**OBJECTIVE:** To gain an understanding of the role and importance of independent research farms, such as Midwest Research Inc., in the agricultural industry.

**CORN ROOT WORM BEETLE COLLECTION**
- Trial is being conducted in the hopes of combating Corn Root Worm Resistance
- 42 plots of new varieties of traited corn and controls each contained in its own tent
- Weekly collections of adult beetles to monitor population

**CONFIDENTIALITY**
- Midwest must provide privacy for their clients to protect the research being conducted
- All of their clients names are encoded in their files

**CORN POLLINATION**
- 3 step process
- Process extends over several days
- Contamination #1 concern

**SAMPLING**
- Protocol for each trial provided by its respective client
- Different methods of collection for different plant materials
- Midwest’s Quality Assurance agent insures “good laboratory practices” are followed for the entire process as requested by the client.

**CONCLUSION:**
- Independent Research Farms provide unbiased results
- Provide different environments and soils for a variety of trials

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