

Variety Use Agreement (VUA)

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What is the Variety Use Agreement (VUA)?

The Variety Use Agreement (VUA) platform is a web-based tool used to support and increase plant breeding investment and innovation by facilitating royalty collection in a cost-effective manner. It is built on the principles of value, transparency and choice for producers. The VUA applies to specific seed varieties as determined by plant breeders and their distributors.

When producers purchase a VUA variety and divert some of that grain at harvest for seed use and plant it the following spring, they will be invoiced a 'Variety Use Fee' for use of the variety. This fee (which is set at the time of certified seed purchase) will be invoiced to the producer every year that the farm saved seed of the VUA variety is grown.

Q: How will I know if a variety requires a VUA?

A: The VUA identifier will be on seed promotional material and the seed label/tag – the same way you would see a PBR'91 protected icon. You will also be required to sign the VUA when you purchase Certified seed of the variety.

Following is a list of varieties that are registered for use in WESTERN CANADA.

NOTE: This list is subject to change.

Varieties carrying a VUA As of October 1, 2022

Barley

Variety: Esa

Distributor: SeCan

Maximum VUA rate: \$7:00 per acre (Eastern Can.)
or \$2:00 pr acre (Western Canada)

Variety: RGT Planet Two-row

Distributor: SeCan

Maximum VUA rate: \$7:00 per acre (Eastern Can.)
or \$3:00 per acre (Western Canada)

Variety: KWS Kellie

Distributor: SeCan

Maximum VUA rate: \$7:00 per acre (Eastern Can.)
or \$3:00 per acre (Western Canada)

Wheat

Variety: CS Daybreak (CWRS)

Distributor: Canterra Seeds

Maximum VUA rate: \$2.00 per acre

Variety: CS Accelerate (CPSR)

Distributor: Canterra Seeds

Maximum VUA rate: \$2:00 per acre

Peas

Variety: DL Delicious

Distributor: FP Genetics

Maximum VUA rate: \$2.00 per acre

Fababean

Variety: DL Tesoro

Distributor: Riddell Seed Company

Maximum VUA rate: \$2:00 per acre

Pinto

Variety: ND Palomino

Distributor: Canterra Seeds

Maximum VUA rate: \$5:00 per acre

Soybean

Variety: ND17009GT

Distributor: SeCan

Maximum VUA rate: \$11.00 per acre