

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF SEEDS



Since innovation is a product of human intellect, it is protected by intellectual property rights. This allows the rights holder to benefit from the invention or product, while preventing its unauthorized use.

The legal framework of intellectual property for plant varieties includes laws regarding plant breeders' rights, trademarks, and patents.

To obtain a plant breeder's right in Argentina, the plant breeder must register the new variety in the National Registry of Cultivar Ownership (Registro Nacional de Propiedad de Cultivares - RNPC in Spanish) of the National Seed Institute (Instituto Nacional de Semillas - INASE in Spanish).

To register the trademark of the product and/or request a patent in Argentina, it is necessary to contact the National Institute of Industrial Ownership (INPI in Spanish).



## PATENT

Protects the ownership of a genetic construction or technique used to obtain the variety (Law 24.281).



## BREEDER'S RIGHT

Protects the ownership of a phytogenetic creation and prevents anyone except the breeder from making, using or selling that variety (Law 20.247).



## TRADEMARK

A symbol used to distinguish the product from similar ones (Law 22.362).



**THE BREEDER'S RIGHT AND PATENTS ARE GENERALLY GRANTED FOR 20 YEARS. TRADEMARK PROTECTION IS INDEFINITE, WITH RENEWAL EVERY TEN YEARS.**