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Soybean Yield Equation

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Technology Points to Good Agronomy



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Fixed Research Sites(4)
Demo-Proof of concept- Re-Search
Kinderhook, Mt. Sterling, LaBelle,
Winchester

MiField- Applied Research
Field level "Applied Research"
Partnership in Discovery

Data Aggregation
Common Field Protocols
1200 Trials in 2018

Data Analysis
Profit assessment
Concept adoption

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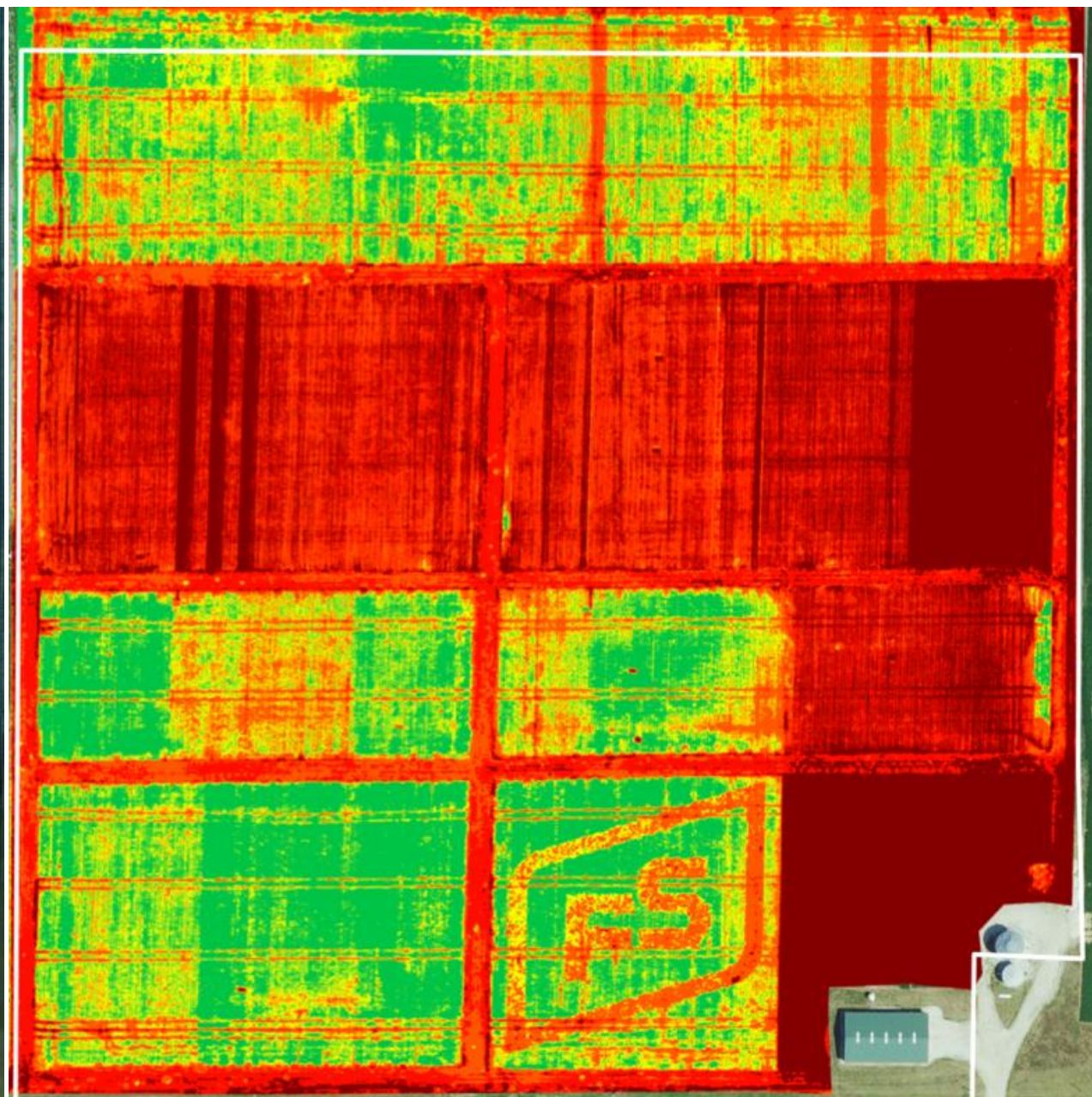
2016-74 Trials
2017-120 Trials
2018- 192 Trials

2016 380 Trials
2017 750 Trials
2018- 1200 Trials

FIELD insight

2018 Applied Research Results

A complete handbook of trial data at your fingertips.



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Soybean Yield Equation

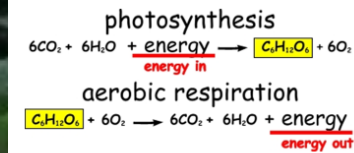
*Soybean Yield is Dynamic with Environment
Very dependent on Factors that we can not control*

Every field has it own set of limitations- some we create

*There are certain core Agronomics drivers that build the foundation for stable yield
Our Job is to Understand how to setup the soybean for high yield and ROI.*

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- At or around Anthesis Temps $\geq 90^{\circ}\text{F}$
- ET. can exceed precipitation and soil water reserves
- Night temps of $\geq 70^{\circ}\text{F}$ the rate of respiration can exceed the rate of photosynthesis



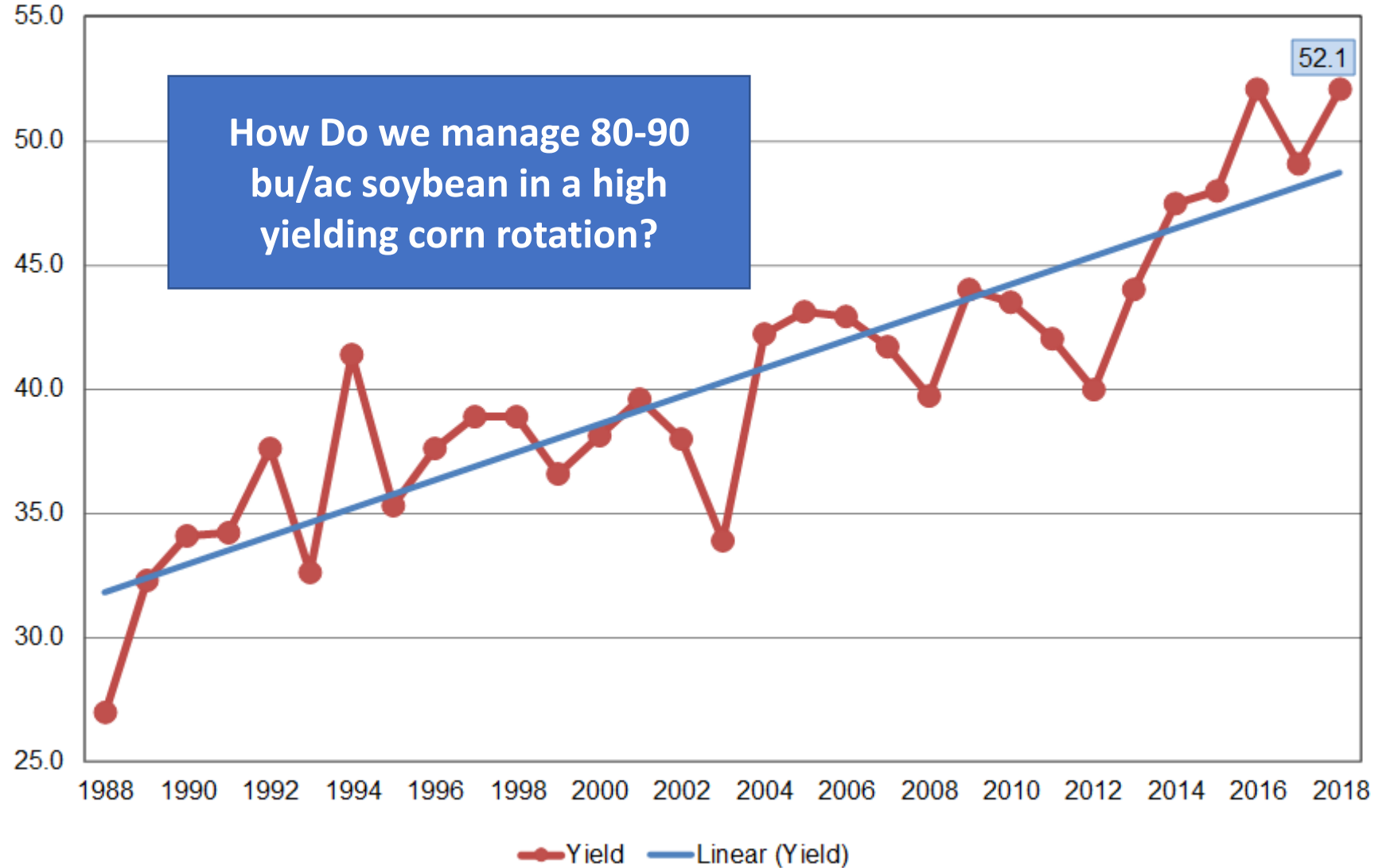
Temperature and Grain fill

Month	Year	Precip Total	Temp. Avg. High	Days >90°F	Temp. Avg. Low	Nights > 70°F
June	2012	0.76	85.8	7	59.3	4
	2014	8.14	82.7	0	63.4	2
	2017	3.87	86.2	5	63.1	4
	2018	2.99	88.8	13	67.3	12
July	2012	1.05	95.1	24	68.5	11
	2014	2.31	90.3	1	59	1
	2017	3.21	90.2	15	67.7	11
	2018	3.47	87.7	13	65.7	8
August	2012	3.39	87.8	13	59.2	2
	2014	4.76	83.2	5	65.7	6
	2017	3.44	82.7	2	60.8	0
	2018	4.27	87.6	13	67	9
Sept.	2012	4.96	76.5	4	52.3	2
	2014	6.59	76.1	1	52.8	2
	2017	0.55	84.3	1	56	9
	2018	4.51	82.5	7	59.2	9



Soybean Yield United States

Bushels per Acre



2018 - 65 bushel Soybean yield in Illinois will be the highest state yield TD.

2016 - 59 bushels, last record

The past five-year average is 59 bushels per acre, 7 bushels higher than the trend yield.

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University of Illinois

The Law of the Minimum

Full Barrel = Max Yield

Genetic Potential

Plant Health

Row Spacing

Controlling Pests

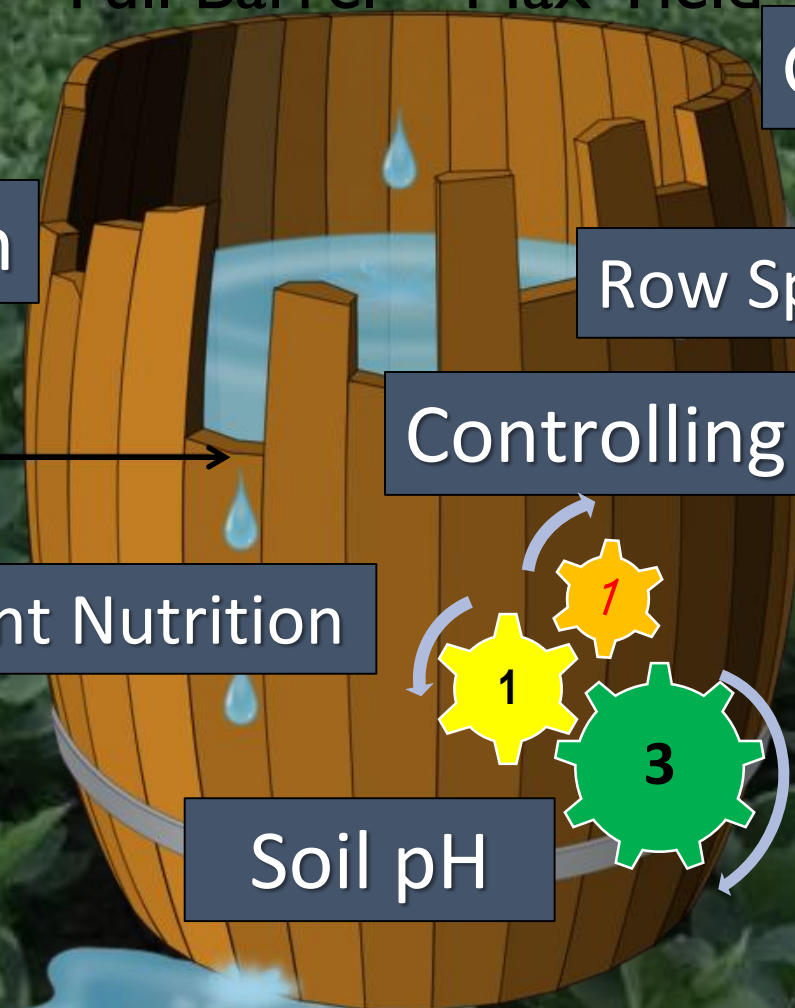
Plant Nutrition

Soil pH

Growth & Yield is **Minimum** controlled by the scarcest resource in the system...

All Crop Inputs must function together for yield and quality goals

Lost Yield Potential



The Soybean Yield Equation

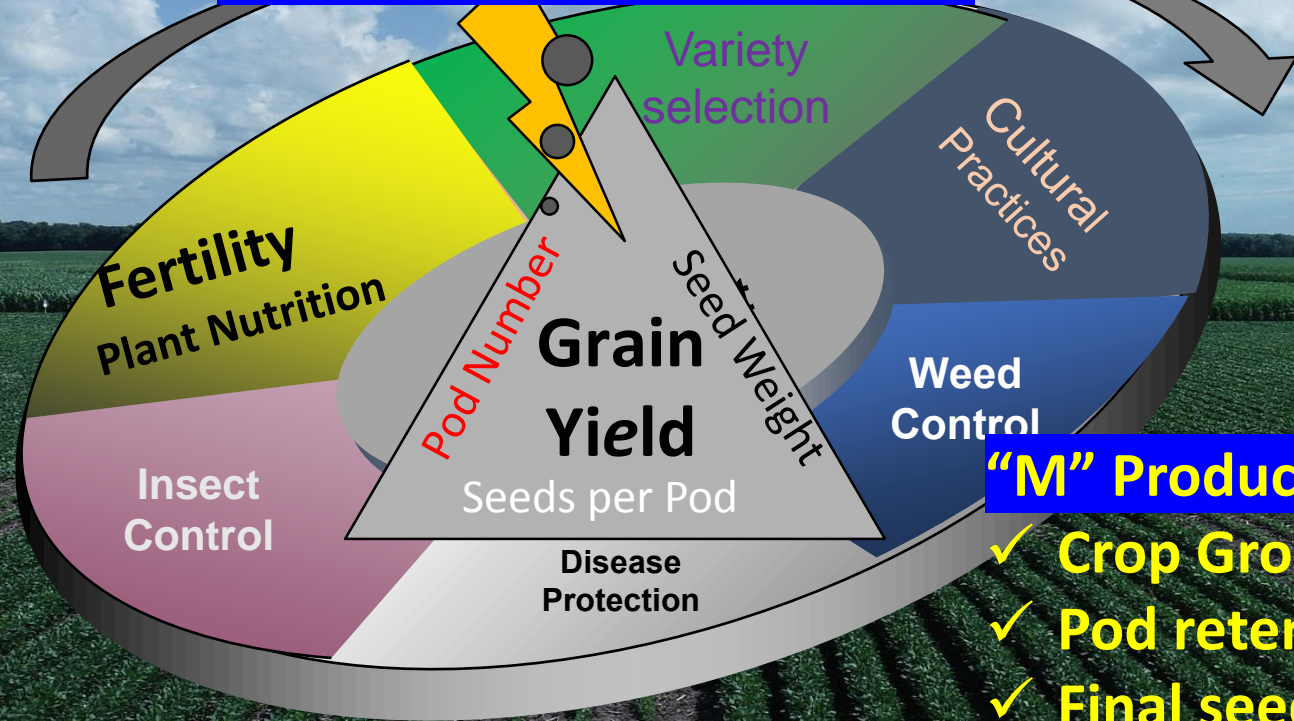
Controlling the Variable That Drive Yield



G x E x M
Mitigating "E"

Environmental Extremes

Maximizing "G"
Genetic Potential

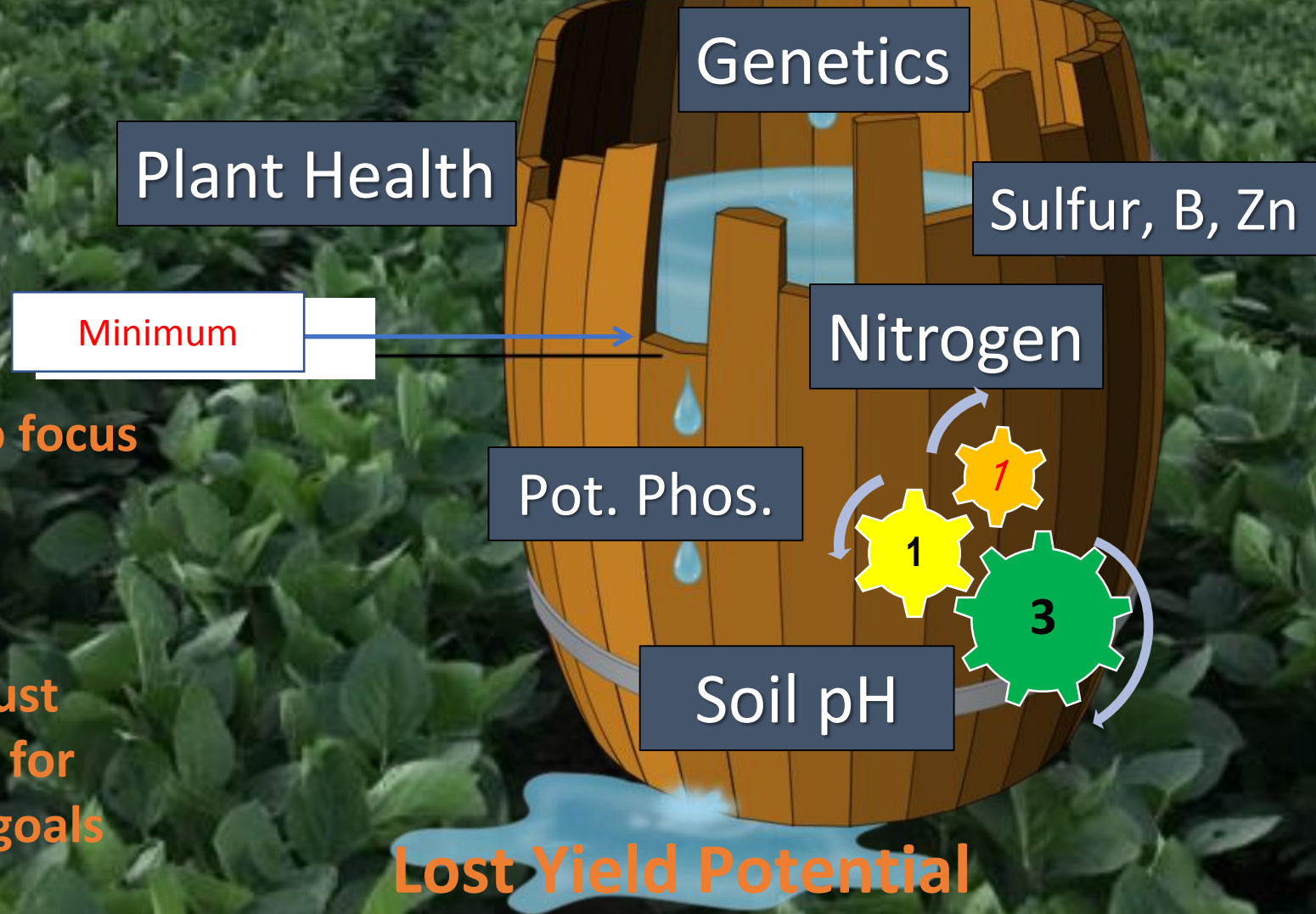


"M" Producer Management

- ✓ **Crop Growth Rate (CGR)**
- ✓ **Pod retention at nodes**
- ✓ **Final seeds/pod**
- ✓ **Effective Seed Fill Period**
(Number of fill Days x Rate)

The Law of the Minimum Soil Fertility

Full Barrel = Max Yield



It is insufficient to focus on each area of Management in isolation.....

All Crop Inputs must function together for yield and quality goals

Soil Fertility BMP's

- ✓ Grid Soil Sample to discover limiting factors related crop nutrient (Grids/Zones?)
- ✓ Manage variables (zones) with VR Tech. Allocate Resources X Productivity
- ✓ Correct pH issues first - Consider tillage depth with Limestone applications
- ✓ In Reduced Tillage, periodically pull 3" samples to assess stratification – mostly pH
- ✓ Sustaining High Yield rotations requires nutrient concentration - sufficiency
- ✓ Move to Annual Fertilization ... One application for Corn...One application for Soybean

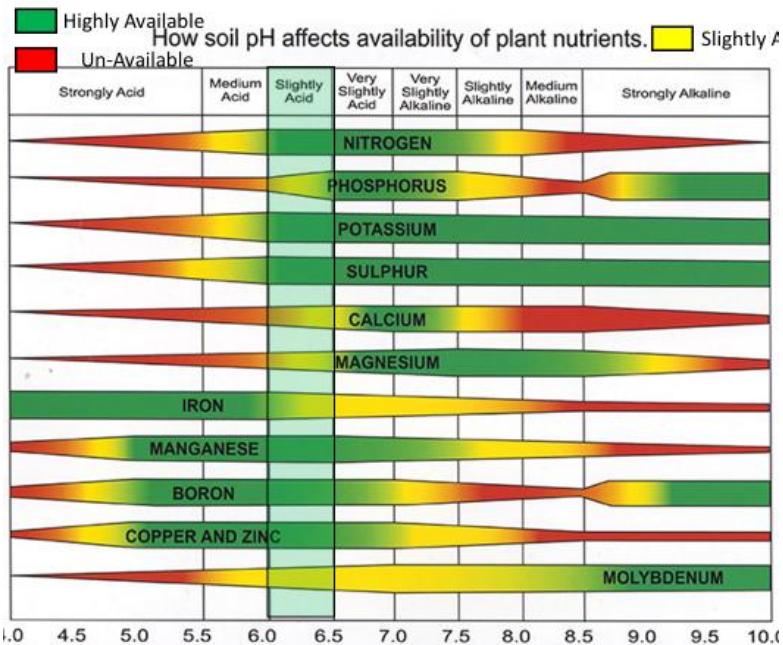
BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

Variable Rate Technology objective is to apply inputs where greatest chance of return exists. Areas of high productivity vs. areas of low productivity.



- Grid soil sample data is necessary for determining accurate soil fertility levels and for evaluating potential changes to soil fertility build up applications
- Spatial yield data is necessary to accurately account for observed variations in crop productivity

How pH Affects Nutrient Solubility



Grain Removal ALONE

180 Bu/ac. Corn	230 Bu/ac. Corn
60 Bu/ac. Soybean	80 Bu/ac. Soybean
Total Needs	Total Needs
240 DAP	315 DAP
190 Potash	250 Potash
80 Bu/ac. Soybean	10lbs. Sulfur/ac.
130 DAP	
155 Potash	

Yield Response Curve

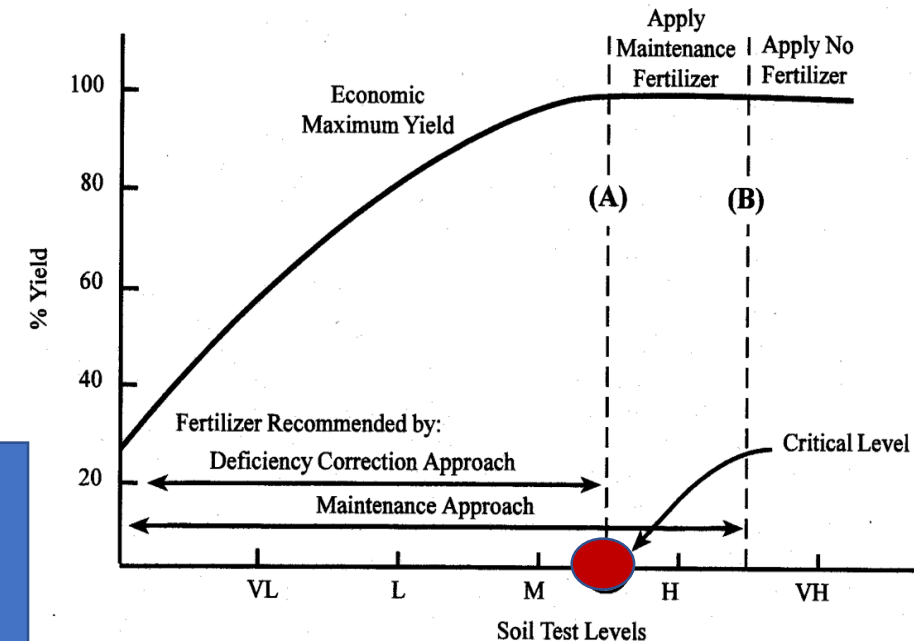


Table 1. Relative yield of selected crops at different pH levels.

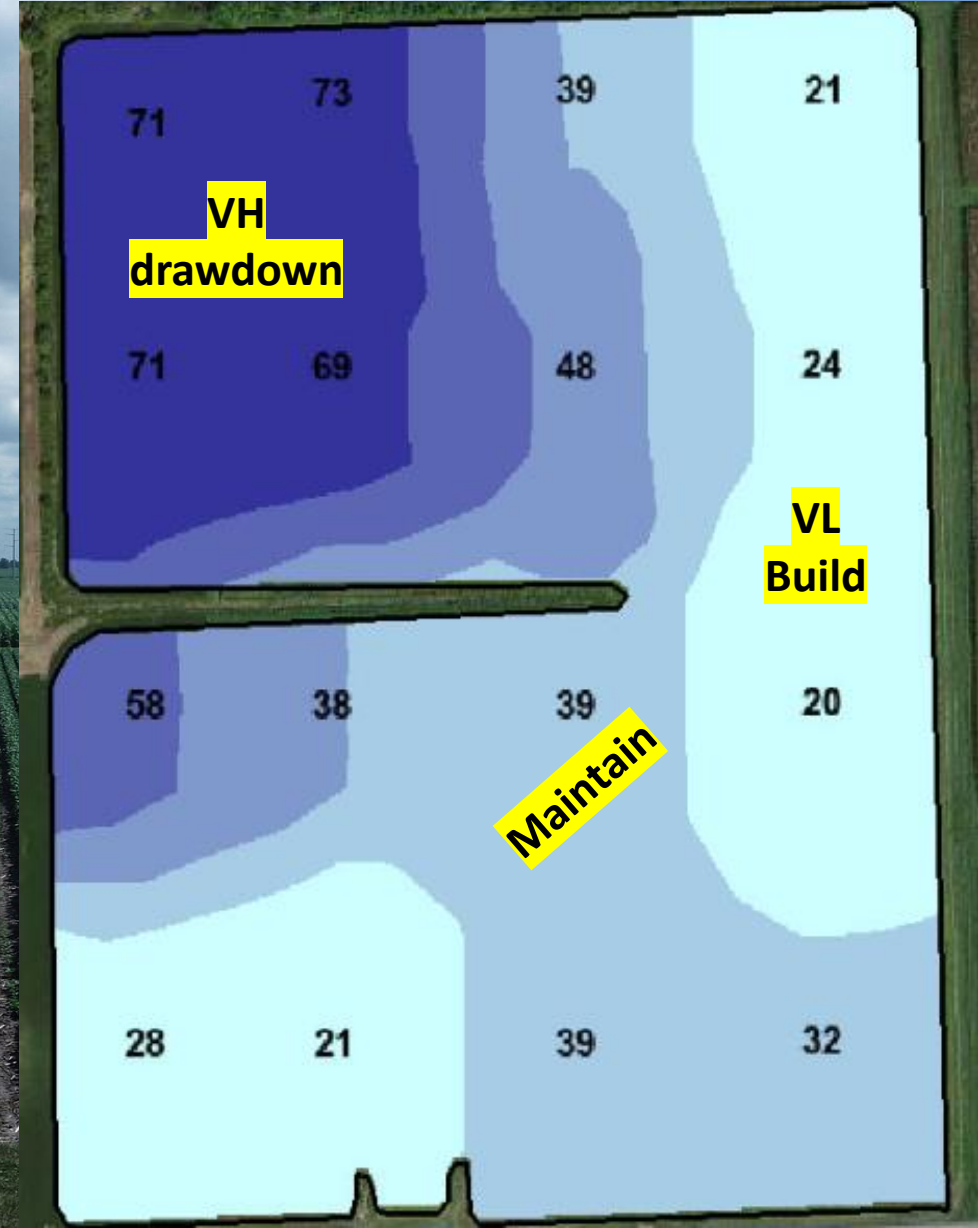
(Adapted from USDA, 2011)

Crop	pH				
	4.7	5.0	5.7	6.8	7.5
Relative Average Yield					
Corn	34	73	83	100	85
Wheat	68	78	89	100	99
Alfalfa	2	9	42	100	100
Soybean	65	79	80	100	93

Soil Test Potassium
Critical Level 300 lbs./ac



Soil Test Phosphorous
Critical Level 40 lbs./ac.



What Nutrient is most likely to be yield limiting to soybeans in a “High Yield” Corn and Soybean rotation?

- A.) Potassium
- B.) Sulfur
- C.) Boron
- D.) Phosphorous
- E.) Calcium



Corn 230 bu./ac
P-K Uptake and Partitioning

P₂O₅

Total Required - 101 lbs/ac.

Grain Removal - 80 lbs/ac.

HI - 79%

Deep demand at Grain fill

Lives intercellular-part of cell structure

217 DAP

K₂O

Total Required - 180 lbs/ac.

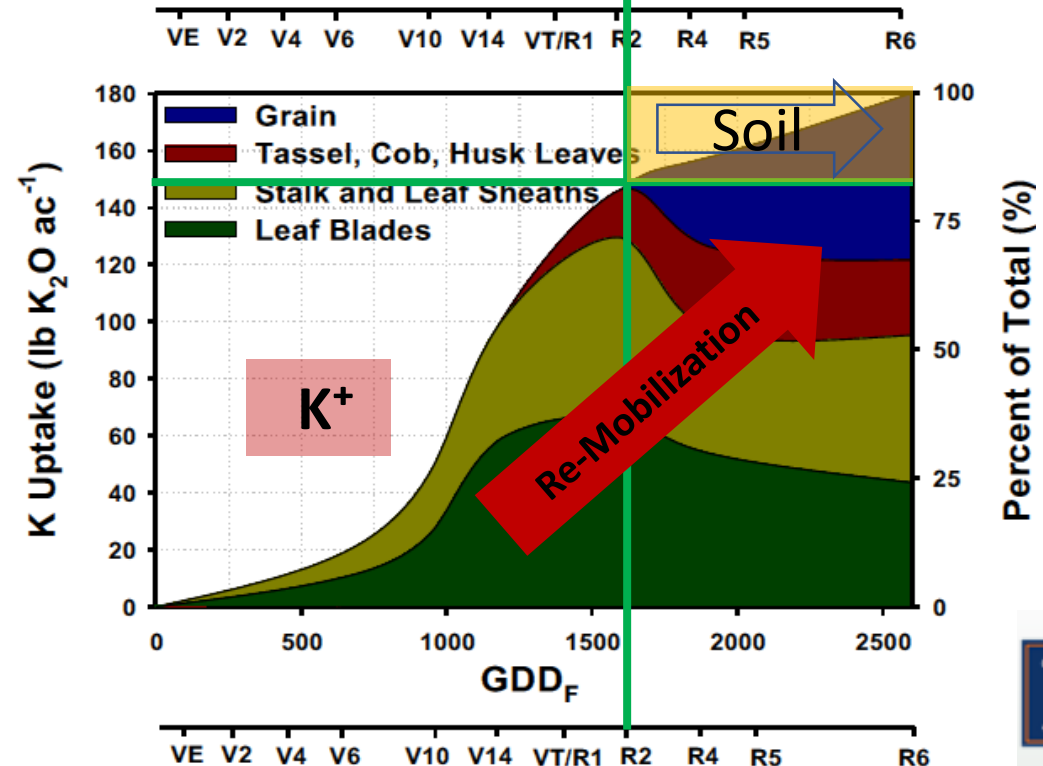
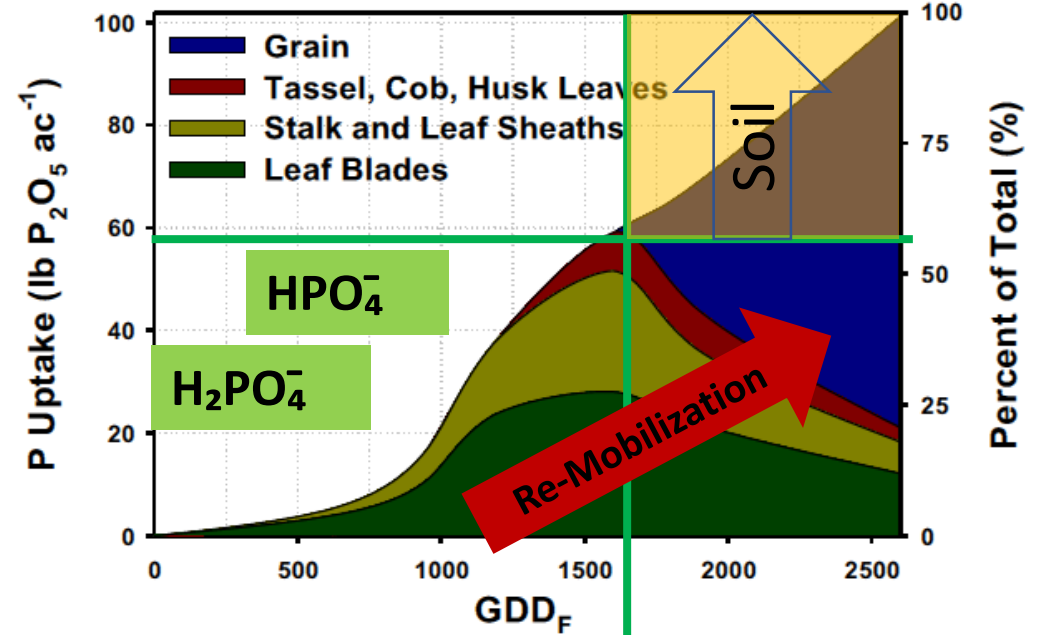
Grain Removal - 59 lbs/ac.

HI - 32%

Remobilized from lower plant parts

Lives extracellular- Part of the liquid fraction outside of plant cells

300 Potash



**Soybean 60 bu./ac
P-K Uptake and Partitioning**

P_2O_5

Total Required - 43 lbs/ac.

Grain Removal - 35 lbs/ac.

HI - 81%

Deep demand at Grain fill

100 DAP

130 DAP

Lives intercellular-part of cell structure

K_2O

Total Required - 153 lbs/ac.

Grain Removal - 70 lbs/ac.

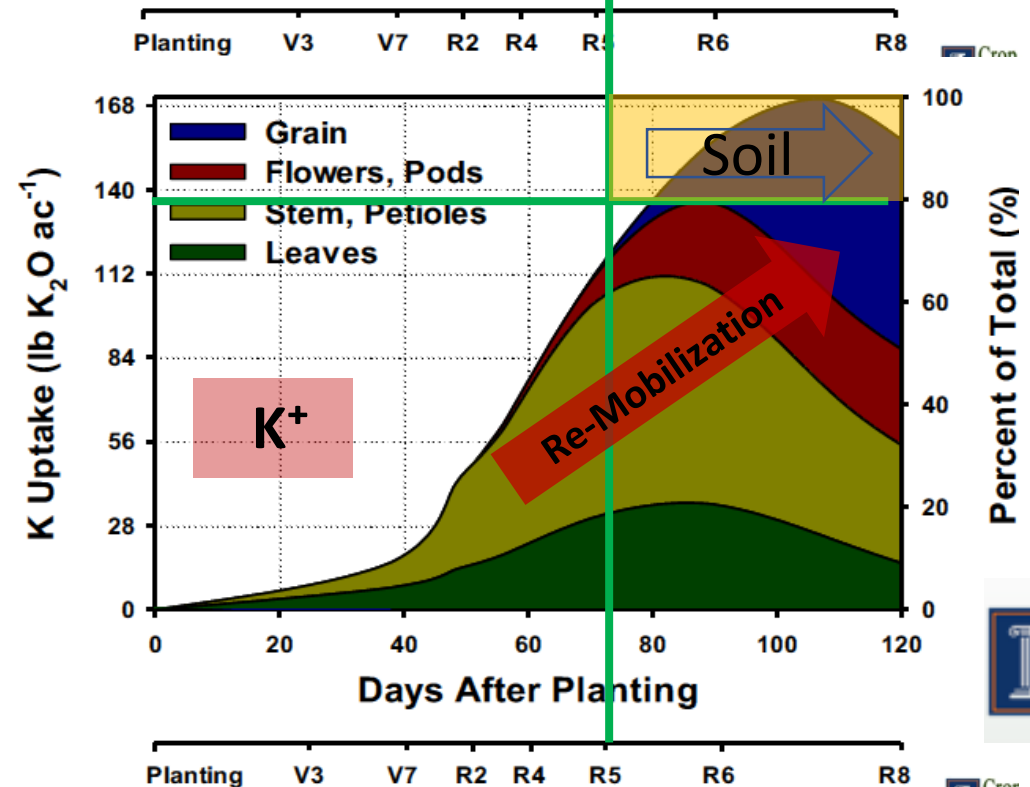
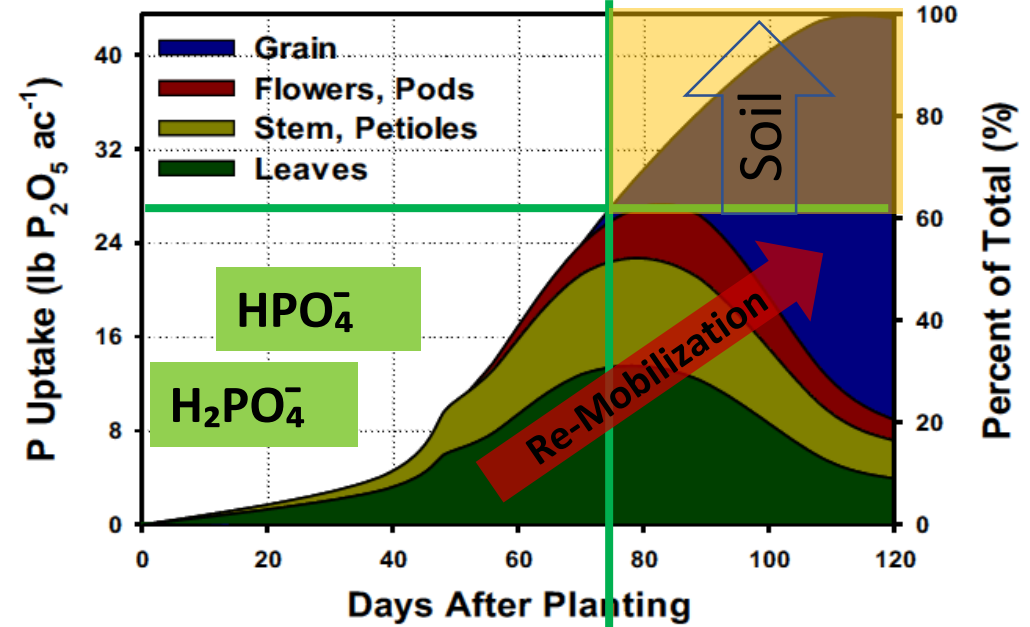
HI - 46%

Remobilized from lower plant parts

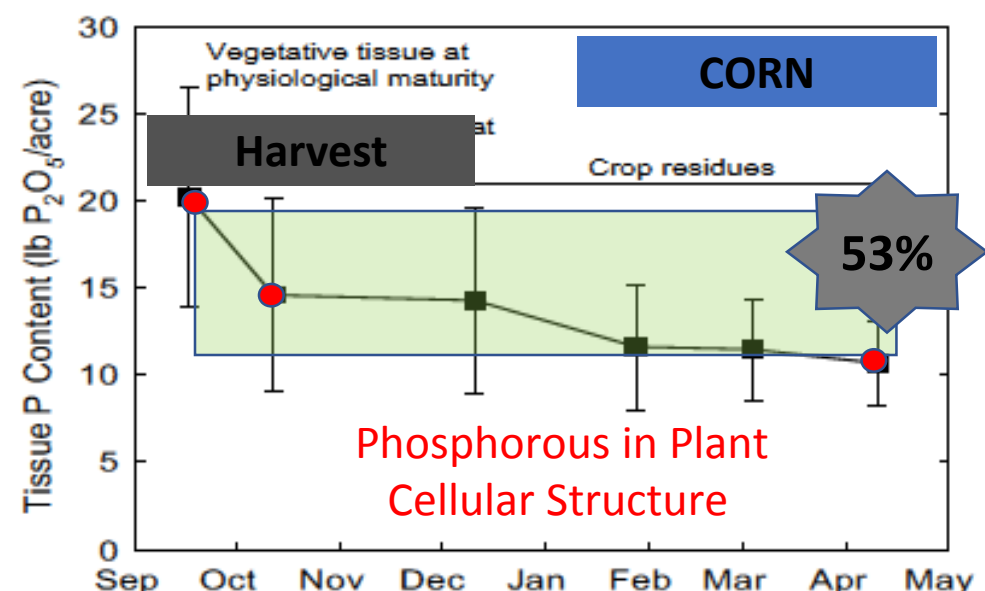
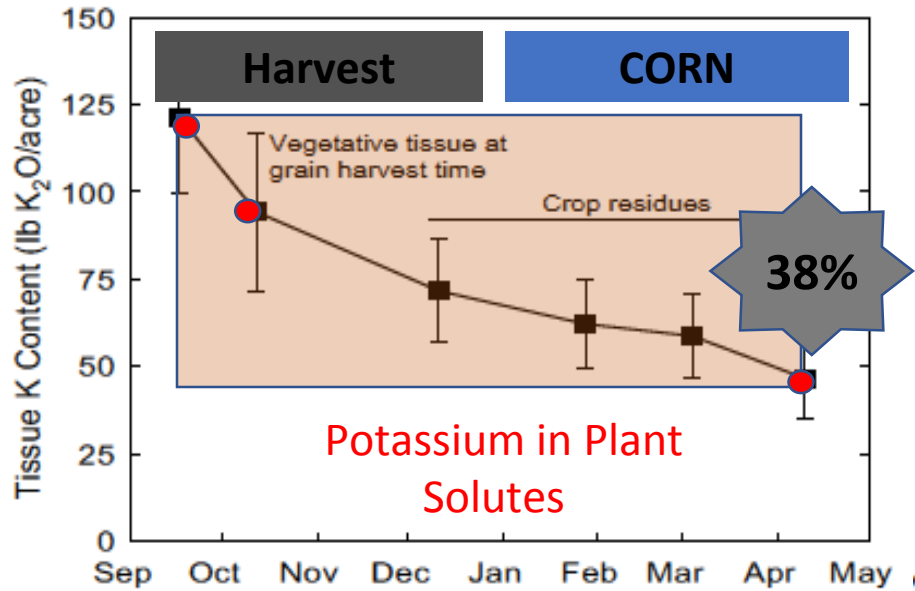
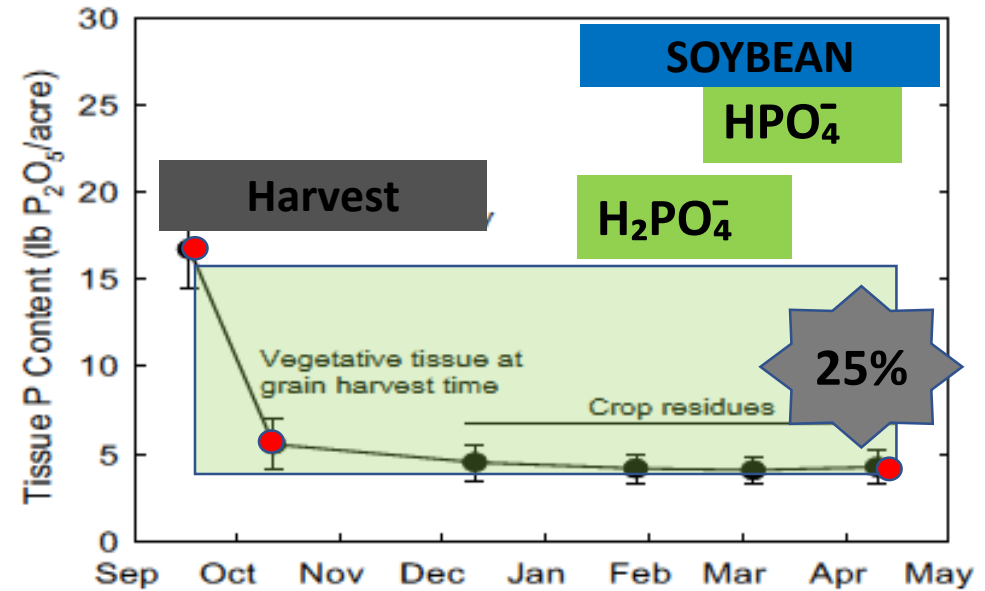
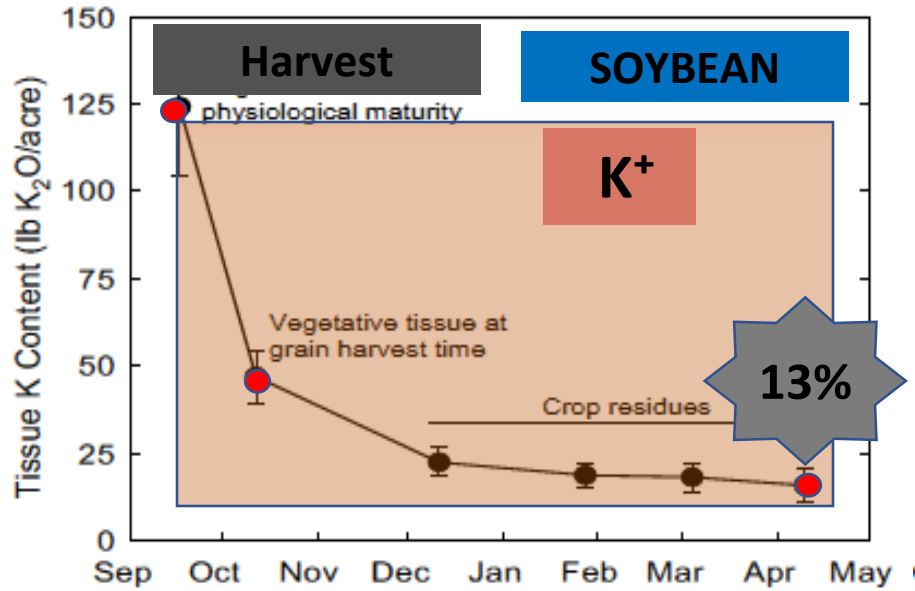
Lives extracellular- Part of the liquid fraction outside of plant cells

255 Potash

340 Potash



P-K Recycle-Crop Residue



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Yetter Stalk Devastator Winchester Demo Site 2018



Yetter Stalk Devastator



With Yetter Stalk Devastator

With YETTER STALK DEVASTATORS

No Yetter Stalk Devastator

No YETTER STALK DEVASTATORS



FS- Soybean Yield Roadmap

Soybean Yield

Variety Selection

Traits

Select cultivars that possess traits with resistance to pests that are known to be present; i.e. cyst nematode

Genetics

Select cultivars that have high genetic yield potential

Fertility

Conduct soil fertility tests to be sure that adequate fertility is present for soybean production

Insect

Reduce insect pressure at planting and throughout the growing season

Pathogen

Minimize the effect of pathogenic fungi, bacteria, and viruses

Weed

Control early season weed pressure. Early season weed pressure is more costly to yield than late season pressure

Scouting

Important to know what is occurring in the field – also helps with future treatment and variety decisions

Narrow rows

Narrow row spacing helps soybean canopy close quicker thereby intercepting more sunlight

Plant early

Early planting promotes more biomass accumulation which contributes to higher yield

Minimize Plant Stress/Protect Yield

Maximize light interception

Yield Components of modern Soybean genetics....

- ✓ 60-80% of SB yield comes from the mid 1/3 of the soybean plant main stem
- ✓ Yield increases generally are obtained by increasing number of nodes per plant..RM dependent..20-23
- ✓ Short Season RM tend to flex seed number as the primary yield increasing factor
- ✓ Full Season RM tend to flex seed weight/mass as the primary yield increasing factor

Soybean Yield x RM 10 locations 2018 PRLFS

Early Season Varieties	
Variety	Yield Avg.
HS 34X60	69.7
AG 34X6	68.8
RM Avg.	69.25

Mid Season Varieties	
Variety	Yield Avg.
AG 36X6	71.2
GV 36X7	74.8
HS 37X70	70.7
RM Avg.	72.23

Late Season Varieties	
Variety	Yield Avg.
GV 38X9	75.2
GV 39X7	73.6
HS 39X70	71.9
AG 39X7	74.8
RM Avg.	73.88

PLUS 3 bu/ac

PLUS 4.6 bu/ac

Relatively Early Maturing varieties tend to develop fewer nodes leaves and progress through different stages at a faster rate

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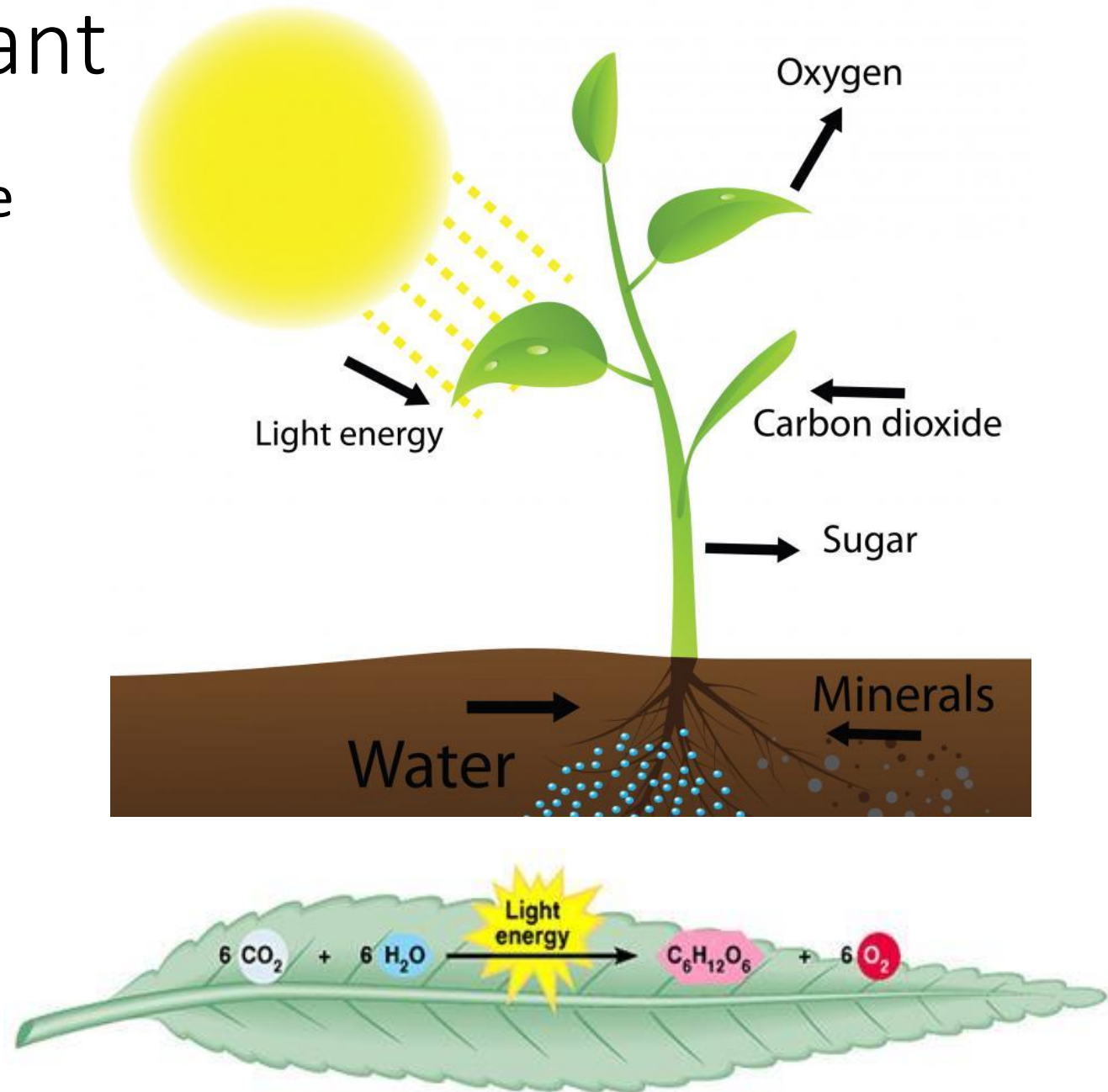
✓ Soybean Varieties differ in ability to respond to management.....

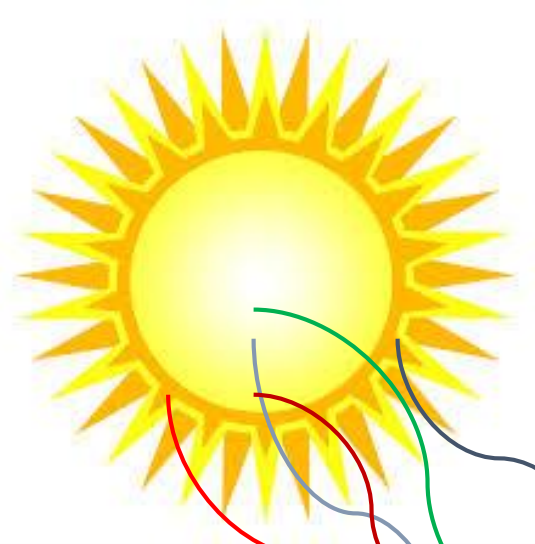
✓ Foliar protectants increase both seed number and mass in the mid and upper regions of the SB plant

✓ Crop Nutrient tend to increase seed number in the mid and top regions, and seed mass in the bottom and middle regions of the SB plant

Why Sunlight is important

- Soybean are physiologically sensitive to length darkness... “Short Day”
Photoperiodism
- Sunlight provides the energy to the soybean plant to convert carbon dioxide into carbohydrates, protein, and lipids.
- Carbohydrate, protein, and lipid production drive SB pod and seed development and ultimately yield
- So.... The more sunlight we capture the more yield???





Maximize light interception

**Narrow rows
< 30 inch**

**Early
Planting**

**Quicker canopy close
Sunlight Efficient
Less Evapo-Transpire
Cooler Soil**

**More Biomass
Yield Opportunity**

Soybean Row Orientation x Plant

120,000 plants/Acre



7.5" rows Seed every 13"



30" rows Seed every 3"

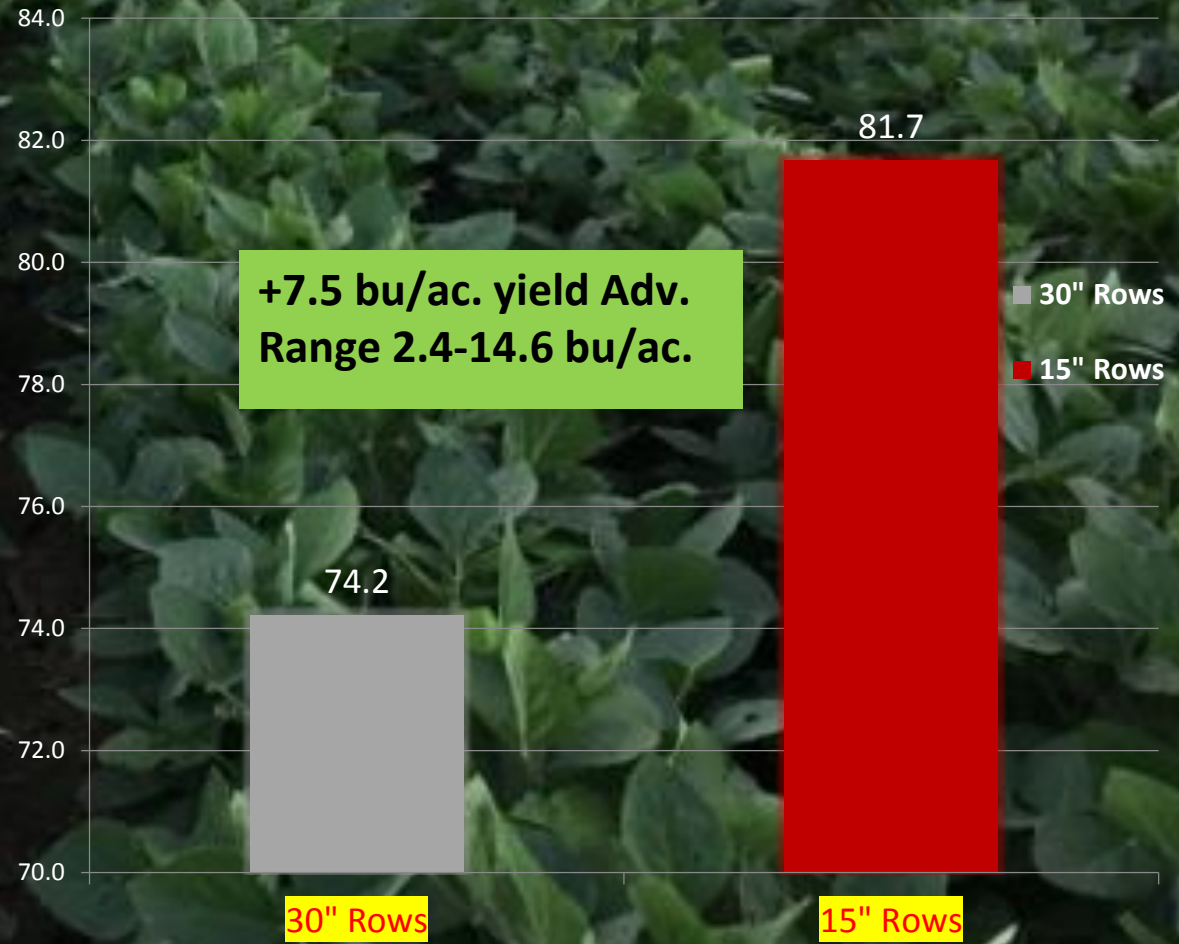
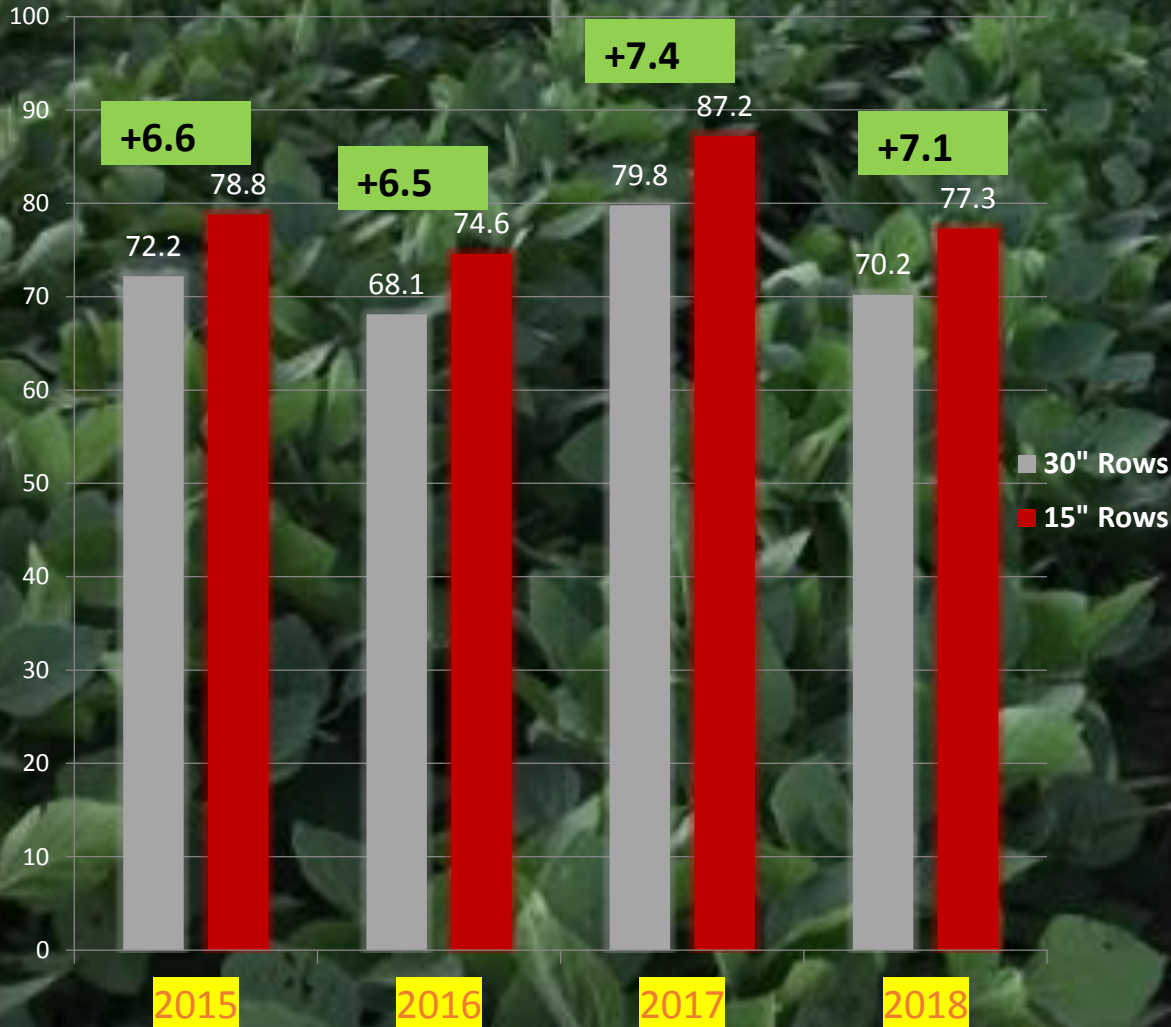


15" rows Seed every 7"

Soybean Row Width Comparison

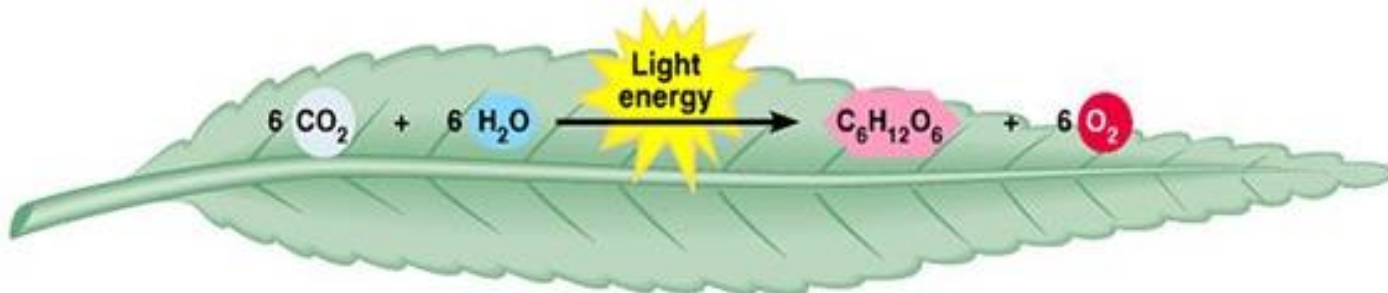
2015 - 2018 Winchester replicated SB row width Comparison

2015 - 2018 PRLFS replicated SB row width Comparison - 9 Site Year -



Narrowing Soybean Row width < 30 Inch

- ✓ Canopy closure 15-25 days quicker 15" vs. 30"
- ✓ Moisture conservation
- ✓ Weed Control -
- ✓ Canopy Closure @ solstice:R3 – Optimized to Max Sunlight
- ✓ Environment set up for increase risk of foliar pathogens.. Reducing Photosynthesis
- ✓ Could be a better environment for insect pests
- ✓ Workload and planting efficiencies, may get worse
- ✓ Post applications more challenging



**Eliminating Plant
Stress
Protect Yield**

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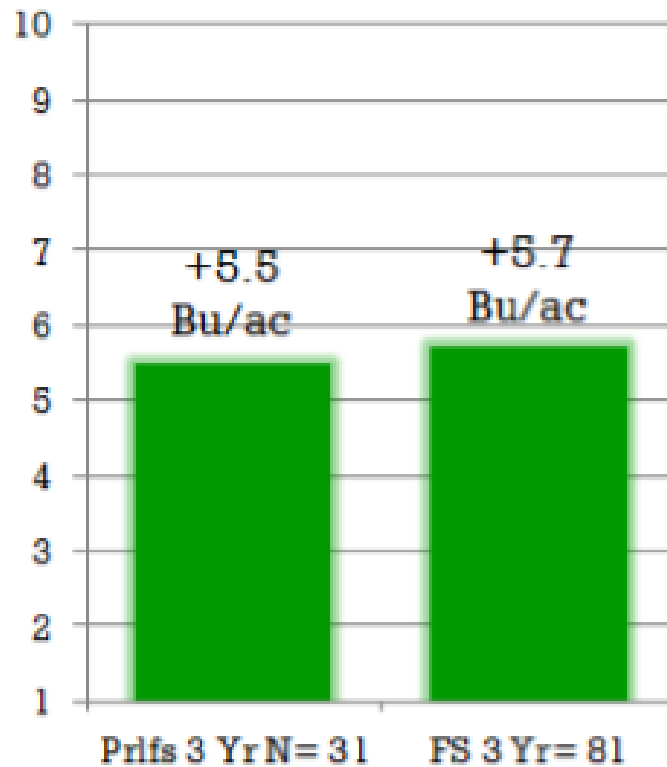
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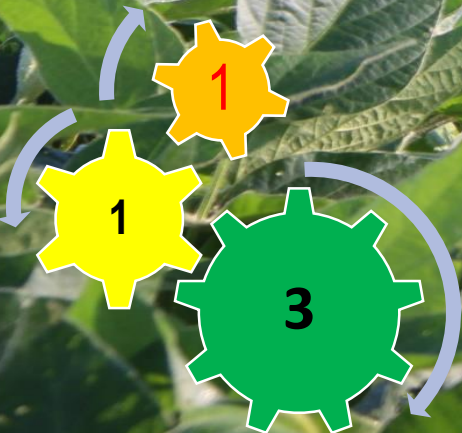
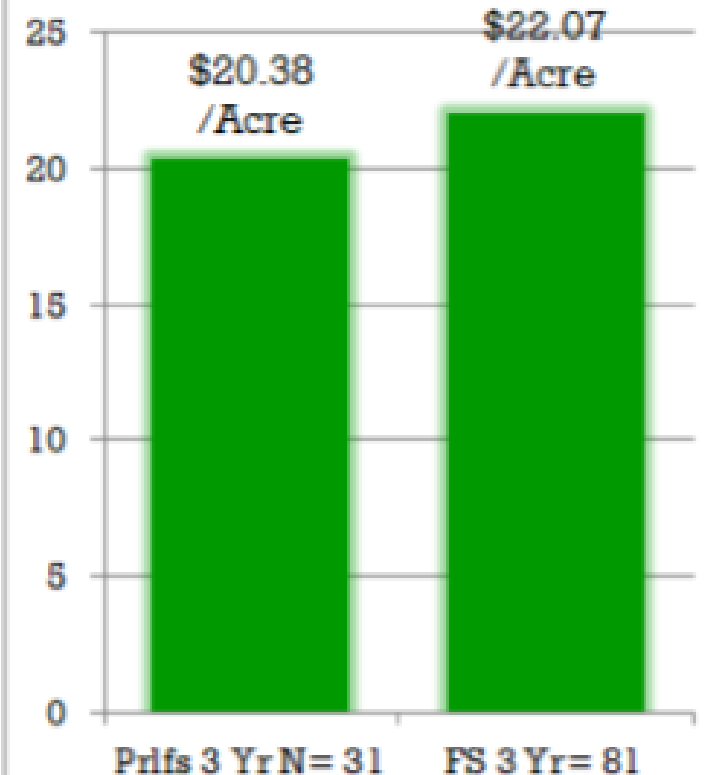
R3 Soybean Fungicide + Foliar Nutrition – Three-Year Yield Response - Trend

R3 F&I 3.9bu/ac -34 trials
R3 Fung. 2.7bu/ac -14 trials
R3 Foliar 1.7bu/ac -34 trials

Yield



Income



- Soybean responds to late Nutrition during peak DW Accumulation for Grain fill
 - Healthy Photosynthetic tissue creates efficiency / optimizes Resources

✓ K accumulates early in crop biomass and is stored for later use by grain

✓ Nitrogen, Phosphorous, Sulfur are needed in large quantities late, more than can be re-mobilized from lower plant parts

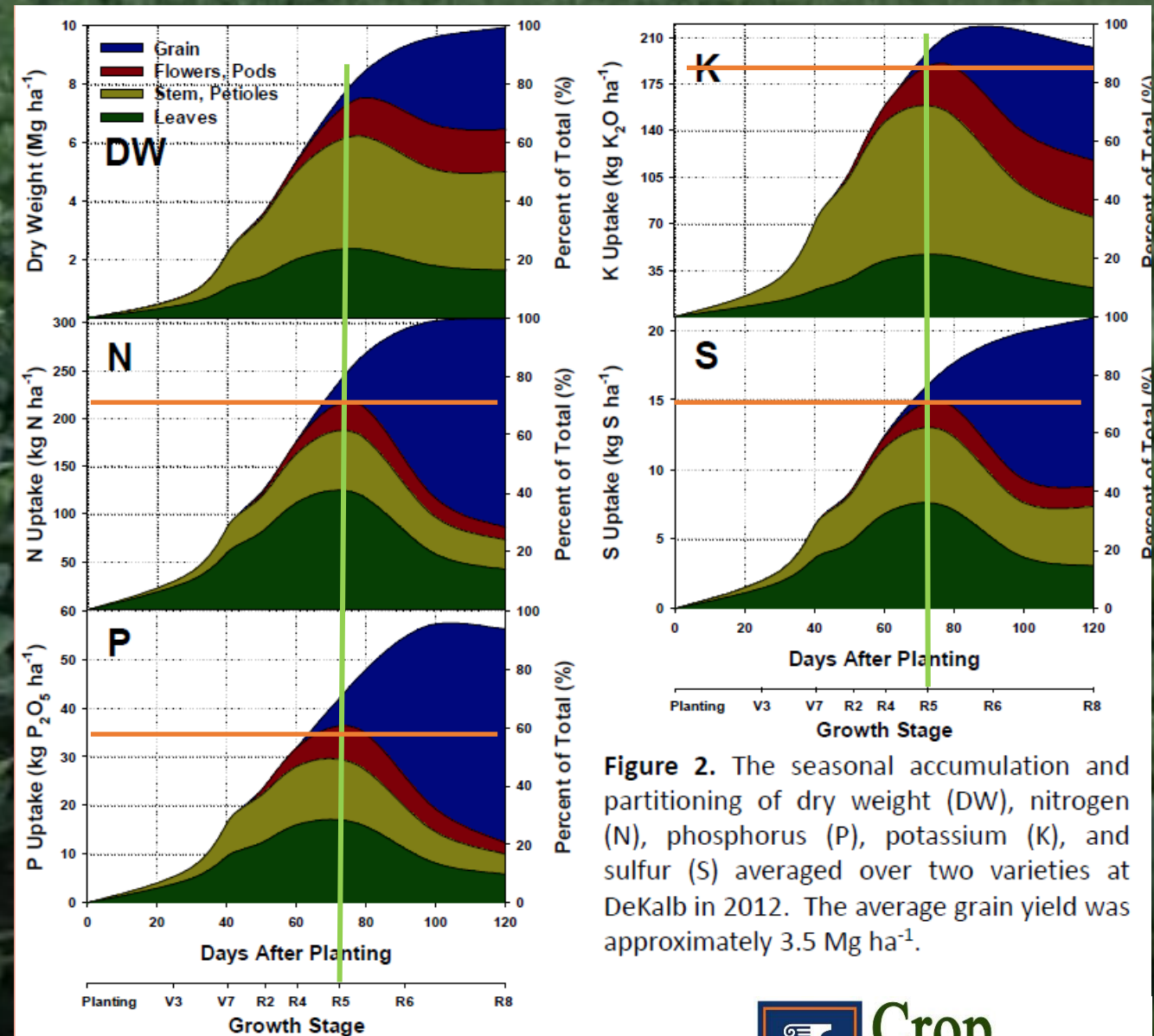
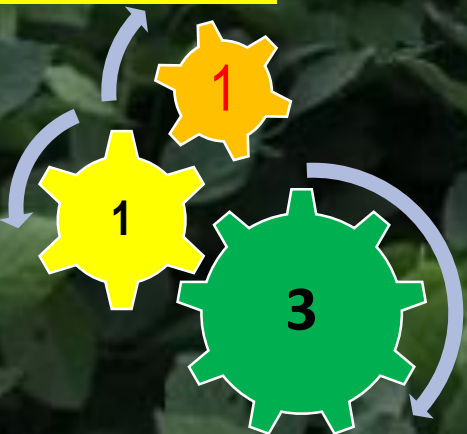
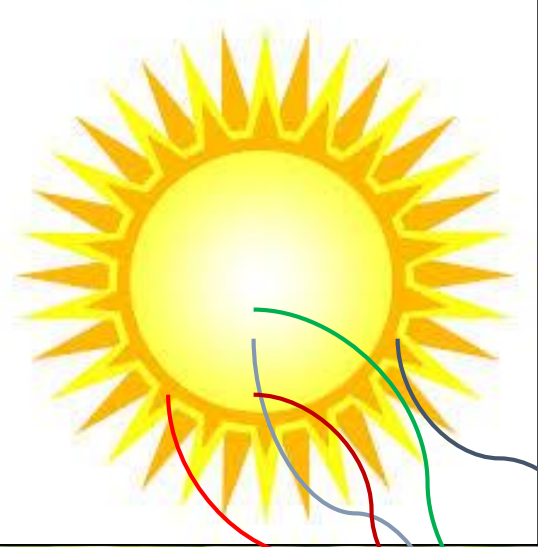


Figure 2. The seasonal accumulation and partitioning of dry weight (DW), nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), and sulfur (S) averaged over two varieties at DeKalb in 2012. The average grain yield was approximately 3.5 Mg ha^{-1} .



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Yield Opportunity**

Soybean planting date by yield environment

- Yield loss occurred from early to late plantings

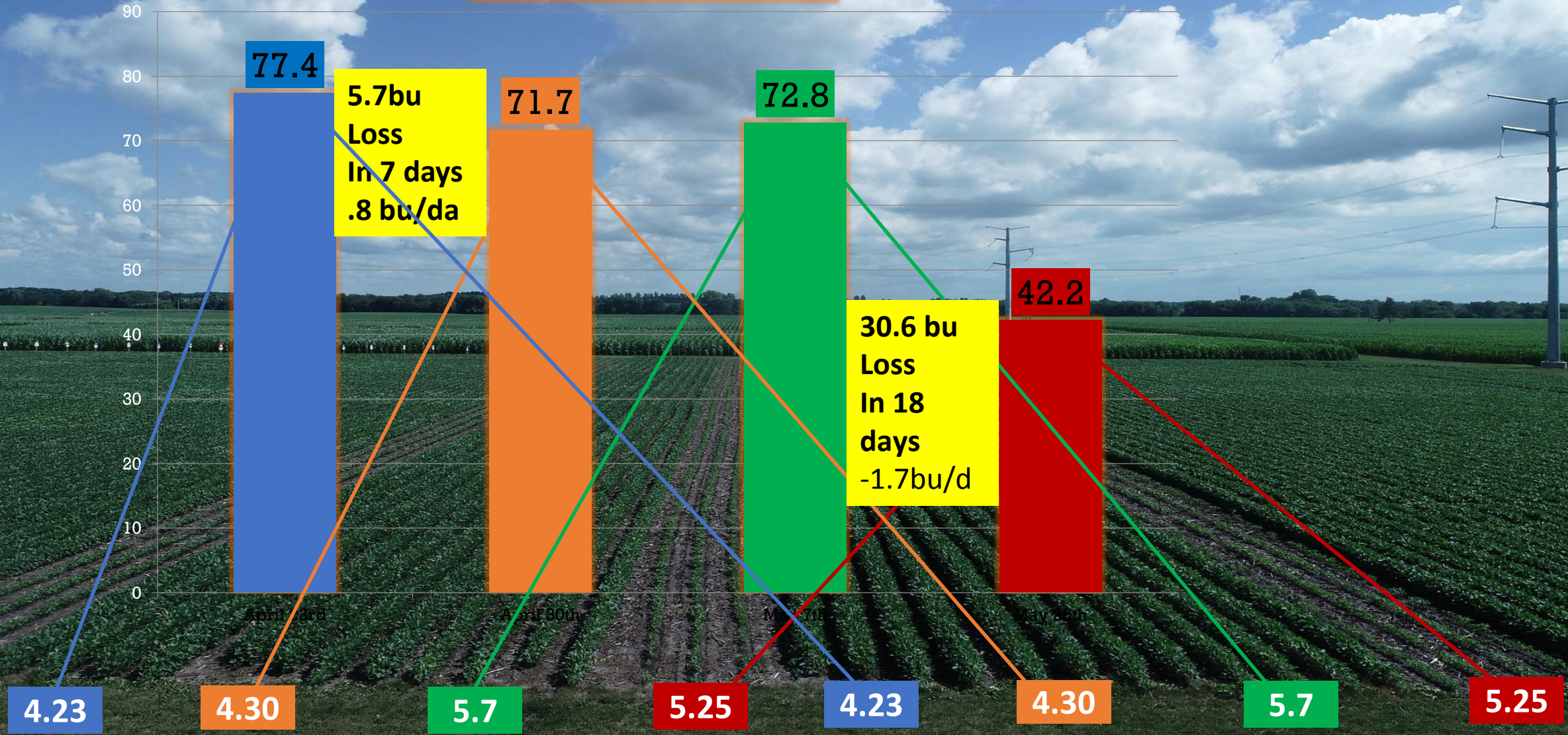
- Low yield environment saw less yield loss from early to late planting



Figure 1. A model of soybean planting date response in Iowa based on soybean yield potential. High yielding environment is above state yield average and low yielding environment is below state yield average.

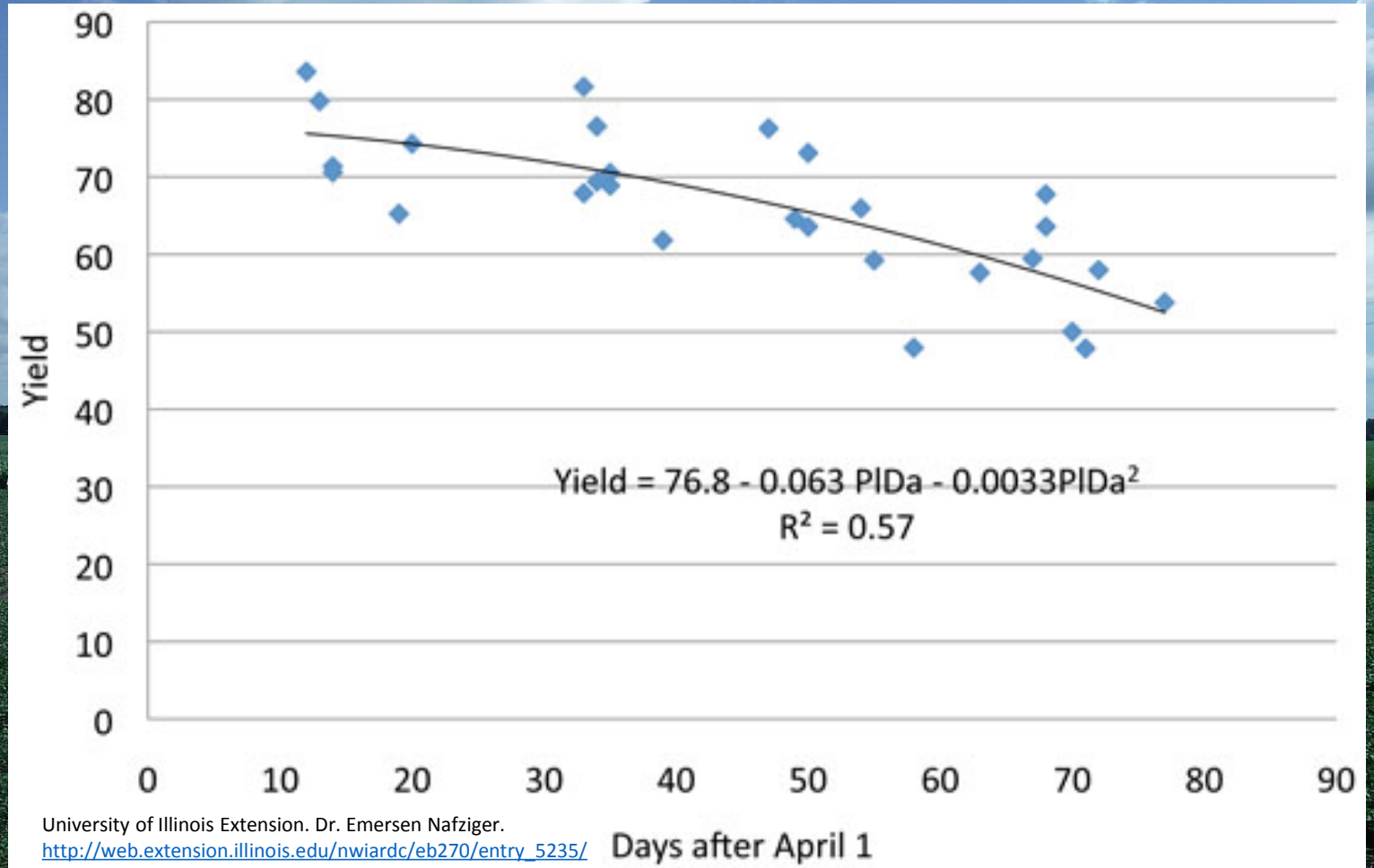
2018 Soybean (4) Planting Date- 3X Reps replication

Yield By Planting Date



Yield loss per day

- April
 - .1-.2 Bu./A/day
- May
 - 0.3-0.4 Bu./A/day
- June
 - 0.5 Bu./A/day



University of Illinois Extension. Dr. Emersen Nafziger.

http://web.extension.illinois.edu/nwiardc/eb270/entry_5235/

Days after April 1

Soybean - Early planting considerations



• Guidelines

- Go when soil conditions are right
 - DO NOT “mud-in” SB as this will negate early planting benefits
- Utilize a seed treatment
- Understand soybean will take longer to emerge
- Consider soil moisture
- Select varieties that are more tolerant to early season dangers

• Risks

- Crusting
- Frost
- SDS
- BLB
- Damping off

Soybean planting date

- Soybean yield benefits from early planting
- Early planting results in
 - Increased photosynthesis
 - More main stem nodes
 - More rapid CGR (crop growth rate) during pod set
 - Increases potential for early flowering
 - Longer reproductive period
 - Greater seed filling rate

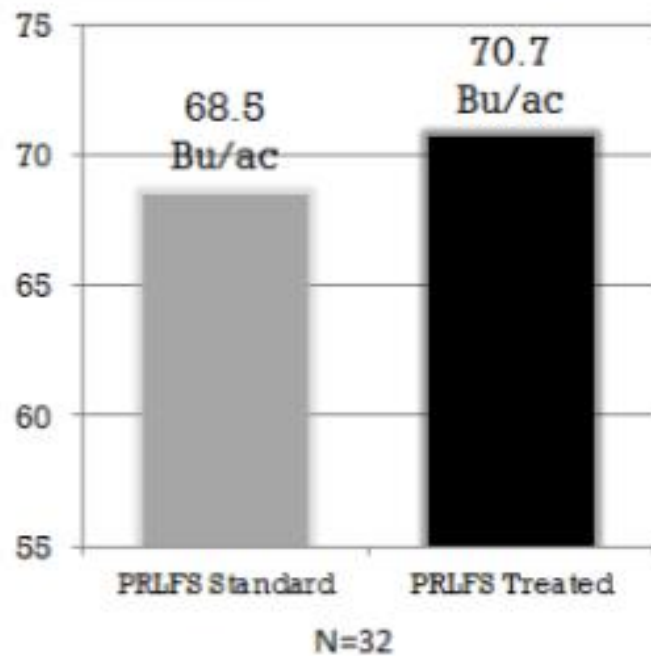
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Cruiser Maxx
Vibrance

30 Day Time-lapse Seed Treatment 60° F

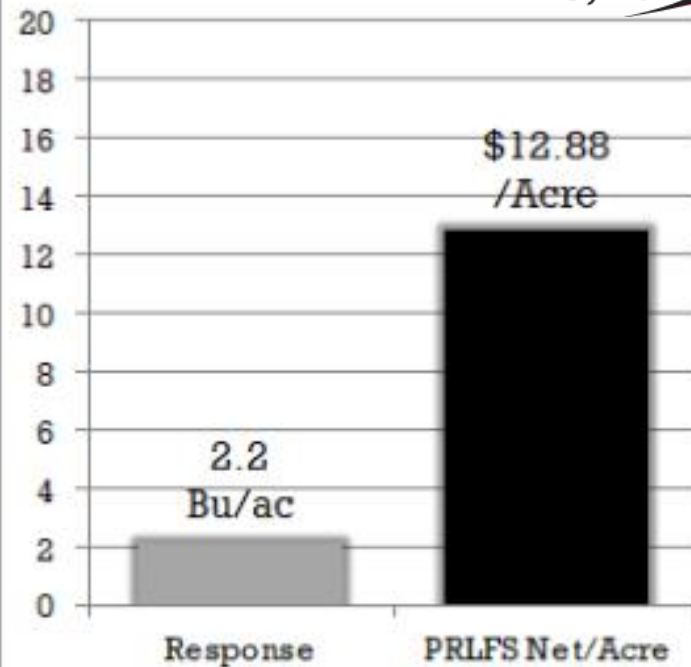
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2018 Yield



ROI

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Seed Treatment(s) VS F&I Standard Trials

2018 Prairieland Breakdown	Treatment	Moisture (%)	Yield (bu/acre)	Moisture (+/-)	Yield (+/-)	Cost (\$/Acre)	Net (\$/Acre)
	F&I + Additional Seed Treatments	12.7	70.7	+0.1	+2.2	\$7.80	\$12.88
	Standard (F&I)	12.6	68.5				

Maximizing yields and reaching New Field Averages

- Manage to maximize light and plant growth rate (PGR) – full canopy @ R3
 - Plant early – Look for flowering prior to June 21
 - Narrow rows – No sunlight escaping by R3
 - Full Season RM Soybean Varieties
- Reduce stresses that would slow CGR, compete for light, compete for H₂O, harm plant functions, etc.
 - Weeds, Insects, and Pathogens
 - Narrow rows to trap more H₂O
- Managing Fertility in high yield rotations
 - Have to have pH, N, P, and K. at optimum - critical levels
 - N applications may be of benefit when all other basics are covered and yield potentials are >75 bu/A
- **Higher yields environment respond better to intense management practices**

Questions or discussion of other Topics

Soybean N response – Spring Tillage

Yellow Soybean on Slopes

Soybean Yield Equation

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Minimizing Immobilization

- **Avoid incorporating plant material near planting-time**
 - Incorporate residue in fall
 - Utilize no-till or fall till
- **Add supplemental N to minimize immobilization**
 - DAP in fall as dry fertilizer choice
 - Not a recommendation for residue management



Temporary N Loss

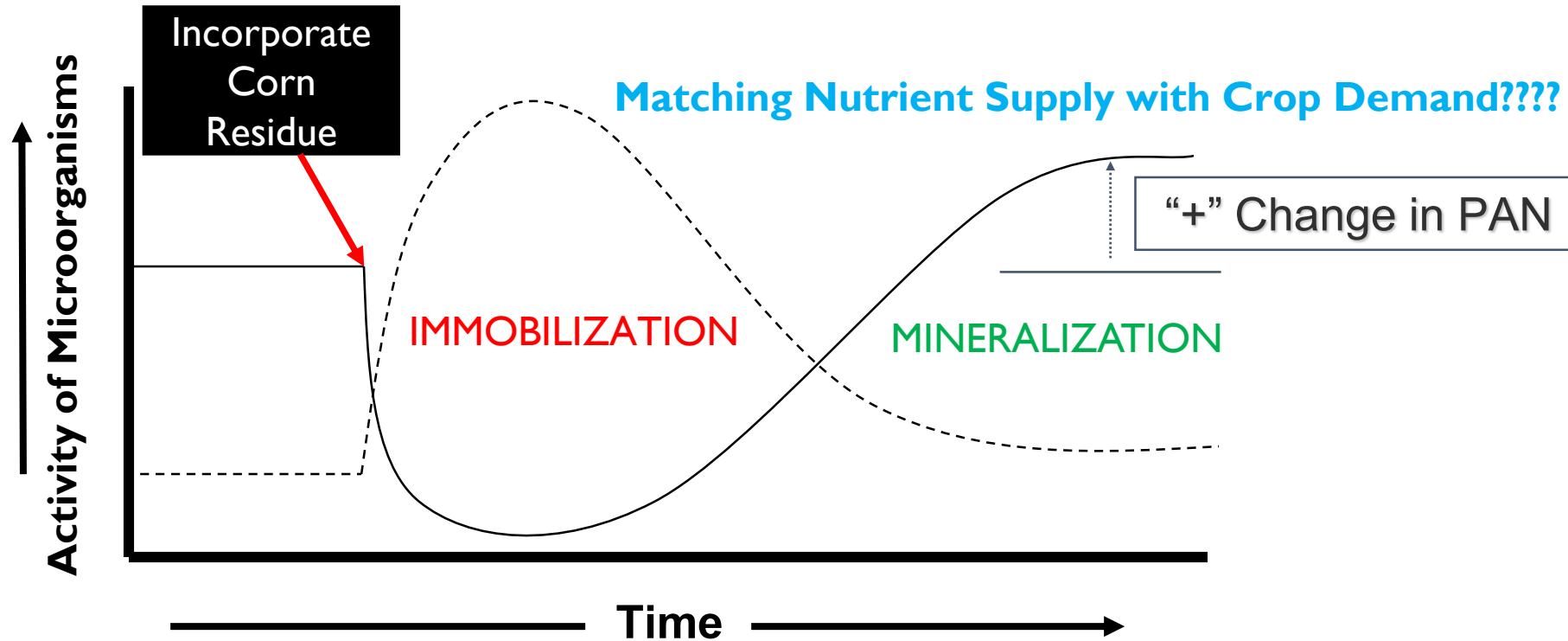
Immobilization-Mineralization



Plant-available nitrate supply

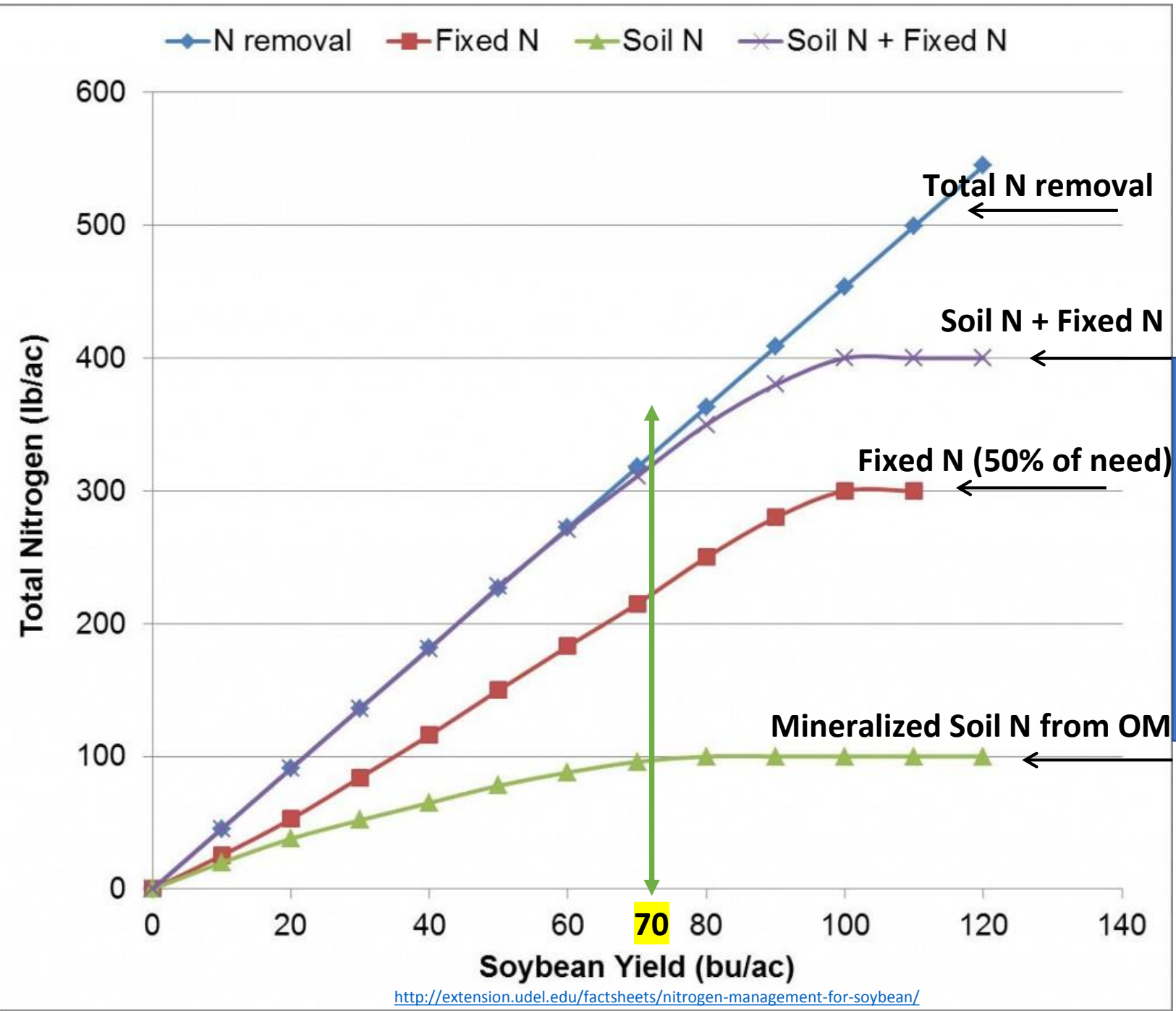


Population/Activity of microorganisms



Will N applied to Soybeans produce an ROI?

Consideration 2019
High Yield >70bu/ac
Cool Wet early – Low Mineralization
Soils low in OM
Spring tilled corn residue
C:N Ratio 60:1



Soybean N response

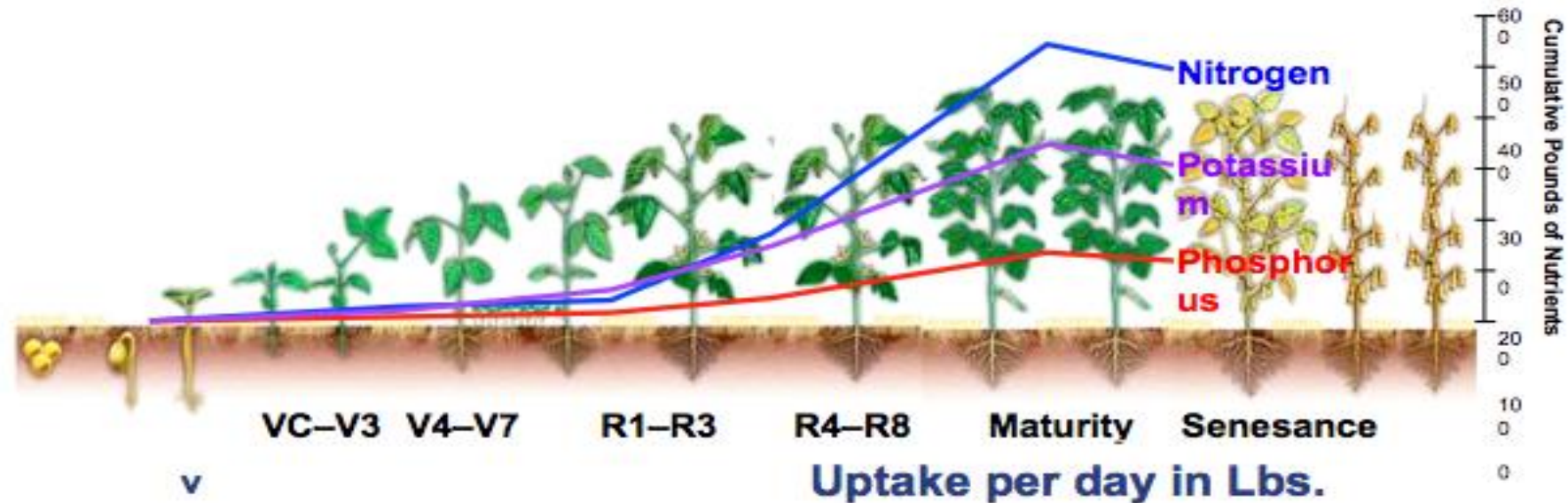
- ✓ R1 and R3 applications had biggest impact
- ✓ Use nitrate containing and/or controlled release fertilizers
- ✓ Target high yield acres, especially in soils with low chance of mineralized N
- ✓ >75 bu/A yield potential

Response to N on Soybean- 2015 Average 3 Locations (100 lbs of N applied)

Source	Preplant	V3	R1	R3
	————— changes in bushels acre ⁻¹ —————			
AN	4.0*	4.2*	5.3*	5.7*
AMS	2.7*	1.6	3.5*	3.2*
UAN	3.5*	4.1*	3.8*	3.1*
Urea	2.3	2.9*	3.2*	3.1*
Urea + Limus	1.6	3.3*	3.7*	4.2*
AN+KN+AMS	2.6*	1.4	4.5*	3.6*
ESN	3.2*	2.7*	4.3*	3.1*
Control = 71.7 *significantly different than control				

 Crop Physiology

Nutritional Demands: Soybeans



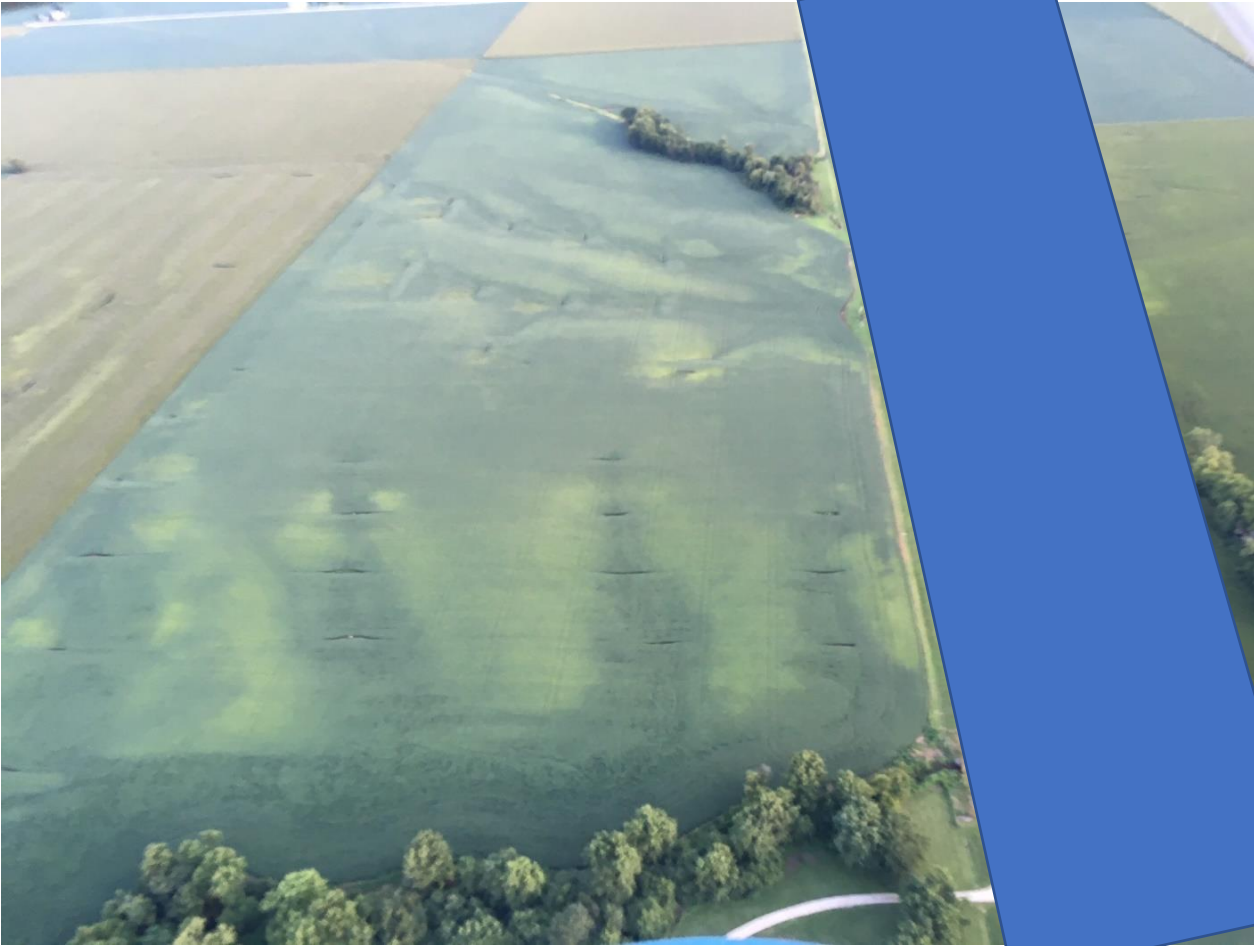
Growth Stage	# of Days	N		P ₂ O ₅		K ₂ O	
3 rd Trifoliolate	40	.75	5.5%*	.25	5%	.68	6%
6 th Trifoliolate	11	1.45	4.5%	.55	6%	2.72	7%
R2 Full Bloom	16	7.81	22%	1.75	35%	5.75	30%
R3-4 Pod Dev.	15	9.13	25%	2.27	40%	9.60	40%
R5-6 Soft Seed	21	11.43	33%	2.76	10%	2.43	10%
R7 Near maturity	16	3.38	10%	1.25	4%	2.25	6%

Flannery; 100 bu

* % of total uptake by growth stage

Flannery, Rutgers: 100 bushel yield

Soybean and Corn on slopes







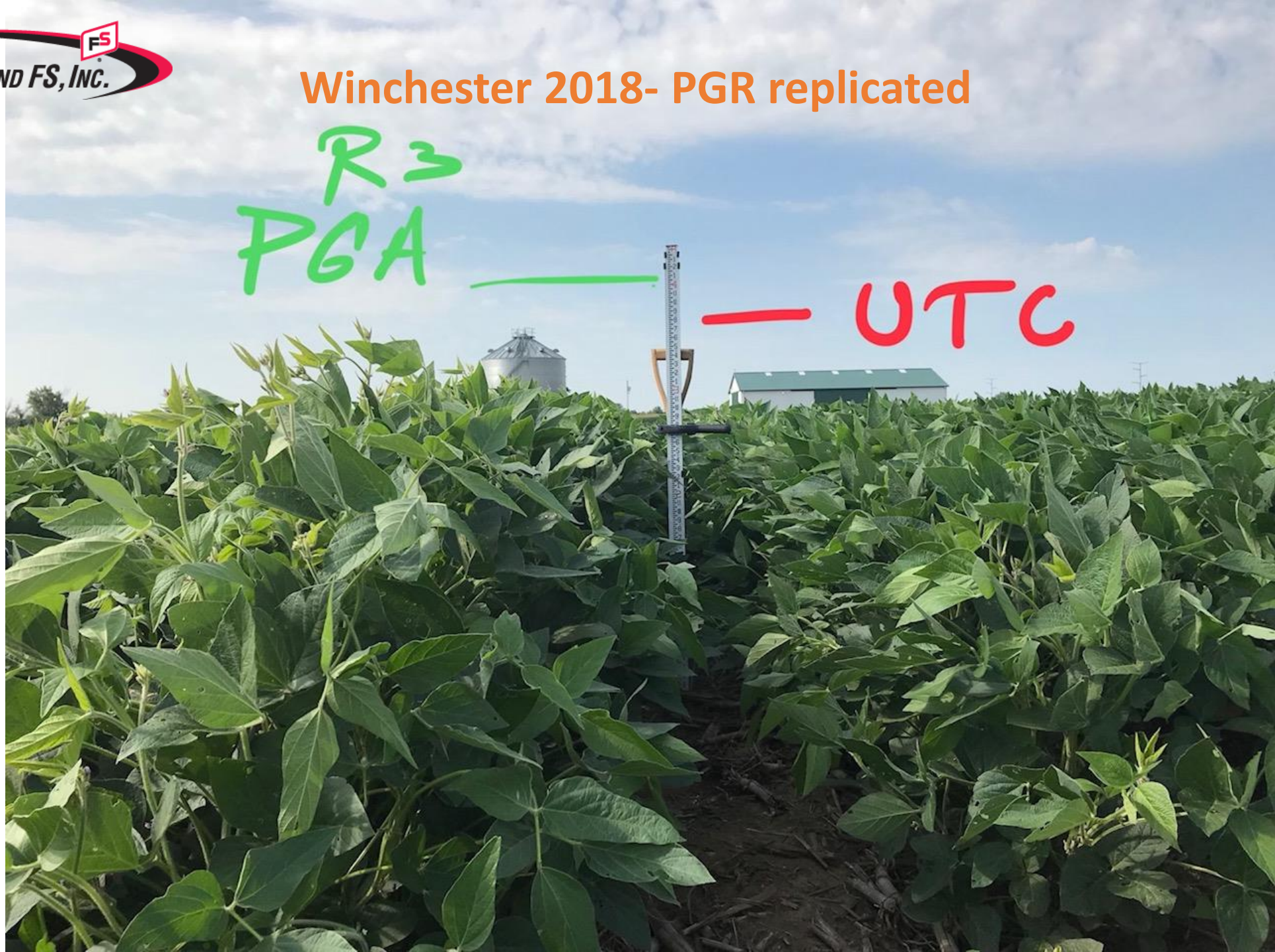
Winchester 2018- PGR replicated



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R3
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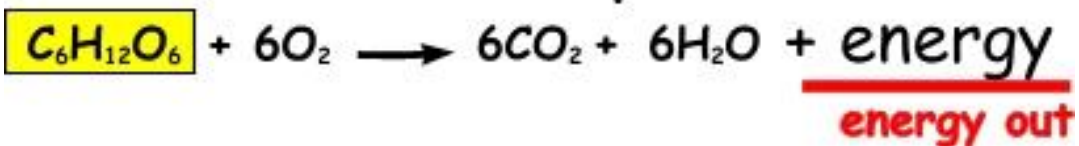
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- At or around Anthesis Temps $\geq 90^{\circ}\text{F}$
- ET. can exceed precipitation and soil water reserves
- Night temps of $\geq 70^{\circ}\text{F}$ the rate of respiration can exceed the rate of photosynthesis

photosynthesis



aerobic respiration



Temperature and Grain fill

Month	Year	Precip Total	Temp. Avg. High	Days >90°F	Temp. Avg. Low	Nights > 70°F
June	2012	0.76	85.8	7	59.3	4
	2014	8.14	82.7	0	63.4	2
	2017	3.67	86.2	5	63.1	4
	2018	2.09	88.8	13	67.5	12
July	2012	1.05	95.1	24	68.5	11
	2014	2.31	80.3	1	59	1
	2017	3.21	90.2	15	67.7	11
	2018	3.47	87.7	13	65.7	8
August	2012	3.39	87.8	13	59.2	2
	2014	4.76	83.2	5	65.7	6
	2017	3.44	82.7	2	60.8	0
	2018	4.27	87.8	13	67	9
Sept.	2012	4.56	76.5	4	52.3	2
	2014	6.59	76.1	1	52.8	2
	2017	0.55	84.3	1	56	9
	2018	4.51	82.5	7	59.2	9

Data from IWS Perry Illinois

2 Crop – Corn and Soybean Grain Removal tables

Table1.
Values given in the oxidized form

Yield (Bu/A)	150		200		250		300	
	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
60	101	106	119	118	138	130	156	142
70	108	118	127	130	145	142	164	154
80	116	130	134	142	153	154	171	166
90	123	141	142	153	160	165	179	177
100	131	153	149	165	168	177	186	189

Table2.
Values given in the product form
DAP 0-46-0
Potash 0-0-60

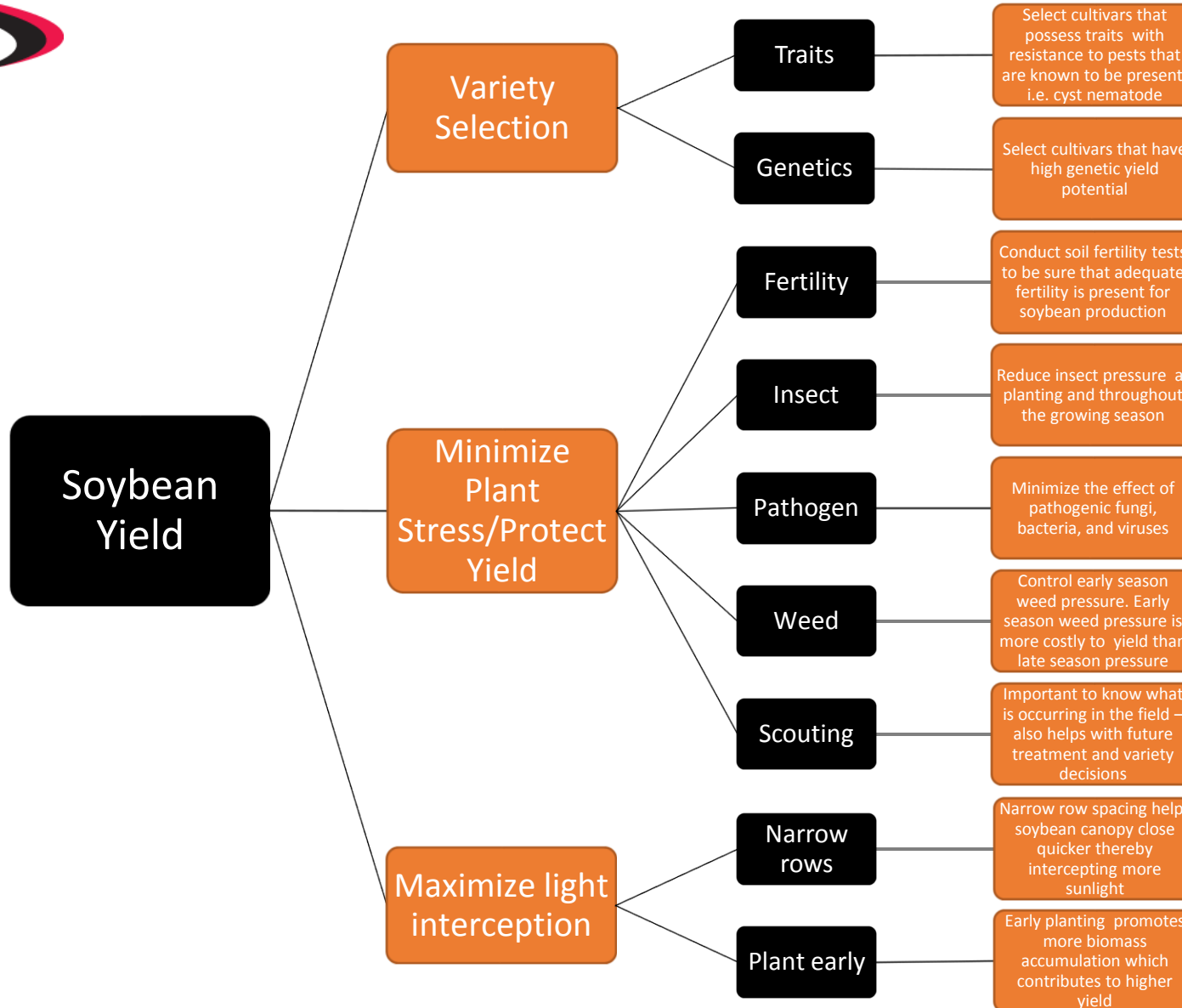
Yield (Bu/A)	150		200		250		300	
	DAP	Pot.	DAP	Pot.	DAP	Pot.	DAP	Pot.
60	218	177	259	197	299	217	339	237
70	235	197	275	217	315	237	355	257
80	251	216	291	236	332	256	372	276
90	267	235	308	255	348	275	389	295
100	285	255	323	275	365	295	404	315

Exp. Yield goal for 2 Crop
250 bu Corn and 80 bu soybean
Removes with grain/acre
153 units of P₂O₅ - 332# DAP
154 units of K₂O – 256# Potash

Soybean Treatment- Ranked by Yield

*2018 Yield Response by Trial Type					
Trial Type	# of Trials in the PRLFS System	PRLFS Yield Response	# of Trials in the FS System	FS System Yield Response	Gross Income @\$9.40
Narrow Row SB	5	7.4Bu/ac	5	7.4Bu/ac	\$69.56
Early Planting Date	1yr. 4 replicates	5.7Bu/ac	1yr. 4 replicates	5.7Bu/ac	\$53.58
R3 Fungicide & Nutrition	19	5.7Bu/ac	17	5.6Bu/ac	\$53.58
Soybean Foliar Nutrition	4	5.3Bu/ac	35	3.1Bu/ac	\$49.82
R3 Fungicide & Insecticide	15	5.1Bu/ac	52	5.0Bu/ac	\$47.94
Full Maturity	10	4.6bu/ac	10	4.6bu/ac	\$43.24
Seed Treatments	32	2.2Bu/ac	51	2.0Bu/ac	\$20.68
Soybean Starter	3	0.8Bu/ac	21	3.2Bu/ac	\$7.52
*Three Year Yield Response by Trial Type					
Trial Type	# of Trials in the PRLFS System	PRLFS Yield Response	# of Trials in the FS System	FS System Yield Response	Gross Income @\$9.40
Narrow Row SB	9	7.5Bu/ac	9	7.5Bu/ac	\$70.50
Early Planting Date	1yr. 4 replicates	5.7Bu/ac	1yr. 4 replicates	5.7Bu/ac	\$53.58
R3 Fungicide & Nutrition	36	5.3Bu/ac	81	5.7Bu/ac	\$49.82
R3 Fungicide & Insecticide	34	3.9Bu/ac	116	4.0Bu/ac	\$36.66
R3 Fungicide	14	2.7Bu/ac	161	4.2Bu/ac	\$25.38
Soybean Foliar Nutrition	34	1.7Bu/ac	83	1.9Bu/ac	\$15.98
Seed Treatments	59	1.6Bu/ac	86	1.7Bu/ac	\$15.04
Soybean Starter	6	1.2Bu/ac	45	4.1Bu/ac	\$11.28

FS Soybean Yield Roadmap



Impact of Soybean Yield Components - Seed Number

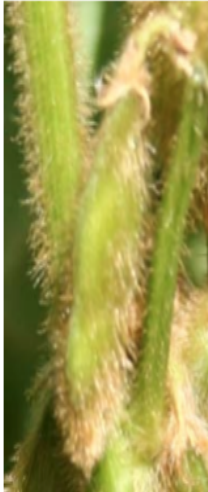
- Fixed in July R3 – R4 **July 12-27 2018**
- 60% of Yield from Mid-plant N7-13
- Yield is a function of
 - Population
 - Pod number/plant (E)
 - Seeds per pod (G)
 - Seed Weight (E)

Fertility and Plant Health influenced (E)
Influence by Genetic Factor- (Variety)

Late resources = big yield gains

R4: Full Pod

- A 3/4 inch pod at one of the four uppermost nodes on the main stem
- Rapid pod growth & beginning seed development
- From R4 to middle R5 critical for yield
 - Rapid and steady dry matter accumulation
 - Flowering is complete
 - Young seeds & pods are most prone to abortion
- Yield reduction based on total pod # is the main yield limiting factor
 - ↓ Seed # per pod and seed size may also occur



~Days to R7 - 45



Impact of Soybean Yield Components-Seed Size/weight

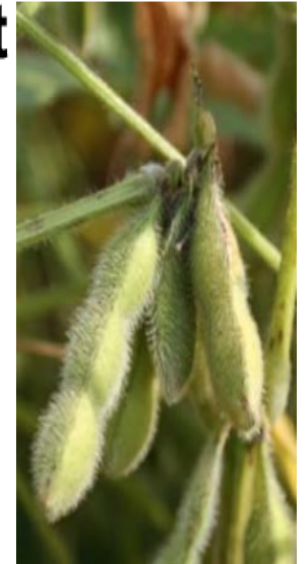
- Fixed in August-Sept R5-R6
- Begins @ Rapid Seed Fill
 - Re-mobilization nutrients/DM
 - **Max height & Nodes & Leaves**
 - **N fix. Peaks, then declines rapidly (R5.5)**
 - **Function of (E) environment**
 - **Plant Health-disease protection**

Late resources = big yield gains

R6: Full Seed

- A pod containing a **green seed that fills the pod capacity** is located at one of the four uppermost main stem nodes.
- **Total plant pod weight is maximized**
- **Rate of dry weight and nutrient accumulation slows**
- Root growth is complete between R6 and R7

-Days to R7 - 20

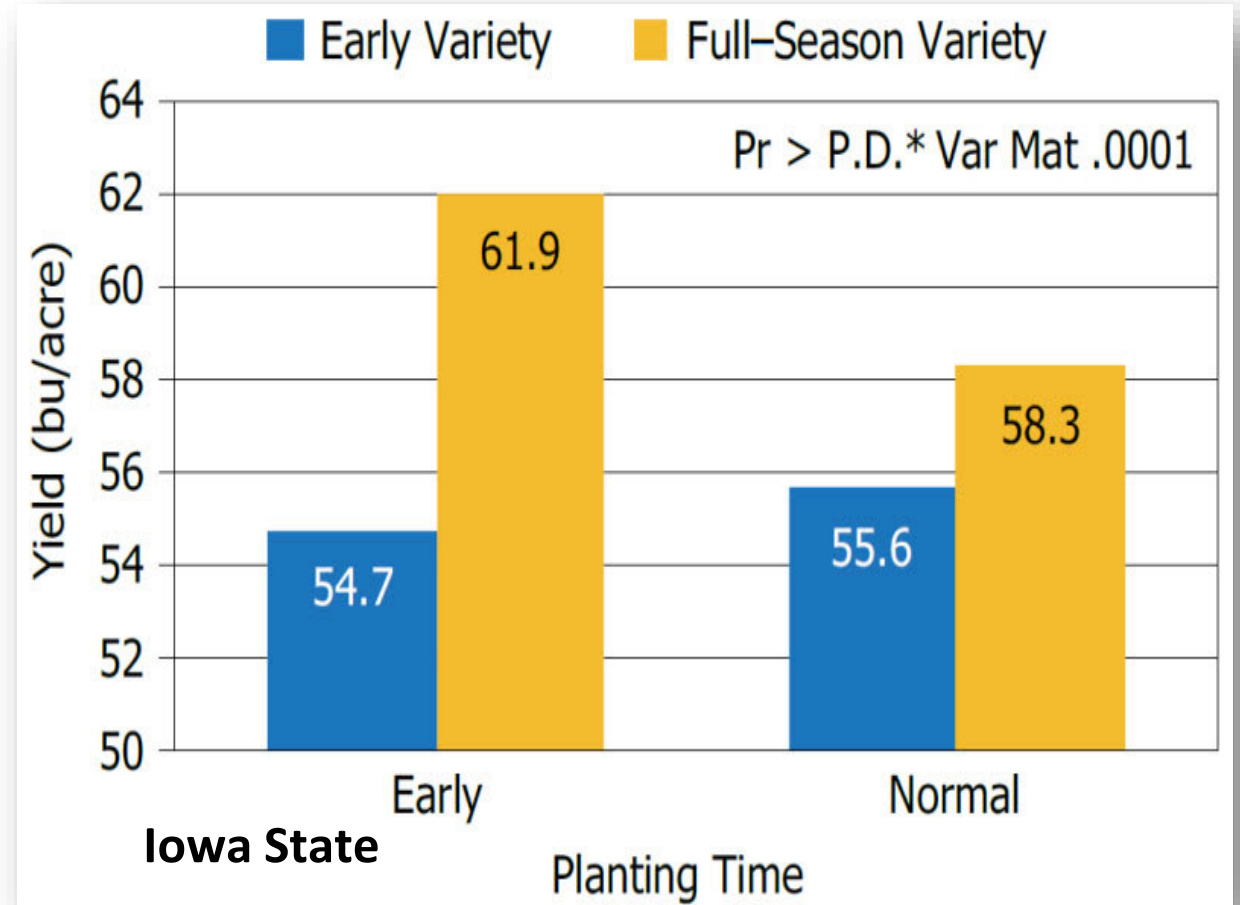




Maturity Group Selection

Full season soybean advantage

- More biomass accumulation
 - Fuller season stays in V stages longer
- Longer R stage development means more flowers and pods
- More days for grain fill period



Both Early planting and full-season var. allow opportunity for yield

2018 Soybean Stand x Treatment

