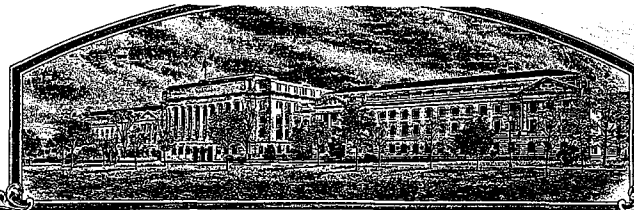


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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Holden's Foundation Seeds U. S. C.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

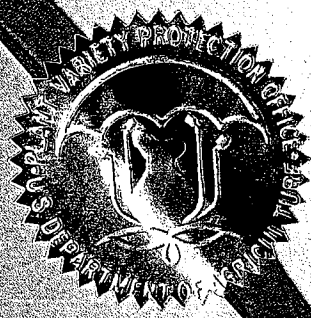
Secretary of Agriculture

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 HEREUNTO 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. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

CORN, FIELD

'LH254'



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 tenth day of March, in the year two thousand three.

Attest:

Paul M. Zahrad

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Ernest Emerson

Secretary of Agriculture

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

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

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 OWNER Holden's Foundation Seeds L.L.C.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NAME Ex 4641	3. VARIETY NAME LH254
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 503 S. Maplewood Ave. P.O. Box 839 Williamsburg, IA 52361		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) (319) 668-1100	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 200100137 FILING DATE March 16, 2001
6. FAX (include area code) (319) 668-2453		9. DATE OF INCORPORATION December 1, 1997	
IF THE OWNER NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Limited Liability Company	8. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Iowa		
10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION. (First person listed will receive all papers) Mr. Mark Armstrong Holden's Foundation Seeds L.L.C. 503 S. Maplewood Ave. Williamsburg, IA 52361			FILING AND EXAMINATION FEES: \$ 2705.00 DATE 03/15/2001 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 3200 DATE 2/10/2003

11. TELEPHONE (Include area code) (319) 668-1100	12. FAX (Include area code) (319) 668-2453	13. E-MAIL mark.armstrong@holdens.com	14. CROP KIND (Common Name) Corn, Field
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18. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)		19. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety		<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes", answer items 20 and 21 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 22)	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness		20. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF CLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety		IF YES, WHICH CLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional)		21. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT THE CLASSES BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Owner's Ownership		IF YES, SPECIFY THE NUMBER 1, 2, 3, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
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)		(If additional explanation is necessary, please use the space indicated on the reverse.)	
g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,705), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to the Plant Variety Protection Office)		23. IS THE VARIETY OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE VARIETY PROTECTED BY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT (PLANT BREEDER'S RIGHT OR PATENT)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
22. HAS THE VARIETY (INCLUDING ANY HARVESTED MATERIAL) OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THIS VARIETY BEEN SOLD, DISPOSED OF, TRANSFERRED, OR USED IN THE U. S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		IF YES, GIVE COUNTRY, DATE OF FILING OR ISSUANCE AND ASSIGNED REFERENCE NUMBER. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)	
IF YES, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DATE OF FIRST SALE, DISPOSITION, TRANSFER, OR USE FOR EACH COUNTRY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)			

24. The owners 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 owner(s) is(are) the owner 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.

Owner(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER 	SIGNATURE OF OWNER
NAME (Please print or type) Dave Westphal	NAME (Please print or type)
CAPACITY OR TITLE Chief Operating Officer	DATE March 30, 2001
CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E; (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable (*in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant*) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$2,700 (\$320 filing fee and \$2,385 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfilled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 500, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. **DO NOT** use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$320 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

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Homepage: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pvp.htm>

ITEM

- 8a. Give: (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method; (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication; (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 8b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
- (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
 - (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
 - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 8c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 8d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 8e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
9. If "Yes" is specified (*seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed*), the applicant **MAY NOT** reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
1. See Section 83 of the Act for the Contents and Term of Plant Variety Protection.
 2. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
 3. See Section 5.5 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.

1. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)

2. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)

3. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

Details listed on page one of Exhibit A.

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for filing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the variety names proposed by contacting: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center—East, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089.

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Origin and Breeding History of the Inbred

Exhibit A

The development of LH254 was initiated from the single cross of LH212Ht x LH218. This single cross was then crossed by LH210. This combination, LH210(LH212Ht x LH218) was then self pollinated using the pedigree system of plant breeding in the development of LH254. Yield, stalk quality, root quality, disease tolerance, late plant greenness, late plant intactness, ear retention, pollen shedding ability, silking ability and corn borer tolerance were the criteria used to determine the rows from which ears were selected during the development of LH254.

LH210, LH212Ht and LH218 the progenitors of LH254, are all proprietary field corn inbred lines of Holden's Foundation Seeds, LLC, of Williamsburg, Iowa. In 1991, Holden's applied for plant variety protection of LH212Ht. On December 31, 1992, LH212Ht was awarded certificate #9100070. LH212Ht is also protected by a utility patent #5,276,260 issued by the United States Patent Office on January 4, 1994. In 1990, Holden's Foundation Seeds, LLC, applied for plant variety protection of LH210. On May 31, 1991, LH210 was awarded certificate #9000050. LH210 is also protected by a utility patent from the United States Patent Office. The utility patent was issued on January 4, 1994, and is patent #5,276,262. In 1993, Holden's Foundation Seeds, LLC, applied for plant variety protection of LH218. On May 31, 1994, LH218 was awarded certificate #9300300. LH218 is also protected by a utility patent from the United States Patent Office. The utility patent was issued on July 25, 1995, and is patent #5,435,387.

On the following pages are a summary and description of the development of LH254. Also included are copies of pages from Holden's Foundation Seeds, LLC nursery books. The rows associated with the development of LH254 have been highlighted. The initial cross recorded in the nursery book lists Ex2640 and LH212. Ex2640 became LH218. Please also note the "Ht" designation following LH212 has been dropped for convenience from the nursery book pages. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from the USDA Seed Branch confirming that no other field corn inbreds have been named, 'LH254'.

LH254 has shown uniformity and stability for all traits described in Exhibit C. It has been self-pollinated and ear-rowed a sufficient number of generations, with careful attention to uniformity of plant type to ensure homozygosity and phenotypic stability. The line has been increased both by hand (Iowa 1997, 1998 and Hawaii 1998) and sibbed in isolated production fields (Hawaii 2000 and Iowa 2000) with continued observations for uniformity. Terry J. Foley, the originating plant breeder, has observed LH254 all five generations it has been increased. The line is uniform, stable and no variant traits have been observed or are anticipated in LH254.

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Origin and Breeding History of the Inbred
LH254 = Ex4641 = LH210)(LH212 x LH218

<u>Field/Row</u>	<u>Pedigree</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Year</u>
Bin & Staley	LH254	Iowa	2000
99KA6A13	LH254	Hawaii	2000
26605-26614	Ex4641	Iowa	1998
12532	Ex4641	Hawaii	1998
19167	LH210)(LH212 x LH218 @7	Iowa	1997
1922	LH210)(LH212 x LH218 @6	Iowa	1996
8762	LH210)(LH212 x LH218 @5	Hawaii	1996
13966 1995	LH210)(LH212 x LH218 @4	Indiana	
6877	LH210)(LH212 x LH218 @3	Hawaii	1995
453 1994	LH210)(LH212 x LH218 @2	Indiana	
10918	LH210)(LH212 x LH218 @1	Iowa	1993
32559	LH210)(LH212 x LH218	Hawaii	1993
42535	LH210	Iowa	1992
42531	LH212 x LH218		
34844	LH212	Hawaii	1992
34841	Ex2640		

Novelty Statement

Exhibit B

LH254 is most similar to LH210, however, the most distinguishing difference is brace root color. Anthocyanin is present in the brace roots of LH254 causing the brace roots of LH254 to be solid red in color. Anthocyanin is absent in the brace roots of LH210 and the brace roots are green in color.

The anther color of LH254 is yellow while the anther color of LH210 is red. When using the Munsell Color Charts for Plant Tissues as a reference, the anther color of LH254 would be classified as 2.5GY 8/6 while the anther color of LH210 would be classified as 2.5R 4/4.

There is a bar at the base of the glumes of LH210. The bar at the base of the glume is absent on LH254.

The silk color of LH254 is light green (2.5GY 8/8) while the silk color of LH210 is red (5R 3/4).

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OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
CORN (*Zea mays* L.)

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5. LEAF:			Standard Deviation	Sample Size		Standard Deviation	Sample Size	
*	<u>1 0.7</u> cm Width of Ear Node Leaf		<u>1.13</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>1 0 0</u>	<u>.87</u>	<u>50</u>
*	<u>8 0.2</u> cm Length of Ear Node Leaf		<u>2.61</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>7 8 0</u>	<u>2.81</u>	<u>50</u>
*	<u>5</u> Number of leaves above top ear		<u>.65</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>.49</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>2 5</u> degrees Leaf Angle (measure from 2nd leaf above ear at anthesis to stalk above leaf)		<u>3.84</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>3 3</u>	<u>5.65</u>	<u>50</u>
*	<u>0 2</u> Leaf Color (Munsell code <u>5GY 4/4</u>)					<u>0 2</u> (Munsell code <u>7.5GY 3/4</u>)		
	<u>3</u> Leaf Sheath Pubescence (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=like peach fuzz)					<u>2</u>		
	<u>3</u> Marginal Waves (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=many)					<u>4</u>		
	<u>4</u> Longitudinal Creases (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=many)					<u>3</u>		
6. TASSEL:			Standard Deviation	Sample Size		Standard Deviation	Sample Size	
*	<u>6</u> Number of Primary Lateral Branches		<u>1.65</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>1.11</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>2 3</u> Branch Angle from Central Spike		<u>8.81</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>4 9</u>	<u>11.56</u>	<u>50</u>
*	<u>5 1 3</u> cm Tassel Length (from top leaf collar to tassel tip)		<u>2.97</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>4 9.9</u>	<u>2.78</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>7</u> Pollen Shed (Rate on scale from 0=male sterile to 9=heavy shed)					<u>7</u>		
	<u>0 5</u> Anther Color (Munsell code <u>2.5GY 8/6</u>)					<u>0 5</u> (Munsell code <u>2.5GY 8/6</u>)		
	<u>0 2</u> Glume Color (Munsell code <u>5GY 6/6</u>)					<u>0 2</u> (Munsell code <u>5GY 5/6</u>)		
	<u>1</u> Bar Glumes (Glume Bands): 1=Absent 2=Present					<u>1</u>		
7a. EAR (Unhusked Data):								
*	<u>0 1</u> Silk Color (3 days after emergence) (Munsell code <u>2.5GY 8/8</u>)					<u>0 9</u> (Munsell code <u>5Y 7/4</u>)		
	<u>0 1</u> Fresh Husk Color (25 days after 50% silking) (Munsell code <u>2.5GY 7/8</u>)					<u>0 1</u> (Munsell code <u>2.5GY 7/6</u>)		
	<u>2 1</u> Dry Husk Color (65 days after 50% Silking) (Munsell code <u>7.5YR 7/4</u>)					<u>2 1</u> (Munsell code <u>7.5YR 7/4</u>)		
*	<u>1</u> Position of Ear at Dry Husk Stage: 1=Upright 2=Horizontal 3=Pendent					<u>1</u>		
	<u>5</u> Husk Tightness (Rate on scale from 1=very loose to 9=very tight)					<u>5</u>		
	<u>2</u> Husk Extension (at harvest): 1=Short (ears exposed) 2=Medium (<8 cm) 3=Long (8-10 cm beyond ear tip) 4=Very Long (>10 cm)					<u>2</u>		
7b. EAR (Husked Ear Data):			Standard Deviation	Sample Size		Standard Deviation	Sample Size	
*	<u>1 8 4</u> cm Ear Length		<u>2.67</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>1 7.0</u>	<u>1.85</u>	<u>50</u>
*	<u>3 9 8</u> mm Ear Diameter at mid-point		<u>3.10</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>3 5.7</u>	<u>1.90</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>1 2 2.0</u> gm Ear Weight		<u>6.91</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>1 8 7.3</u>	<u>8.90</u>	<u>50</u>
*	<u>1 0</u> Number of Kernel Rows		<u>1.42</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>1 2</u>	<u>1.04</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>2</u> Kernel Rows: 1=Indistinct 2=Distinct					<u>2</u>		
	<u>1</u> Row Alignment: 1=Straight 2=Slightly Curved 3=Spiral					<u>1</u>		
	<u>1 4 0</u> cm Shank Length		<u>2.56</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>1 3.2</u>	<u>2.68</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>2</u> Ear Taper: 1=Slight 2=Average 3=Extreme					<u>2</u>		
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8. KERNEL (Dried):			Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation			Sample Size
<u>1</u> <u>0.3</u> mm Kernel Length	<u>1.10</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>1</u> <u>0.2</u>	<u>.70</u>	<u>50</u>			
<u>9</u> <u>.9</u> mm Kernel Width	<u>.60</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>8</u> <u>.4</u>	<u>.50</u>	<u>50</u>			
<u>5</u> <u>.2</u> mm Kernel Thickness	<u>.60</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>4</u> <u>7</u>	<u>.40</u>	<u>50</u>			
<u>4</u> <u>3.5</u> % Round Kernels (Shape Grade)	<u>2.71</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u> <u>7</u> <u>1</u>	<u>2.60</u>	<u>15</u>			
<u>1</u> Aleurone Color Pattern: 1=Homozygous 2=Segregating _____			<u>1</u> _____					
(*) <u>1</u> <u>9</u> Aleurone Color (Munsell code <u>2.5Y 8/2</u>)			<u>1</u> <u>9</u> (Munsell code <u>2.5Y 8/2</u>)					
* <u>0</u> <u>7</u> Hard Endosperm Color (Munsell code <u>2.5Y 6/8</u>)			<u>0</u> <u>8</u> (Munsell code <u>2.5Y 8/6</u>)					
* <u>0</u> <u>3</u> Endosperm Type: 1=Sweet (su1) 2=Extra Sweet (sh2) 3=Normal Starch 4=High Amylose Starch 5=Waxy Starch 6=High Protein 7=High Lysine 8=Super Sweet (se) 9=High Oil 10=Other _____			<u>0</u> <u>3</u> _____					
<u>2</u> <u>9.5</u> gm Weight per 100 Kernels (unsized sample)			<u>.55</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u> <u>1</u> <u>6</u>	<u>.60</u>	<u>15</u>	
9. COB:			Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation			Sample Size
* <u>2</u> <u>8.9</u> mm Cob Diameter at mid-point			<u>1.70</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>2</u> <u>5</u> <u>9</u>	<u>1.70</u>	<u>50</u>	
<u>1</u> <u>4</u> Cob Color (Munsell code <u>10R 4/6</u>)			<u>1</u> <u>4</u> (Munsell code <u>10R 5/6</u>)					
10. DISEASE RESISTANCE (Rate from 1 (most susceptible) to 9 (most resistant); leave blank if not tested; leave Race or Strain Options blank if polygenic):								
A. Leaf Blights, Wilts, and Local Infection Diseases								
___ Anthracnose Leaf Blight (<i>Colletotrichum graminicola</i>)			___					
___ Common Rust (<i>Puccinia sorghi</i>)			___					
___ Common Smut (<i>Ustilago maydis</i>)			___					
___ Eyespot (<i>Kabatiella zeae</i>)			___					
___ Goss's Wilt (<i>Clavibacter michiganense</i> spp. <i>nebraskense</i>)			___					
<u>6</u> Gray Leaf Spot (<i>Cercospora zeae-maydis</i>)			___					
___ Helminthosporium Leaf Spot (<i>Bipolaris zeicola</i>) Race _____			<u>8</u> Race <u>3</u>					
___ Northern Leaf Blight (<i>Exserohilum turcicum</i>) Race _____			<u>8</u> Race <u>1</u>					
<u>8</u> Southern Leaf Blight (<i>Bipolaris maydis</i>) Race <u>0</u>			___ Race _____					
___ Southern Rust (<i>Puccinia polysora</i>)			___					
___ Stewart's Wilt (<i>Erwinia stewartii</i>)			___					
___ Other (Specify) _____			___					
B. Systemic Diseases								
___ Corn Lethal Necrosis (MCMV and MDMV)			___					
___ Head Smut (<i>Sphacelotheca reiliana</i>)			___					
___ Maize Chlorotic Dwarf Virus (MCDV)			___					
___ Maize Chlorotic Mottle Virus (MCMV)			___					
___ Maize Dwarf Mosaic Virus (MDMV) Strain _____			___ Strain _____					
___ Sorghum Downy Mildew of Corn (<i>Peronosclerospora sorghi</i>)			___					
___ Other (Specify) _____			___					
C. Stalk Rots								
___ Anthracnose Stalk Rot (<i>Colletotrichum graminicola</i>)			___					
___ Diplodia Stalk Rot (<i>Stenocarpella maydis</i>)			___					
___ Fusarium Stalk Rot (<i>Fusarium moniliforme</i>)			___					
___ Gibberella Stalk Rot (<i>Gibberella zeae</i>)			___					
___ Other (Specify) _____			___					
D. Ear and Kernel Rots								
___ Aspergillus Ear and Kernel Rot (<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>)			___					
___ Diplodia Ear Rot (<i>Stenocarpella maydis</i>)			___					
___ Fusarium Ear and Kernel Rot (<i>Fusarium moniliforme</i>)			___					
___ Gibberella Ear Rot (<i>Gibberella zeae</i>)			___					
___ Other (Specify) _____			___					

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11. INSECT RESISTANCE (Rate from 1 (most susceptible) to 9 (most resistant); Leave blank if not tested):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Banks Grass Mite (<i>Oligonychus pratensis</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Earworm (<i>Helicoverpa zea</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaf-Feeding				
<input type="checkbox"/> Silk Feeding :				
_____ mg larval wt.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ear Damage				
<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Leaf Aphid (<i>Rhopalosiphum maidis</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Sap Beetle (<i>Carpophilus dimidiatus</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> European Corn Borer (<i>Ostrinia nubilalis</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Generation (Typically Whorl Leaf Feeding)				
<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Generation (Typically Leaf Sheath-Collar Feeding)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Stalk Tunneling :				
_____ cm tunneled/plant				
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Armyworm (<i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaf-Feeding				
<input type="checkbox"/> Silk-Feeding :				
_____ mg larval wt.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Maize Weevil (<i>Sitophilus zeamaze</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rootworm (<i>Diabrotica barberi</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Southern Rootworm (<i>Diabrotica undecimpunctata</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Southwestern Corn Borer (<i>Diatraea grandioseella</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaf Feeding				
<input type="checkbox"/> Stalk Tunneling :				
_____ cm tunneled/plant				
<input type="checkbox"/> Two-spotted Spider Mite (<i>Tetranychus urticae</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Rootworm (<i>Diabrotica virgifera virgifera</i>)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				

12. AGRONOMIC TRAITS:	
<u>8</u> Stay Green (at 65 days after anthesis) (Rate on a scale from 1=worst to 9=excellent.)	<u>7</u>
<u>0.0</u> % Dropped Ears (at 65 days after anthesis)	<u>0.0</u>
<u>0.0</u> % Pre-anthesis Brittle Snapping	<u>0.0</u>
<u>0.0</u> % Pre-anthesis Root Lodging	<u>0.0</u>
<u>0.0</u> % Post-anthesis Root Lodging (at 65 days after anthesis)	<u>0.0</u>
<u>0.0</u> Kg/ha Yield of Inbred Per Se (at 12-13% grain moisture)	

13. MOLECULAR MARKERS: (0=data unavailable; 1=data available but not supplied; 2=data supplied)

0 Isozymes 0 RFLP's 0 RAPD's

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GDD = $\frac{T_{max} + T_{min}}{2} - 50^{\circ}\text{F}$

$T_{max} < 86^{\circ}\text{F}$
 $T_{min} > 50^{\circ}\text{F}$

Standard Seed Source: Iowa State University Data Collected @ Williamsburg, IA 2000

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Additional Description of the Inbred

Exhibit D

LH254 is a medium late season field corn inbred line that flowers approximately 2 days later than LH185. It is a very good pollinator, but LH254 will not make a suitable seed parent.

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4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 503 S. MAPLEWOOD AVENUE PO BOX 839 WILLIAMSBURG, IA 52361	5. TELEPHONE (include area code) (319)668-1100	6. FAX (include area code) (319)668-2453
7. PVPO NUMBER 200100137		

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