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Bayer unveils eight DEKALB corn varieties and crop protection innovations at Chinaâ??s CIIE 2026

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The company showcased new maize varieties for China's major growing regions alongside seed treatments, biostimulants and vegetable seed technologies to strengthen its agricultural portfolio



Bayer Crop Science has unveiled eight DEKALB corn varieties and highlighted a range of crop protection and vegetable seed innovations at the ninth China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai, reinforcing its commitment to China's agricultural market.

The company's exhibition featured eight China-first product introductions and six products making their CIIE debut, spanning crop protection, corn seeds and vegetable seeds. The portfolio reflects Bayer's focus on improving crop productivity, strengthening plant resilience and developing agricultural solutions tailored to local growing conditions.

In crop protection, Bayer showcased De Lai Amino Acid Magnesium, a biostimulant containing 19 free-form L-amino acids and magnesium to support crop nutrition and stress management. The De Lai portfolio covers mineral nutrition fertilisers, biostimulants and microbial inoculants.

Seed treatment was another major focus, with Bayer presenting Ougude and Fengkeqi, two products designed to protect crops during early growth stages. Ougude targets soil-borne and seed-borne diseases, while Fengkeqi addresses sheath blight, root rot and aphids. According to Bayer, the two products have undergone more than 400 local trials.

The company also introduced its Seed Coating Service Station initiative, designed to provide seed treatment services to distributors and growers. Bayer highlighted its expanding digital sales presence across five Chinese e-commerce platforms, including Tmall, JD.com, Douyin, Pinduoduo and Kuaishou.

In its seed business, Bayer presented eight DEKALB corn varieties targeting three major maize-producing regions in China. Five varieties—A2215, F2306, C2218, L2358 and K2325—are intended for the Northeast, while Q2402 and G2182 target the Huang-Huai-Hai region. DEKALB 2135 is positioned for the Northwest.

The varieties are designed to address regional requirements for yield stability, adaptability and disease resistance. Bayer said L2358 expands its offering for mid-to-late-maturing spring corn production, while DEKALB 2135 offers improved stalk rot resistance.

Alongside its seed portfolio, Bayer has established more than 10 DEKALB learning centres in China's spring corn-growing regions, supporting field demonstrations and technical training that have reached over 5,000 participants.

Bayer's Seminis and De Ruiter vegetable seed brands also showcased several varieties, including the Starlisher cherry tomato, Saint Sweet Effie bicolour sweet corn, Saint Sweet White Pearl sweet corn, SVBL0068 broccoli and Provence tomato.

The vegetable seed portfolio focuses on combining agronomic performance, disease resistance and harvesting efficiency with consumer preferences for quality and flavour.

Bayer Crop Science Greater China General Manager Hu Mengying reaffirmed the company's commitment to developing agricultural products and technologies suited to Chinese farmers, as it continues expanding its crop protection and seed businesses in the country.