

YOUR “NEW” CYST TECH TEAM MEMBER...



Mark Seed Company is very proud to introduce the newest member of The Cyst Tech Team.

Dr. Ronald Secrist, Director of Cyst Tech Development

“I have been a soybean breeder for 32 years. I started while I was farming, and continued during my graduate studies at Iowa State University. During this time I released several soybean cultivars through MBS.

In 1989, I received my PhD in Plant Breeding and was hired by Dairyland Seed Company to be the Lead Soybean Breeder and Station Manager at their research station at Gibson City, Illinois. This station was at the fore front of Dairyland's efforts in developing SCN resistant cultivars using both greenhouse and field screening techniques. I was responsible for developing many of the company's successful SCN cultivars during the 1990's.

I was asked to start the Iowa Research Station in 1996 and we finally opened the Gilbert, Iowa station in 1998. I have been Lead Soybean Breeder and Station Manager in Iowa since then. The major emphasis has been breeding for high yield soybeans. Unlike Illinois, where breeding for defensive traits (disease and SCN resistance) was necessary, Iowa at that time had very little need for defensive traits. However now, breeding for high yield in SCN environments has become an important part of my breeding efforts.

Every year farmers plant over a million acres of the cultivars that I have bred. Six of the cultivars that I have bred have been awarded patents and another two are patent-pending.

Currently, I am Vice-President of the Iowa Crop Improvement Association and I am serving my second term on the Association's Board of Directors. I have also served as President, Vice-President, and Board member of the Commercial Soybean Breeders group.

I am joining Mark Seed because I am excited about bringing Cyst Tech technology to the farmer. I think Cyst Tech will revolutionize the way soybeans are produced. With the right genetics and management, 100 Bu/A soybeans are possible today.”

Ron ~



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