





Breeding Objectives:

Cold germination Early vigor Husk protection Disease resistance Eating quality



Two sugary-enhancer sweet corn populations • Early population: MDseE • Late population: MDseL

- AmbrosiaIncredible

- ArgentDelectable



Recurrent Selection



Summer 2008:

100 rows planted of each population at Gardens Of Eagan Farm in Minnesota

Each row represents a single ear

Approximately 12 rows selected for recombination





Remnant Seed

Before planting in Minnesota, a portion of seed from each ear-row are preserved in cold storage at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

After selection, kernels from the desired rows are retrieved and sent to winter nursery.

Winter nursery: South America



Controlled pollinations via paired row crosses Row 1: remnant seed from one selected ear Row 2: remnant seed mixture from all remaining ears

The breeding continues . . .

MDseE and MDseL have undergone four cycles of selection

In 2012, we will begin making improvements on population uniformity



Hopeful release of open-pollinated population by 2014