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 The recent dramatic changes to the global economy have caused a drop in oil prices and gasoline demand. In turn this has reduced the demand for ethanol and has placed the corn market under pressure. Ontario has grown its export market in addition to the ethanol market over the past number of years. One of the major export customers is the European Union and Canadian corn has an advantage over U.S. corn due to tariffs placed on U.S. corn by the EU. Since the ethanol demand is reducing more of Ontario corn will have to be either fed or exported.

There are a number of seed companies namely Brevant and Pioneer that have developed new corn seed genetics that are approved for North America but not approved in the EU yet have chosen to still release the seed for production. The EU approval is expected to be this year but there are no guarantees. The development of new genetic technology is fully supported by Sunderland Co-op and the seed companies that Sunderland Co-op supports are not affected by these restrictions. We are fully committed to supplying the product that the end user markets demand while providing good agronomic products and advice to our members.

Sunderland Co-op will **not accept** corn to our grain elevator grown from seed varieties that are not compliant with EU trade requirements.

Please contact us if you have planted the affected varieties and we will try to trade this corn direct from your farm.

The list of affected varieties is included in the following press release from GFO and Ontario Agri Business Association
https://www.oaba.on.ca/files/cornhybrids.pdf

Seed companies are continuing to work with export markets on approvals. Growers are asked to check with their seed supplier for updates.