

Abnormal Types Derived from the South African Corn Breeding Program.

6. Christmas tree tassel.

A South African yellow flint inbred line, E800-1, was found to possess a dark green tassel with stiff branches. These branches were progressively shorter from the base to the apex to form a perfectly conical shaped tassel. Furthermore, the anthers were a dark purple, and with the dark green background, the tassel at the time of pollen shedding gave the appearance of a lighted Christmas tree.