

## WHO IS SYNGENTA AND WHY ARE THEY BEING SUED?

Syngenta is a global Swiss agribusiness that markets seeds and agrochemicals. In 2011, Syngenta released MIR162, a genetically engineered corn trait, to the US market. It was called “Agrisure Viptera”. Viptera was designed to be resistant from insects such as the corn borer and corn rootworm. Syngenta brought the seed to market without it being approved for sale in China. At the same time it was marketing the seed, Syngenta told investors that they expected to be approved within days. In June of 2013, China found traces of Viptera in US corn shipments and subsequently shut down US corn imports.

## HOW DID SYNGENTA DAMAGE CORN PRICES?

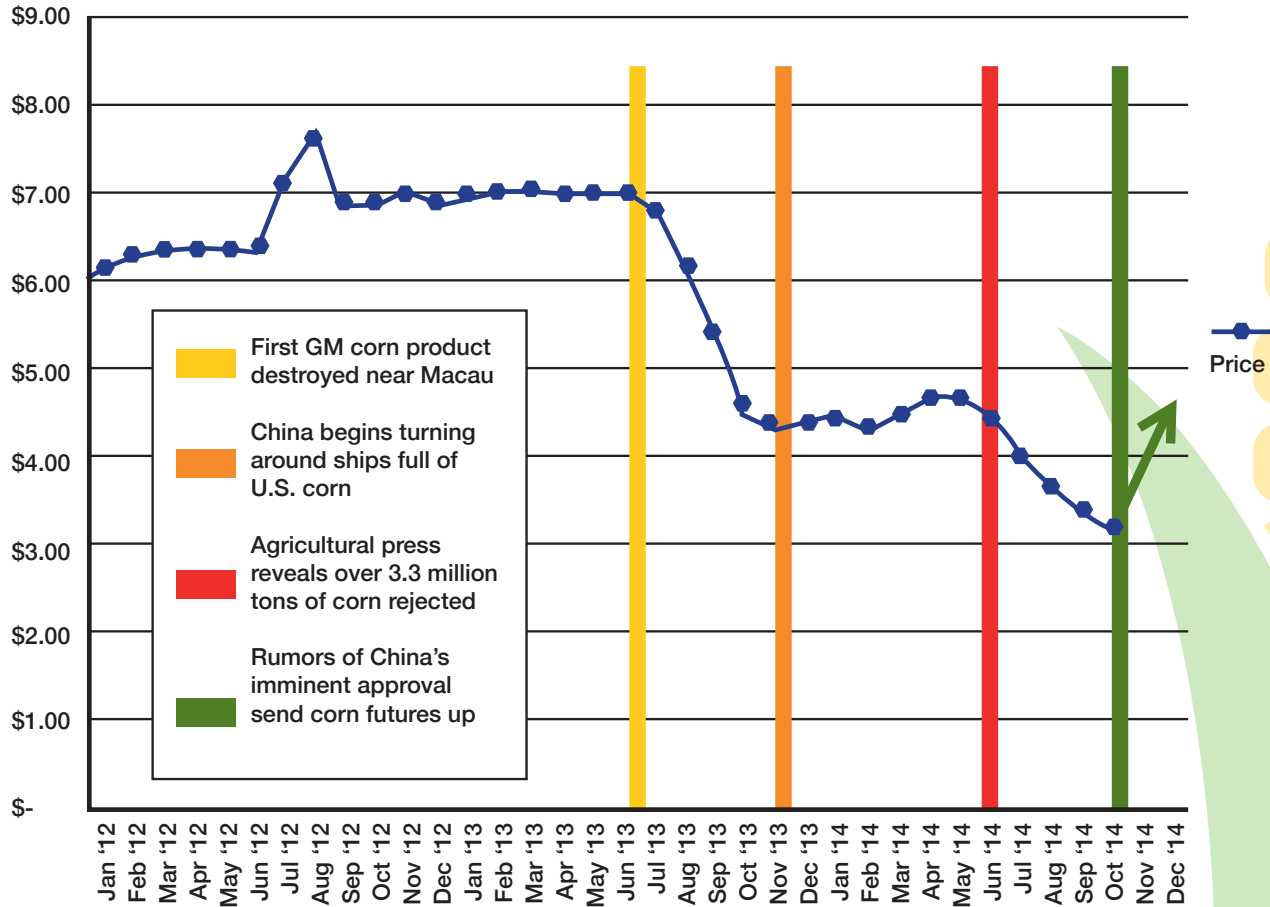
China finally approved Viptera on December 16, 2014. Between November 2013 and March 2014, 3.327 million metric tons of US corn were either rejected or diverted. An analysis done by the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) estimated that the trade disruption with China over unapproved Syngenta Agrisure Viptera corn amounted up to a \$2.9 billion loss from both corn and soy. The USDA had predicted China to import 7 million metric tons of corn in 2013, but as a result of the rejection of shipments due to Viptera contamination, the US only exported 1.23 million metric tons to China.

## CORN PRICES FALL AFTER CHINA REJECTS VIPTERA CONTAMINATED US CORN.

In April, May and June of 2013, corn was selling at near \$7/bushel. China began rejecting US corn and prices then fell to \$4.4/bushel by November. By October of 2014, prices had fallen to \$3.3/bushel.



### HISTORICAL CORN PRICES



### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SEEK DAMAGES?

Anyone who sold corn in 2013 and/or 2014 could potentially have a claim, including: farmers, grain elevators, landowners and commodity traders.

### HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

- Mass Tort claims like these can take 18-24 months. Some can go even longer.
- The Rice cases took several years.
- Pradaxa cases took less than 2 years.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO GET?

Experts estimate damages to range between 11 cents and \$1 a bushel.

## HOW MUCH DO I HAVE TO BE INVOLVED?

It takes very little effort to sign up: about 10 minutes of paperwork and a signed agreement. At some point we may need some of the following paperwork:

- FSA forms showing production and price of corn from 2012 to present;
- Crop insurance records;
- Court-ordered plaintiff fact sheets.

Fewer than 1% of the farmers who file claims are likely to be deposed.

## WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

We work on a contingency fee basis which means we would only be paid from a recovery of your damages. If there is no recovery, there is no fee. The fee is 40% of the recovery.

## QUESTIONS?

If you or someone you know was negatively impacted by Syngenta's seed, contact an attorney at Hensley Legal Group today for a free consultation. If you have questions about a Syngenta Corn Lawsuit our attorneys can help you understand your options. Call our office any time at 1-888-505-8232, or reach us online at [www.HensleyLegal.com](http://www.HensleyLegal.com). Fill out the 'Get Help Now' form and someone from our office will contact you as soon as possible to talk about your claim.

