

Strong Showing in the 2025 FIRST Corn Trials

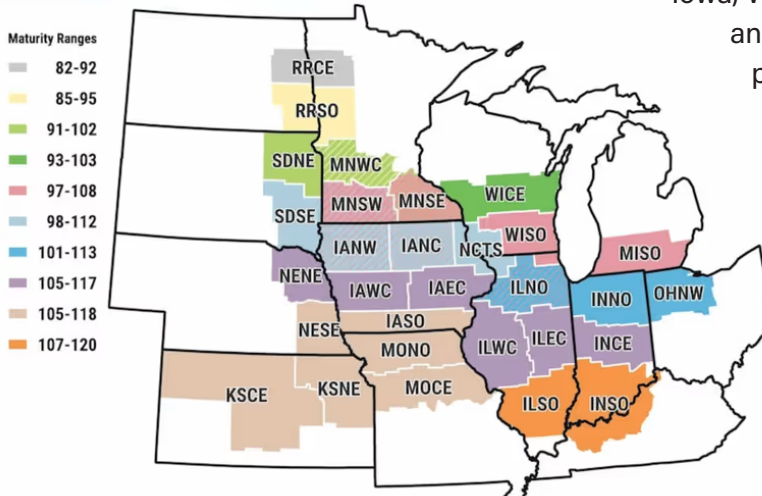
Renk continues to perform in the 2025 FIRST Corn Trials with products consistently ranking among the best across a wide geography and environments. Once again, Renk hybrids are demonstrating elite stability, with multiple products achieving 100% Top 30 finishes across all entered locations. Overall, Renk entries placed in the Top 30% more than 70% of the time—a strong validation of the performance depth across our lineup.

Product	Top 30 (%)	# Trials
RK583PCE	100	13
RK4545AV	100	5
RK444SSTX	100	5
RK8501PCE	100	5
RK4502VT2P	100	3
RK304VT2P	94	19
RK297VT2P	92	39
RK296AA	91	24
RK921VT2P	88	71
RK630TRE	88	62
RK785PCE	87	80
RK485DGV2P	86	69
RK5522SSPRO	83	6
RK773TRE	80	200
RK825VT4PRO	80	105
RK800VT4PRO	78	105
RK655VT4P	78	19
RK7590SSPRO	77	53
RK832SSPRO	75	48
RK889PCE	75	44
RK766SSPRO	74	796
RK582SSTX	74	66
RK958VT2P	73	175
RK705VT4PRO	72	70



As of late October, more than 85% of FIRST locations have been harvested, with results still coming in from parts of the western Corn Belt. The map above highlights this year’s FIRST testing footprint—blue markers indicate harvested trials, while grey markers show sites still pending harvest. These trials span an exceptionally wide geography, stretching from the Dakotas and Minnesota through Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, and into Kansas, Missouri, and Indiana, providing robust multi-environment performance data for every Renk product.

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Renk’s RK583PCE, RK8501PCE, RK4545AV, and RK444SSTX—continue to validate their strength with perfect Top 30 scores. Meanwhile, established performers like RK773TRE, RK785PCE, and RK630TRE show sustained reliability across hundreds of trials, proving why Renk products continue to be trusted in more fields each year with seed that works as hard as you!

Fall Fertilization: Setting Up for Next Season's Success

As combines continue to roll across the Corn Belt, many growers are already turning their attention to fall fertilization—one of the most strategic opportunities to prepare fields for next year's crop. The timing, placement, and nutrient decisions made now directly influence root strength, stand establishment, and yield potential for the 2026 season.

Why fall matters:

- Applying phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) in the fall is agronomically sound because these nutrients are relatively immobile in the soil and remain available for next year's crop. Field conditions are often more favorable in the fall, allowing better access and incorporation.
- For soils with lower pH, fall liming provides time for the material to react and adjust soil acidity before next spring's rapid growth—improving nutrient availability and early plant vigor.
- Fall fertilizer applications also help manage workload, freeing up valuable time in the spring for planting logistics, seed placement, and early-season field preparation.

Key considerations for Renk growers and dealers:

- Start with soil sampling. Use recent soil tests (0–6 inches for P and K) to fine-tune rates, avoid unnecessary costs, and identify fields that need nutrient rebuilding versus maintenance. Yield maps and drone imagery can help pinpoint sampling zones for even greater precision.
- Follow the 4 Rs: right rate, right source, right time, right place. Placement—whether broadcast or banded—can make a significant difference, especially when paired with early-season seed treatments or precision-planting strategies.
- Match the nutrient to the field's characteristics.
 - On heavier or high-CEC soils, fall-applied P and K typically perform well when incorporated with tillage.
 - On lighter or erosion-prone soils, consider conservation tillage or cover crops to protect fall-applied nutrients and reduce loss risk.
- Apply under the right conditions. Target cool, firm soils that are not saturated, and avoid forecasted heavy rainfall to minimize runoff and maximize nutrient retention.
- Coordinate fertility with hybrid placement. As you plan seed maps, trials, and grower plots, layer in fertility timing so that Renk's Top 30 performers start strong with balanced nutrition heading into 2026.

Take-home for 2026 planning:

- Use fall as the time to rebuild soil fertility in fields where you plan to feature or expand Renk genetics.
- Review 2025 performance data and yield maps to identify areas needing stronger base fertility.
- Align fall fertilizer applications with your overall agronomic plan to give each hybrid the foundation it needs for top-end performance.

References:

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