

Detasseling Clothing Recommendations



The conditions in detasseling fields can vary from day to day and from morning to afternoon. Fields can be muddy, wet, slippery and hot. The fields may have uneven walking surfaces and there may be bugs and insects that can bite and irritate skin.



It is recommended that you wear long pants and that you wear a long sleeved shirt since the corn leaves can scratch and cut you. The use of a long tube sock can also replace a long sleeve shirt and provide protection against cuts and scratches.

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Shoes (with tall socks) are to be worn while working in the fields. Socks will prevent blisters. High-Top Shoes (above the ankle bone) or approved brace will provide ankle support and are recommended to protect against sprains/strains associated with uneven terrain. If high-tops or approved brace are not worn, Monsanto will supply and require the use of an Elastic Universal Ankle Wrap. **100% compliance** with one of these options is expected.



A poncho or a rain suit is recommended when it rains or it is dewy in the morning. The suit will keep you warm and comfortable until the corn dries. If you are unable to get a rain suit or poncho, a garbage bag can be used as an alternative.

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Detassellers should use sunscreen to avoid sunburn and wear light colored clothes to keep the chances of heat stress low.



Detasseling fields contain many different types of insects that can bite or sting. It is highly recommended that you bring insect repellent to help protect yourself against stings and bites. Please report any bite or sting that you receive to your supervisor



You will be **required** to wear safety glasses and a hat with face net to keep leaves and other debris out of your face and eyes.

These recommendations can help to make a safer and more comfortable detasseling season. These recommendations are a minimum of what can be worn.