

Inventory of the

**North Corn Belt Seed Growers, Inc.**  
Naperville, Illinois

Records

In the  
Regional History Center

**RC 90**

## INTRODUCTION

John Case donated the North Corn Belt Seed Growers' records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on March 19, 1980.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The North Corn Belt Seed Growers, Incorporated records partially document the origin and development of a northern Illinois hybrid seed producers' company in Naperville, Illinois from 1938 to 1967. Included in these records are articles of incorporation and amendments, by-laws, minutes of meetings, certificates of stock, financial statements, and membership lists. Researchers interested in the North Corn Belt Seed Growers Collection may also wish to consult two related Regional History Center Collections, the Pure Milk Association (RC 62) and the John P. Case Papers (RC 86).

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

John P. Case (Naperville), H. R. Gregory (Aurora), and H. S. Wright (Naperville) created the Northern Illinois Seed Growers, Incorporated on June 27, 1938. A year later John G. Eenigenburg joined Case, Gregory, and Wright in the organization of North Corn Belt Seed Growers, Incorporated. On September 11, 1939 North Corn Belt Seed Growers purchased the original company, Northern Illinois Seed Growers. North Corn Belt Seed Growers produced and distributed hybrid seed corn as an affiliate of Pfister Associated Grower (P.A.G.) which was headquartered in El Paso, Illinois. In 1943 Eenigenburg sold his stock in North Corn Belt Seed Growers to the three founders in equal parts: Case, Gregory, and Wright continued to direct the company through the next several decades.

During the early 1940's, P.A.G. provided central product development for Pfister hybrid growers. Pfister Associate North Corn Belt Seed Growers, together with twenty-six other member growers, purchased the entire Pfister corporation in 1943.

The North Corn Belt Seed Growers, Incorporated operated under its corporate name until March 31, 1960 when it became P.A.G. Naperville, Incorporated and the central headquarters for Pfister Associated Growers. Today the company operates under the name Agrinetics and continues to serve as a leader in the seed corn industry.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Agriculture  
 Case, John P.  
 Hybrid Seed  
 Naperville (Ill.)  
 North Corn Belt Seed Growers, Incorporated  
 Pfister Associated Growers  
 Seed Industry

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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