

DIACON® IGR.

Worth every penny for South Dakota corn grower.



According to the USDA, damage to corn and wheat from stored product insects is responsible for up to \$2.5 billion dollars in annual losses. Gary Olawsky has been farming for 41 years in Corsica, South Dakota, and has experienced this damage first hand.

"I've had a lot of problems in the past with bugs – particularly the saw-toothed grain beetle – and they definitely take a toll on my income," said Olawsky. "The elevator is very particular about what they accept, and they watch the corn very closely."

Working with his son and his wife, Judy, Olawsky grows corn, wheat and beans and raises feeder hogs and cattle. He typically stores 35,000 bushels of corn a year, and he sells it to the Farmers Alliance grain elevator in Corsica. Elevator Manager Melissa Johnson was experiencing problems of her own battling stored product insects until a Central Life Sciences representative introduced her to the company's Diacon® product, an insect growth regulator (IGR) used for the control of a wide range of stored product insects.

"In our first year of using Diacon® IGR, we stored into late winter and even early spring and found no evidence at all of any insect activity," Johnson said. "After that, I recommended that Gary and the rest of our growers start using it. When they saw our results, Diacon® IGR sold itself."

Olawsky had used a number of products for treating his corn in the past, but he cited the long-term control of Diacon® IGR as its strongest differentiator from any other product he had used before.

"Diacon® IGR lasts much longer in the bin than anything else I've tried. All of my corn usually sits for at least four months, but I've held corn treated with Diacon® IGR for as long as a year and a half. I was worried about what to expect when I finally checked on it, but when I opened the bin, there were no bugs or hot spots to be found."

Most recently before using Diacon® IGR, Olawsky was treating his stored corn with malathion-based products, but he did not like the smell of it or feel comfortable having his wife apply it to the grain. Though the cost of Diacon® IGR was slightly higher than he had been paying for malathion, he found the upgrade well worth the investment.

"The cost isn't even an issue because I easily make it up with how well my corn is kept. Even when I store for a year and a half, it still smells as fresh as the day I put it into the bin," said Olawsky. "Like anything else, you get what you pay for. Diacon® IGR was well worth the extra pennies."





When treating the corn, Judy applies the Diacon®-D IGR dry formulation to the product as it moves up the auger. The Olawskys have found that following the instructions and amounts exactly as specified on the label delivers the best protection of their grain and their profits.

“Since using Diacon® IGR, I’ve never had a problem taking my corn to the elevator,” said Olawsky. “I’ve never had to retreat it, either. It just doesn’t happen with Diacon® IGR. It’s a very good product.”

Diacon®-D IGR, a dry formulation, and Diacon® IGR, a liquid formulation, are EPA-approved, tolerance exempt insect growth regulators (IGR) used to control stored product insects by breaking the insect life cycle and preventing larvae from maturing into adults. Diacon®-D IGR is a dry formulation with versatile applications, including direct-to-grain or empty bin treatment. Diacon® IGR can be applied directly to grain or used in fogging applications and is approved virtually everywhere stored product insects are a problem — farm storage, large silos, peanut bins, food processing facilities and more.

(S)-methoprene, the active ingredient in Diacon® IGR, protects stored grains and raw agriculture commodities from damaging insects by interfering with the normal process of insect development. Diacon® IGR is effective against a broad range of insects, such as: almond moth, Indian meal moth, lesser grain borer, saw-toothed grain beetle, merchant beetle, red flour beetle, confused flour beetle, and others. Diacon® IGR can also be used to treat pet food, animal feedstuffs, birdseed and any other commodity you want to protect from storage insects.

For more information about Diacon®-D IGR or Diacon® IGR, call 1-800-248-7763 or visit online at www.diacon2.com.



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