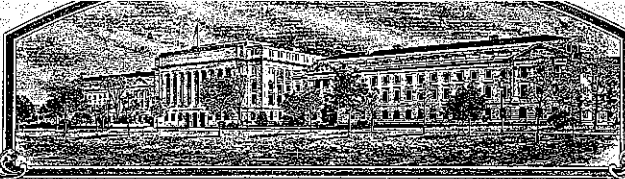


No.

9800098



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station
University of Minnesota

Whereas THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HERELUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. IN THE UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY (1) SHALL BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASSIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE NUMBER OF GENERATIONS SPECIFIED BY THE OWNER OF THE REGISTERED VARIETY. (STAT. 1542 AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'MN0301'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty sixth day of November, in the year two thousand two.

Attest:

Robert J. Jahn

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary of Agriculture

William B. Ewing



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

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APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate) Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station University of Minnesota		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER M89-111	3. VARIETY NAME MN8301 (BT:11/15/02) MN-0301
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 190 Coffey Hall R.S. 1127/98 1420 Eckles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) (612) 625-4211 9773 (BT:11/15/2002)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9800098
7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max		6. FAX (include area code) (612) 625-2863 (12/98) 624-7724 (BT:11/15/2002)	FILING DATE 01/29/1998
8. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE: \$ 2,460.00 DATE 1/29/98	
9. CROP KIND NAME (Common name) Soybean		CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 320.00 DATE 9/20/02	
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name) University		11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION	
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION		12. DATE OF INCORPORATION	
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS J.H. Orf Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, 411 Borlaug Hall, University of Minnesota 1991 Upper Buford Circle St. Paul, MN 55108		14. TELEPHONE (include area code) (612) 625-8275	
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13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS		15. FAX (include area code) (612) 625-1268	
16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety d. <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional) e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,460), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO)			
17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 20)			
18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate. The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) <i>Marilyn R. DeLong</i>		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))	
NAME (Please print or type) Marilyn R. DeLong		NAME (Please print or type)	
CAPACITY OR TITLE Deputy Director, MAES	DATE 1/27/98	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE

Exhibit A

Origin and Breeding History of MN0301 Soybean

'MN0301' soybean traces to the F₄ progeny of a F₃ plant harvested from a population that had been advanced by a modified single seed descent procedure from the cross Maple Donovan x M82-303. The pedigree of M82-303 is M70-330 x M68-176. M70-330 is a selection from M62-93 x M64-3. M62-93 has the pedigree Merit x M406. M406 has the pedigree Harosoy x Norchief. M64-3 is a selection from the cross Traverse x PI 196163. PI 196163 is the variety Tokachinagaha introduced from Japan in 1951. M68-176 has the pedigree Merit x Beeson. Bulk seed of the F₄ row was designated M89-111 and was used for yield testing in the F₅ (1990). Subsequent tests of strain M89-111 (SL89-111 or ND(M) 89-111) were conducted in North Dakota in the F₆ (1991) and F₇ (1992) and in Minnesota in the F₇ (1992). In the F₇ generation 50 typical plants were harvested individually to initiate purification for observable traits including reaction to race 1 of phytophthora root rot. In the F₈ (1993) M89-111 (SL89-111) was entered in the maturity group 0 Regional Soybean test. In 1993 forty rows were grown for purification purposes. Twenty-one rows appeared uniform for plant and seed characteristics including reaction to race 1 of phytophthora root rot, therefore seed of these rows were bulked to provide breeder's seed. In the F₉ (1994), F₁₀ (1995), F₁₁ (1996) M89-111 continued to be tested in the Uniform Regional Soybean Test Maturity Group O. In the F₉ (1994) a small increase of breeders seed was made. In the F₁₀ (1995) Foundation Seed was produced by the Minnesota Foundation Seed Organization. In 1996 Foundation Seed was shared with other states for increase. In the F₁₁ (1996) seed was increased and M89-111 was approved for release as MN0301. On February 15, 1997 seed of MN0301 was released to growers in Minnesota and South Dakota. No off type or variants were noted in the seed multiplication process of MN0301 over three generations. MN0301 has been stable and uniform for the characteristics described in Exhibit C and meets seed certification standards.

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Exhibit B

Statement of Distinctiveness

MN0301 soybean is most similar to 'Agassiz' soybean. MN0301 is approximately three days later in maturity than Agassiz. The yield of MN0301 is about 10% greater than Agassiz. MN0301 is about two inches taller than Agassiz. Seed of MN0301 is about 1.2 grams per 100 seed larger than Agassiz. MN0301 has about 1.3 percent lower protein content and similar oil content compared to Agassiz. Seed of MN0301 has yellow hila while seed of Agassiz has buff hila.

Data comparing MN0301 and Agassiz is taken from the Uniform Test 0, Northern States 1993-1996 (a total of 27 tests for most tests).

Variety	Date mature	Yield bu/a	Height inches	Lodging score	Seed quality score	Seed size g/100	Protein %	Oil %
MN0301	9/14	45.0	31 (79cm)	1.7	1.8	16.0	41.0	20.5 20.3
Agassiz	9/11	40.9	29 (74cm)	1.4	1.8	14.8	42.5	20.1 20.1

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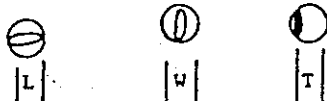
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OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
 SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station University of Minnesota	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION M89-111	VARIETY NAME MN0301
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 190 Coffey Hall ^{R.S.} 11/27/98 1420 Eckles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9800098	

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
 3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
 4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a) 2 = Type B (SP1^b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
 3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
 4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify) _____

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11. LEAFLET SIZE:

2

1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

3

1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

2

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

2

1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

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1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

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0

Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

★

0

Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

★

0

Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★

0

Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)

Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

★

0

Race 1

Race 2

Race 3

Race 4

Race 5

Other (Specify)

0

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)

0

Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)

0

Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

★

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Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)

0

Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

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19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

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FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ 0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
- 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ 2 Race 1 0 Race 2 1 Race 3 0 Race 4 0 Race 5 0 Race 6 0 Race 7
- 0 Race 8 0 Race 9 Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ 1 Race 1 0 Race 2 0 Race 3 0 Race 4 Other (Specify) _____
- 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- 0 OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ 1 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- 0 Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- 0 Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	Ozzie	Seed Coat Luster	Ozzie
Leaf Shape	Ozzie	Seed Size	Ozzie
Leaf Color	Ozzie	Seed Shape	Ozzie
Leaf Size	Ozzie	Seedling Pigmentation	Ozzie

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data 1993-1996 URT Group 0

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
MN0301 Submitted	119	1.7	79	71	114	41.0	20.5 20.1 ^{8/1/2000}	16.0	2.4
Agassiz Name of Similar Variety	116	1.4	73	67	113	42.5	20.1 20.5 ^{8/1/2000}	14.8	2.4

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station University of Minnesota	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER M89-111	3. VARIETY NAME 'MNB581' (BT: 11/15/02) MN 0301
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 190 Coffey Hall R.S. 1/27/98 1420 Eckles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108	5. TELEPHONE (include area code) (612) 625-4211	6. FAX (include area code) (612) 625-0286 7. PVPO NUMBER 9300098

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, please explain.

YES NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? If no, give name of country

YES NO

10. Is the applicant the original owner? YES NO If no, please answer the following:

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?

YES NO If no, give name of country _____

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company, is the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?

YES NO If no, give name of country _____

11. Additional explanation on ownership (If needed, use reverse for extra space):

The University of Minnesota is the employer of the breeder who developed MN 0301.

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

- If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
- If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
- If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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