

My corn acres are planted to hybrids that pass my test.

I've learned over the years that almost everything works better if I have a plan; and that includes deciding which hybrids should go on the bulk of my corn acres. That's why no new hybrid makes it into my "permanent" lineup until I've seen it on my own farm for at least two years.

Take my Jacques 7820, for example. I started with it because it looked good on a neighbor's place all season long. Well, the two years I tested it were about as different from each other as any two years could be. But both times, 7820 was right up at the top in yields and acted like it was bred just for those conditions.

That made me wonder if I really needed to do my own testing – but I like the extra level of confidence it gives me.

So I'm still doing it. This year, my new one is Jacques 7970 and it'll get its chance at more acres if it outperforms the hybrid I'm comparing it against. I'll admit it's not a real complicated system; but it works for me.

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