

# PIONEER INFO BULLETIN

## Maize Hybrid P6862

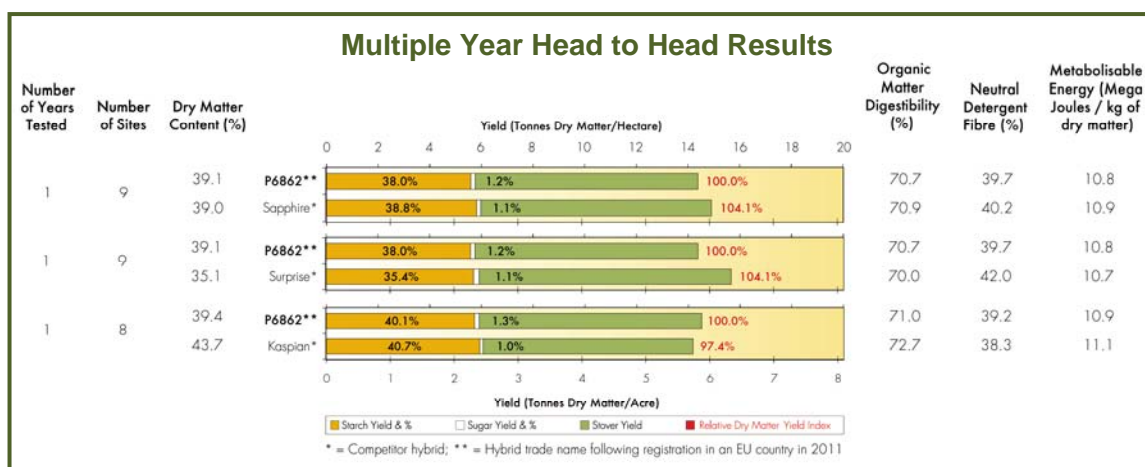
Pioneer is very pleased to announce that its new very early forage maize hybrid, [P6862](#), has been added to the UK National List by FERA. This means it can be purchased by farmers for cultivation in 2011.

“This hybrid represents a step forward in earliness of maturity for Pioneer’s PACTS Range of varieties in the UK” says Pioneer’s UK & Ireland Business Manager, Andy Stainthorpe. The results from both FERA National List Trials and Pioneer’s own PACTS Trials show it to be exceptionally early, (see table below).

FERA UK NATIONAL LIST RESULTS 2009 & 2011 - PERFORMANCE CHARACTERS					
Variety	Dry Matter Yield as % of Control	Dry Matter Content (%)	Adjusted Yield against DM (%)	Vigour (1 - 9)	Lodging (%)
P6862	100	38.4	107	6.9	0.3
Mean of Control Varieties	100	32.9	100	7.1	0.4
Avenir (Control Variety)	94	36.6	99	7.1	0.2
Nescio (Control Variety)	100	30.6	97	6.9	0.3
Apostrof (Control Variety)	105	31.5	104	7.3	0.8
Actual Mean Yield of Control Varieties	(16.77 t/ha)		(16.63 t/ha)		
<b>Mean</b>	100	33.5	101	7.1	0.7

“A dry matter content that is 1.8 % higher than the earliest control variety, Avenir, makes P6862 one of the very earliest varieties available to the UK grower”, explains Stainthorpe.

Pioneer’s own UK PACTS Trials Results for 2011 shows P6862 can be classified as a Maturity Class 10 hybrid when grown on favourable sites and a Class 11 when grown on less favourable sites. The head to head results of P6862 against competitor varieties Sapphire, Surprise and Kaspien underline the performance of this very early hybrid.



Farmer prices for P6862 will be released shortly but to avoid disappointment, those growers who are looking for a very early variety, should be encouraged to place orders for P6862 as soon as possible.



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