knowledge,” Hoobler said. “BASF wants to earn the trust of growers and prove our performance on their farms. Once we help a grower select the right variety, we can help them manage the variety for optimal performance with recommendations like tillage, planting rate and row spacing, as well as seed treatment or crop protection recommendations.”

For the 2023 season, Xitavo is offering 10 new soybean varieties. With these additions, the Xitavo seed portfolio includes a total of 39 varieties covering relative maturities 0.1 to 4.7. All new varieties feature Enlist E3[®] technology to combat difficult weeds and will be available for the 2023 growing season.

Xitavo is designed with the understanding that a high-performing crop starts with the seed. Enlist E3 soybeans offer growers an advanced herbicide-tolerant trait technology with maximum flexibility and convenience.

For more information about these high-yielding varieties, visit xitavosoybeanseed.com or contact your local BASF Authorized Retailer.

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