



## CANADIAN CORN PEST COALITION

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### **Canadian Corn Pest Coalition Notice regarding 2012 Insect Resistance Management (IRM) Verification Program**

Bt corn products provide producers with an effective management tool against certain insect pests such as European corn borer and corn rootworm. Proper implementation of Insect Resistance Management (IRM) plans is necessary to reduce the potential of insects developing resistance to Bt crops. For this reason, under the authority of the *Seeds Act and Regulations*, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) authorizes the unconfined release of Bt corn products conditional upon implementation of an IRM plan by the developers. A key element of the IRM plan is ensuring that Bt corn growers implement a number of requirements related to refuge planting design and maintenance. As part of a program to verify the proper implementation of IRM strategies by the Bt corn industry, an IRM questionnaire will be conducted in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec by CFIA inspectors in 2012. Results of the questionnaire will be pooled from across Canada and analyzed to give CFIA an overall picture of the IRM implementation and compliance rates.