



# OUR HISTORY OUR PROMISE OUR FUTURE

Stine® Seed Company was built on a foundation of science, independence and choice — an unparalleled combination when it comes to what growers want and need in a seed company.

For more than 50 years, we've taken great pride in being family owned and independently operated. With this independence, we are uniquely positioned to have priority access to the industry's top breeding programs, leading genetics and the most sought-after trait packages. Combine these benefits with the data from our Elite Yield Trials and we're able to deliver on our STINE HAS YIELD promise, ensuring growers have choice and the best high-yielding products that fit their operation.

The employees and products we carefully select to represent our brand are uniquely innovative and engrained in the values that drive the farming industry. However, before becoming the largest privately owned, independent corn and soybean company in the United States, we started from the ground up, much like the growers we serve. Here's our story.



 **STINE HAS YIELD**



# OUR HISTORY

**1960s** — After finding some unusual soybean plants in a field, Harry immediately became interested in soybean breeding and, from there, founded Stine Seed Farm. Stine Seed Farm housed a modern soybean seed production facility to assist in providing farmers high-yielding, elite genetics on a cost-effective basis



**1990s** — In 1992, Stine became one of the top four companies in the United States selling soybean seed. Also in 1992, Stine brand seed corn was introduced.

In 1999, Stine started its agronomy services program. Agronomists assist with product placement, host educational meetings and disseminate information about Stine products. Today, our business is divided into 25 different regions, each with a regional sales agronomist to represent and work with our independent sales representatives, dealers and growers.



**1940s** — Stine's history in agribusiness reaches back to the 1940s when Bill Stine began cleaning public variety soybean seed with a portable cleaner.



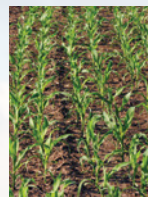
**1970s** — In 1973, Harry joined forces with Bill Eby to form Midwest Oilseeds, which has since become the largest and most successful soybean research and development program in existence, licensing genetics to companies throughout the United States. During this time, Stine also began a program to breed and develop high-yielding hybrid seed corn.



In 1979, Stine began selling branded soybean seed under the Stine Soybean Seeds label.



**2000s** — Stine introduced our HP Corn® initiative in 2012, experimenting with planting higher populations in 12-inch rows.



By 2014, Stine Seed Farm transitioned our operation from 12-inch row spacing to the HP Twin 20 planting system. In 2020, the Stine operation evolved again to 15-inch row spacing for both corn and soybeans.



## TODAY

Since our founding more than five decades ago, Stine has become one of the most recognized and respected names in the industry, with an established history of excellence. Our company products are tried and true, and our results have been proven again and again.

We have expanded our one-of-a-kind soybean and corn research programs, grown our sales territory nationwide and have added more than 400 employees and independent sales representatives. In an industry dominated by mega-conglomerates, Stine remains privately held and independent. Through our decades of experience and investments in science, data and rewarding partnerships, Stine has cultivated the ability to advance the best seed products and can develop them faster than even our closest competitors.

Stine has access to the industry's top breeding programs, which means we can select the best genetics and top traits for the products we offer in our corn and soybean lineup. Our unique Elite Yield Trial program ensures that the products we select for growers' fields are backed by the most accurate yield data in the industry and that we are advancing higher-yielding genetics faster than the rest of the industry.



We've also expanded our business internationally with initiatives on nearly every continent where corn and/or soybeans are grown, including our first-ever commercial sales efforts in South America. We have also introduced the industry's most expansive lineup of new soybean traits, including Stine® Enlist E3® and LibertyLink® GT27® brand soybeans.

## FUTURE

Stine's future is bright. Our goal is to remain the largest privately held corn and soybean company in the United States. We will continue to expand our research programs and work with the latest technologies in genetics, traits and precision agriculture to bring growers the best, most advanced solutions for their fields and growing environments.

We'll continue to grow our Elite Yield Trials program to generate the most accurate yield data in the industry. Stine's testing is unique and shaped by data and resources that nobody else in the industry has at their disposal.

We will continue to support our grower customers and dealers with our dedicated employees and outstanding salesforce — some of the best and brightest in the industry. We will continue to expand this team to better serve each of our grower customers as we expand our footprint throughout the United States.

## OUR PROMISE

STINE HAS YIELD is our brand promise. It is a position and a message that has stood the test of time and will continue to successfully carry Stine Seed Company into the future. It is at the core of everything we do — in the field, in the lab and in the minds of our team as we work with our dealers and growers.

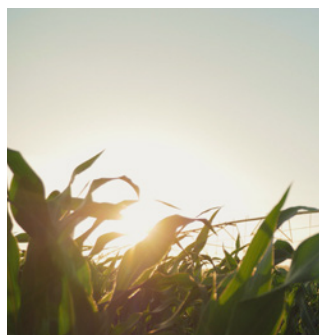
STINE HAS YIELD is rooted in farming, tested by research and strengthened by our access to the industry's best breeding programs, a dedicated workforce and the best corn and soybean products in the industry.







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