

## PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT

The protection of intellectual property rights on plants is available through the Plant Variety Protection Act of 1970 (PVPA). This act was amended in 1994. The PVPA provides a certificate to the developer of a variety which grants exclusive rights for reproducing and marketing the seed. The act is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Two options are available with PVPA. With the first option the developer may sell either certified or uncertified seed of the variety. If this option is violated the certificate holder would use civil action to defend his or her rights. The second option utilizes the provision of Title V of the Federal Seed Act. A variety with this option may be legally sold by variety name only as a class of Certified seed. If this option is violated the violator could be prosecuted by the federal or state government.

Below is a partial list of protected varieties grown in Iowa in 2009. The varieties listed are referred to later in this directory. An asterisk denotes Title V protection. A <sup>P</sup> denotes the application is pending.

### OAT

Esker	Colt <sup>P</sup>	INO9201	Jay*
Jerry	Souris	Tack*	

To obtain a complete list of protected varieties request the "Official Journal of the Plant Variety Protection Office" at the following address:

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