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# THE SOY FACTORY

Managing The System For Maximum Output



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# Our Soybean Journey

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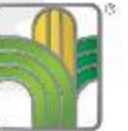


- AgriGold's soybean journey began in 2016
- Our participation in NCGA contest & high yield corn strategies soon spilled over into soybean management
- Working with Yield Masters has inspired our thinking and pushed us to do our own testing as an agronomy team





# Learning from Soybean Yield Masters



# The Soybean Factory

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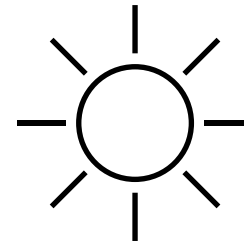
Simplify our Strategy  
Factory Concept  
Soybean – Raw Materials  
4Q's of a soybean season



“Putting the plant into a position to win”



# The Soybean Factory



## Macronutrients

- Carbon (C)
- Oxygen (O)
- Hydrogen (H)
- Nitrogen (N)
- Phosphorous (P)
- Potassium (K)

## Secondary

- Calcium (Ca)
- Magnesium (Mg)
- Sulfur (S)



## Micronutrients

- Boron (B)
- Chlorine (Cl)
- Copper (Cu)
- Iron (Fe)
- Manganese (Mn)
- Molybdenum (Mo)
- Nickel (Ni)
- Zinc (Zn)

### Seasonal Timeline

Stand  
Establishment

Vegetative  
Growth

Flowering

Pod Fill

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

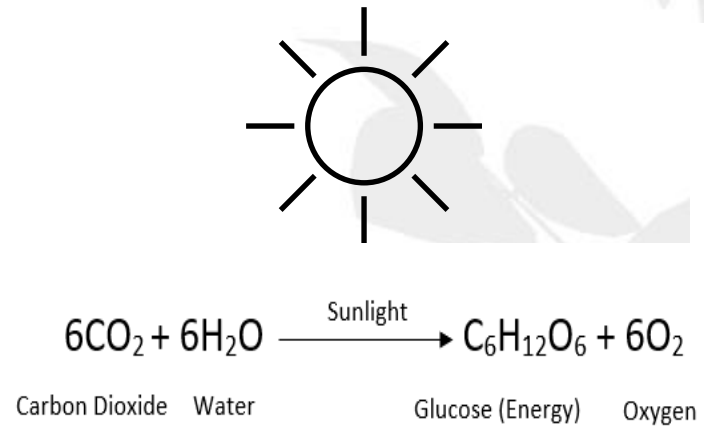


# The Soybean Factory

## Macronutrients

- Carbon (C)
- Oxygen (O)
- Hydrogen (H)

Infrastructure & Energy  
Energy  
Energy



Not all plants are created equal when it comes to these nutrients.

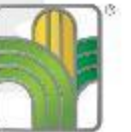




# Soybean & Carbon Fixation

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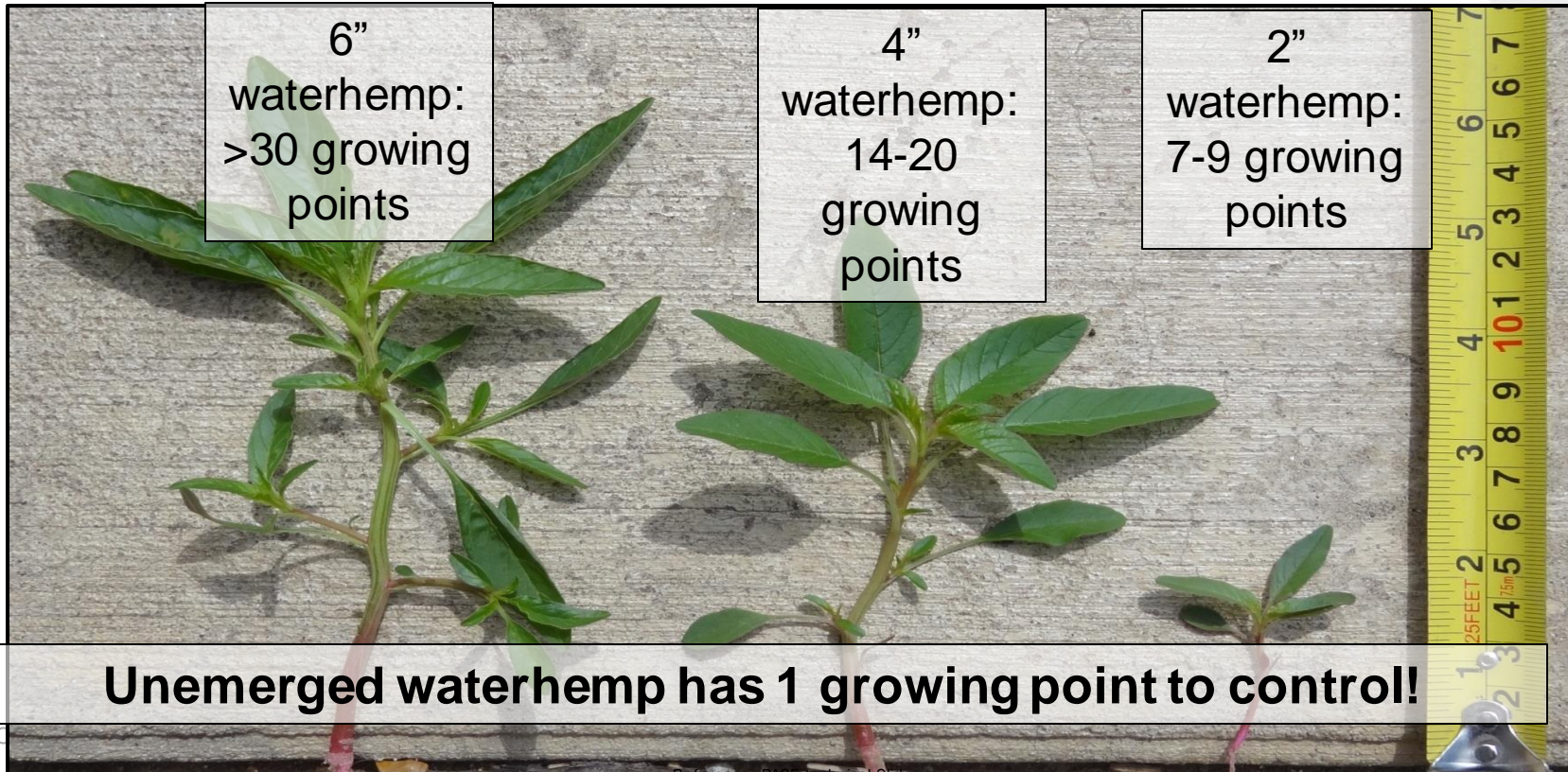
- **C3 pathway of photosynthesis - Soybean**
  - Breathes in CO<sub>2</sub> through stomates and fixes 3 chain carbon molecule
  - Stomates must be open to fix carbon
  - Approximately 85% of the world's plants are C3 **120,000 seeds to get 80 bushel**
- **C4 pathway of photosynthesis - Corn**
  - Breathes in CO<sub>2</sub> through stomates and fixes 4 chain carbon molecule
  - Continue fixing carbon when stomates are closed
  - Tropical Background **30,000 seeds to get 250 bushel**
- **CAM pathway of photosynthesis - Cacti**
  - Same as C3 but only operates only at night
  - Dry & Arid Background





# Waterhemp is a C4 Plant!

The only way to truly be successful is with pre & post overlapping residuals before R1.

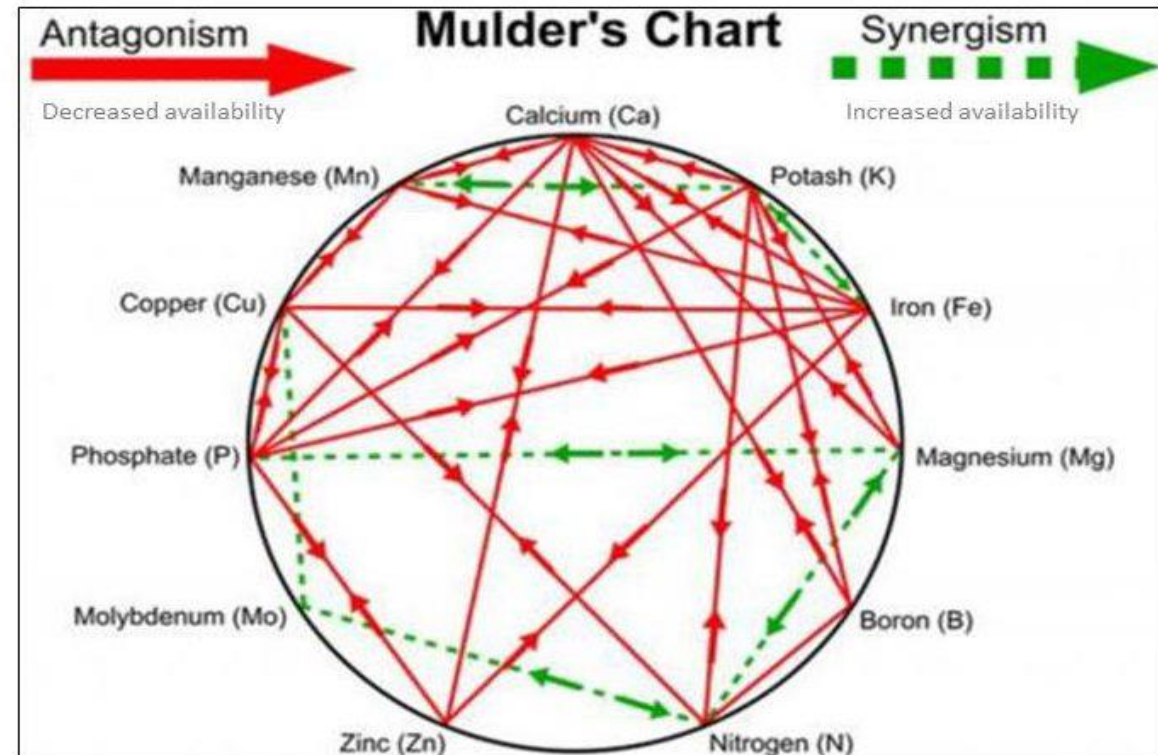


Waterhemp	C4 pathway
Corn	C4 pathway
Soybean	C3 pathway

# Raw Materials vs Plant Processes

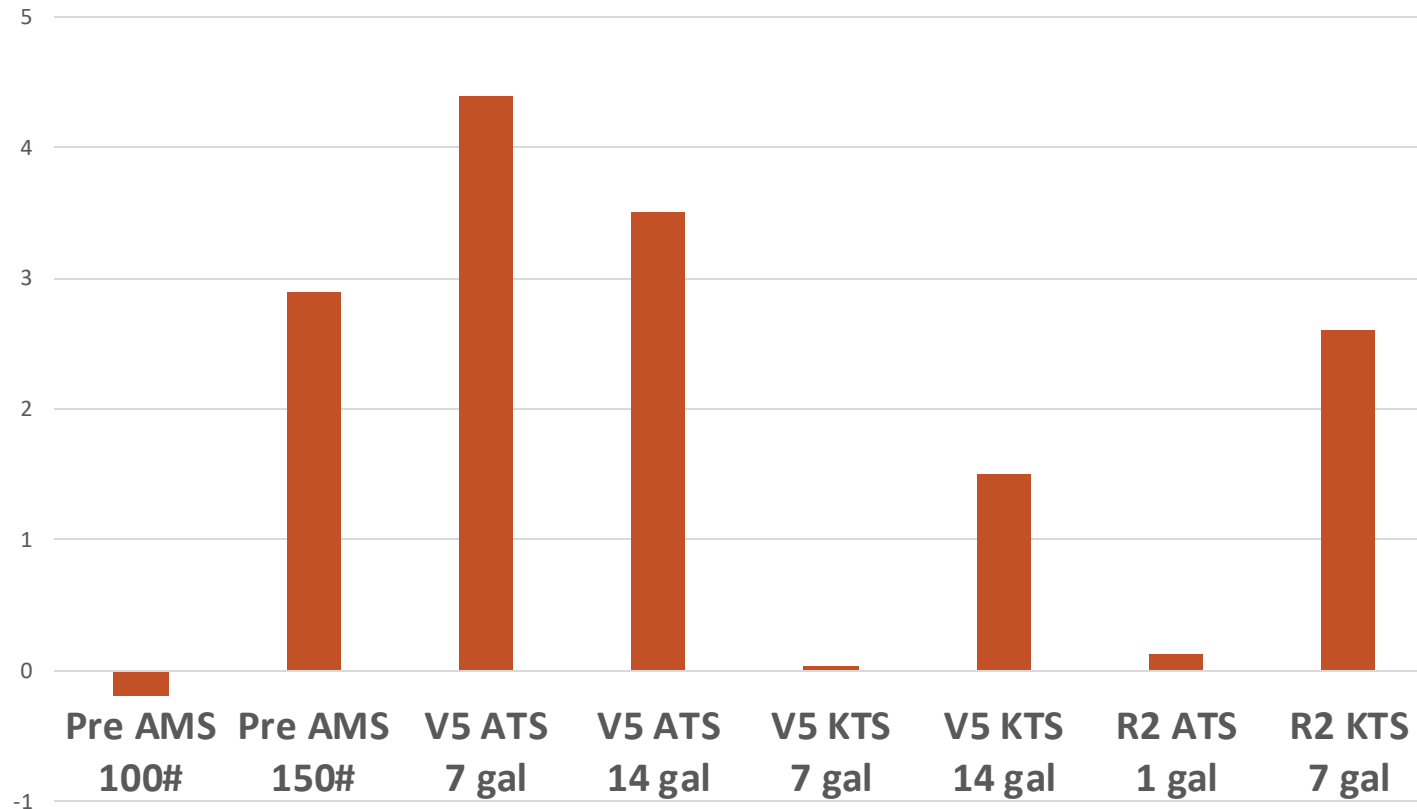
Nutrient	Grain	Stover	Total Removal (lbs)
Nitrogen(N)	325.00	110.00	435.00
Phosphate(P2O5)	73.00	24.00	97.00
Potassium(K2O)	120.00	100.00	220.00
Sulfur(S)	18.00	17.00	35.00
Magnesium(Mg)	15.00	35.00	50.00
Calcium(Ca)	4.05	39.00	43.05
Copper(Cu)	0.10	0.05	0.15
Manganese(Mn)	0.12	.88	1.0
Zinc(Zn)	0.10	0.52	0.62
Boron(B)	0.12	0.58	0.80
Iron(Fe)	1.00	2.0	1.21

100 bu. Per Acre Soybean



# Soybean Secondary Nutrient Response

## Soybean Sulfur Response



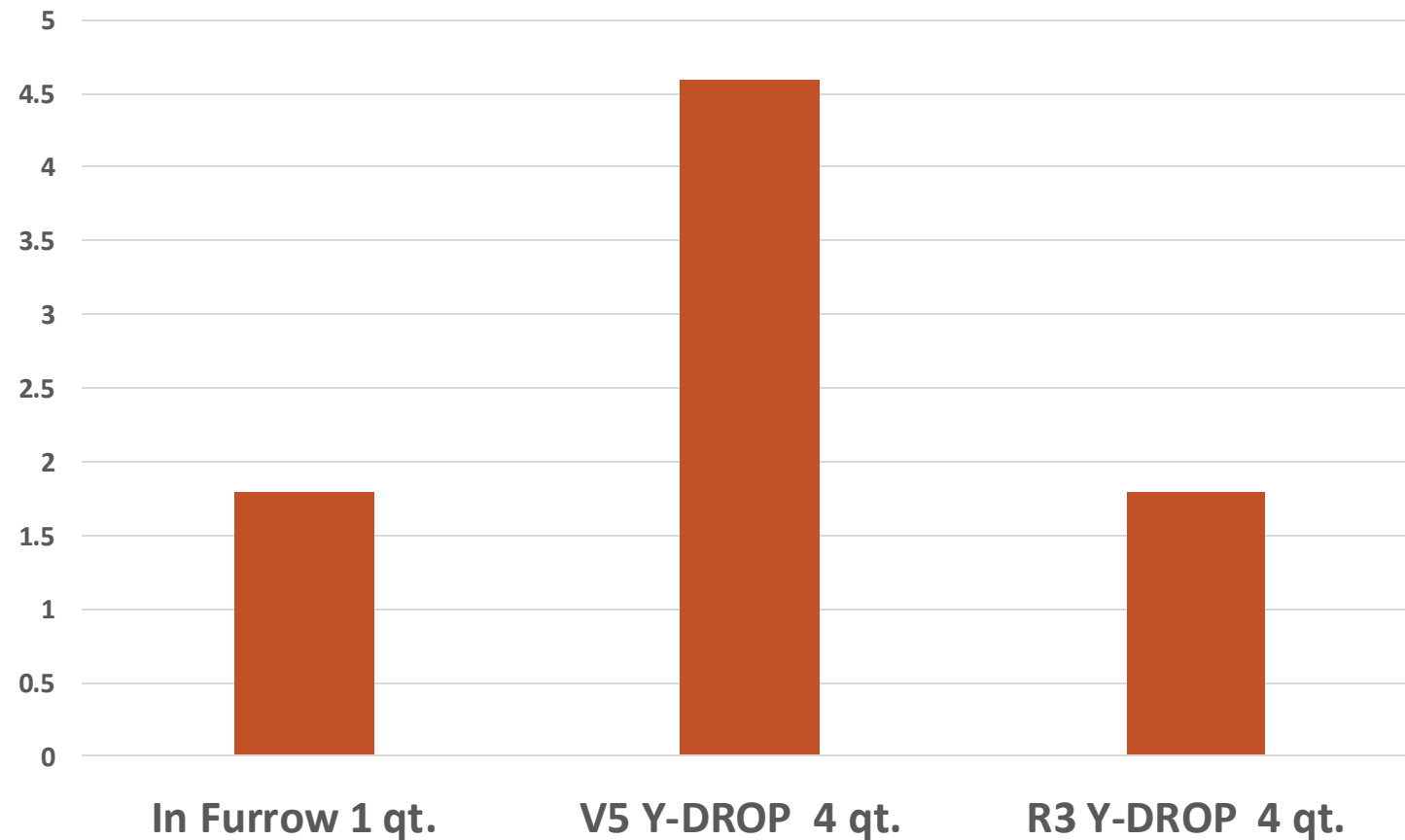
- 2018 AgiGold Agronomy Trials
- 6 locations, MO, IN, OH
- 2018-2020 Missouri ATS = +1.4 bu.
- 7 gal ATS = 9-0-0-20 per acre





# Soybean Secondary Nutrient Response

## Soybean Calcium Response

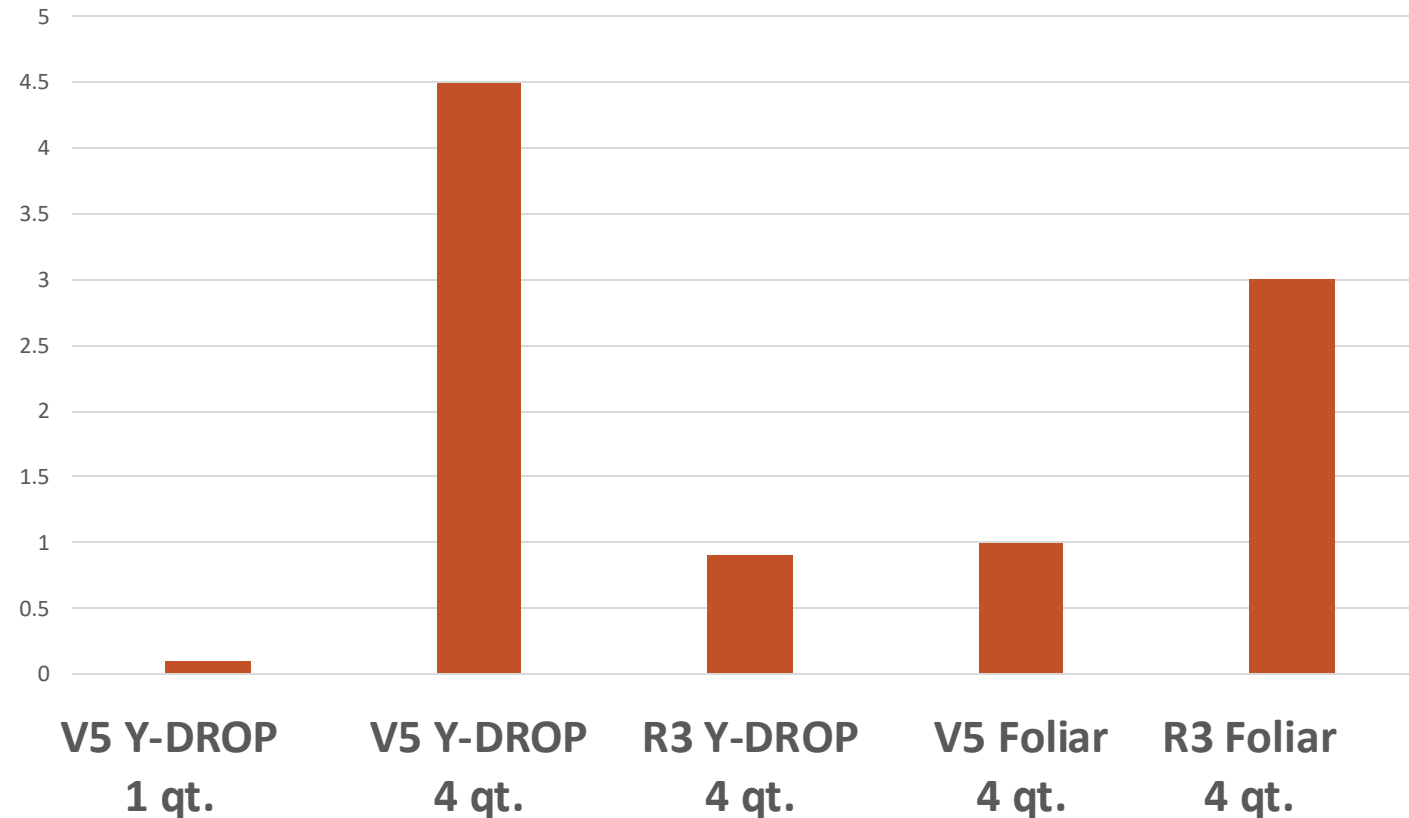


- 2018 AgiGold Agronomy Trials
- 6 locations, MO, IN, OH
- 3% calcium product



# Soybean Micro-Nutrient Response

## Soybean Boron Response

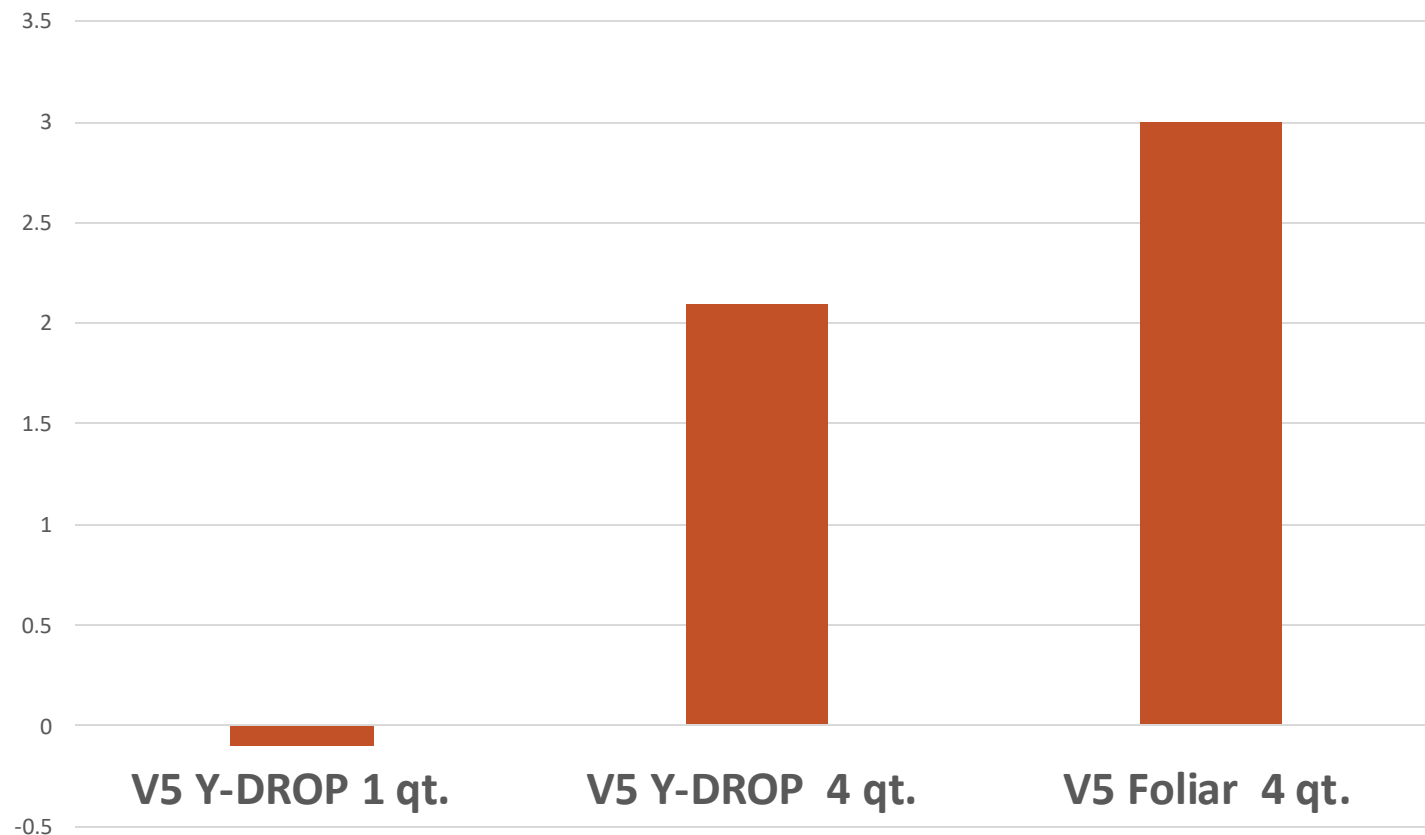


- 2018 AgiGold Agronomy Trials
- 6 locations, MO, IN, OH
- 2018-2019 MO Boron = +2.7 bu.



# Soybean Micro-Nutrient Response

## Soybean Manganese Response

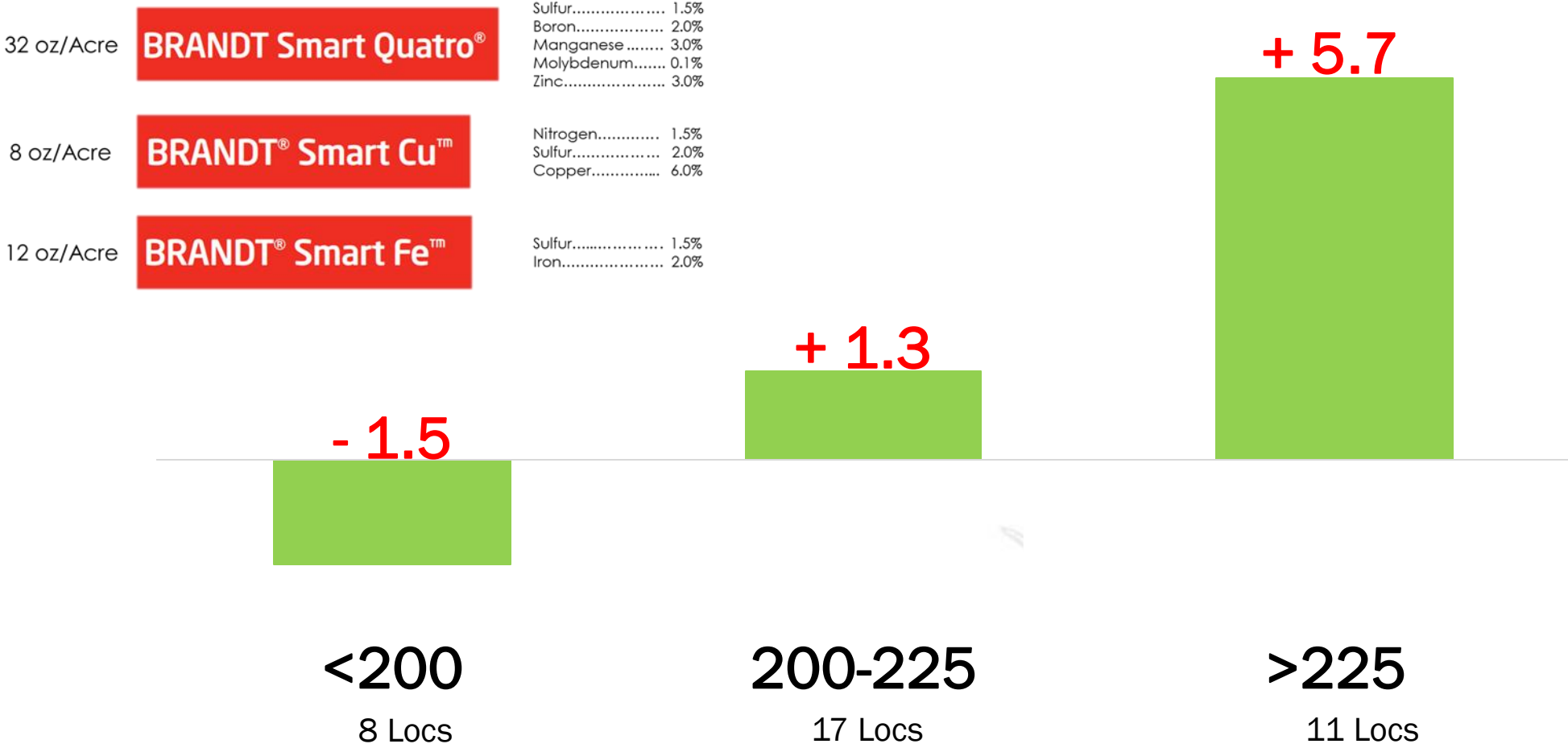


- 2018 AgiGold Agronomy Trials
- 6 locations, MO, IN, OH
- 6% Manganese product





# Micro Mix – Corn Yield Environment (2YR)



Sulfur..... 1.5%  
 Boron..... 2.0%  
 Manganese ..... 3.0%  
 Molybdenum..... 0.1%  
 Zinc..... 3.0%

Nitrogen..... 1.5%  
 Sulfur..... 2.0%  
 Copper..... 6.0%

Sulfur..... 1.5%  
 Iron..... 2.0%

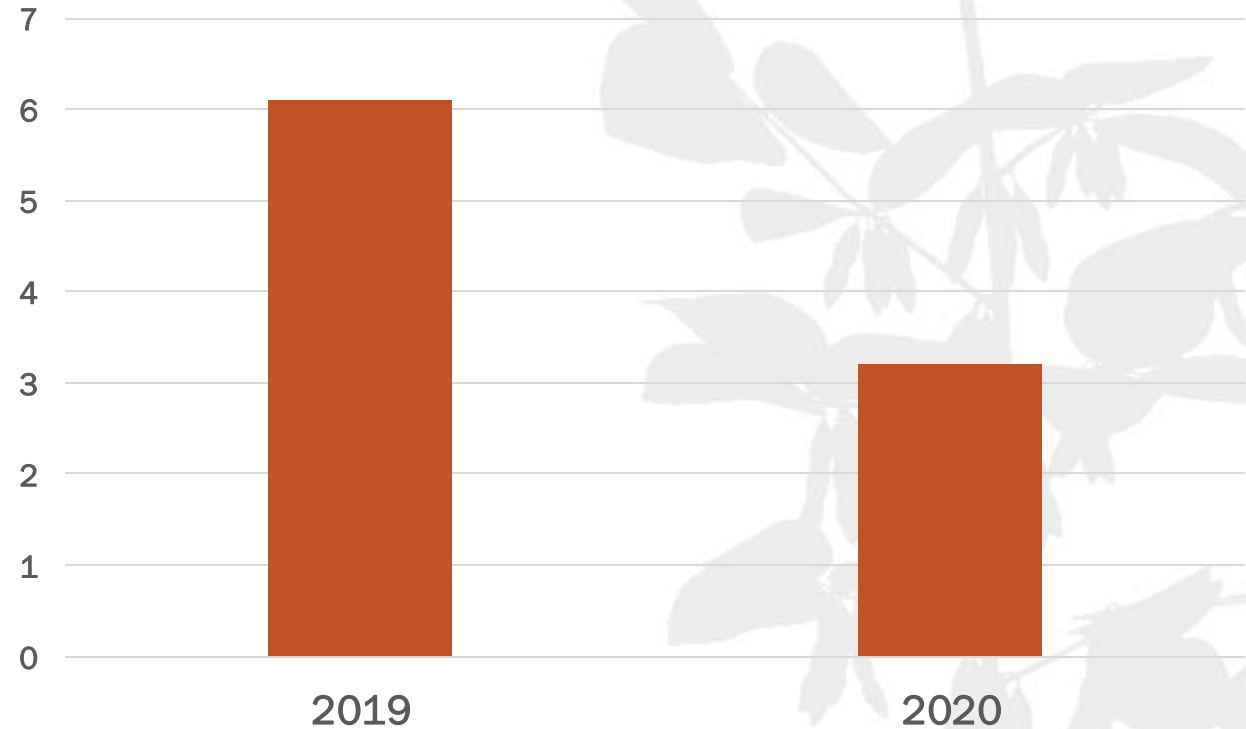


# Soybean Micro-Nutrient Response

32 oz/Acre	<b>BRANDT Smart Quatro<sup>®</sup></b>	Sulfur..... 1.5% Boron..... 2.0% Manganese ..... 3.0% Molybdenum..... 0.1% Zinc..... 3.0%
8 oz/Acre	<b>BRANDT<sup>®</sup> Smart Cu<sup>™</sup></b>	Nitrogen..... 1.5% Sulfur..... 2.0% Copper..... 6.0%
12 oz/Acre	<b>BRANDT<sup>®</sup> Smart Fe<sup>™</sup></b>	Sulfur..... 1.5% Iron..... 2.0%

2 yr. avg. +4.7 bu. vs check  
55-60 bu. average yields  
Foliar applied @ R1

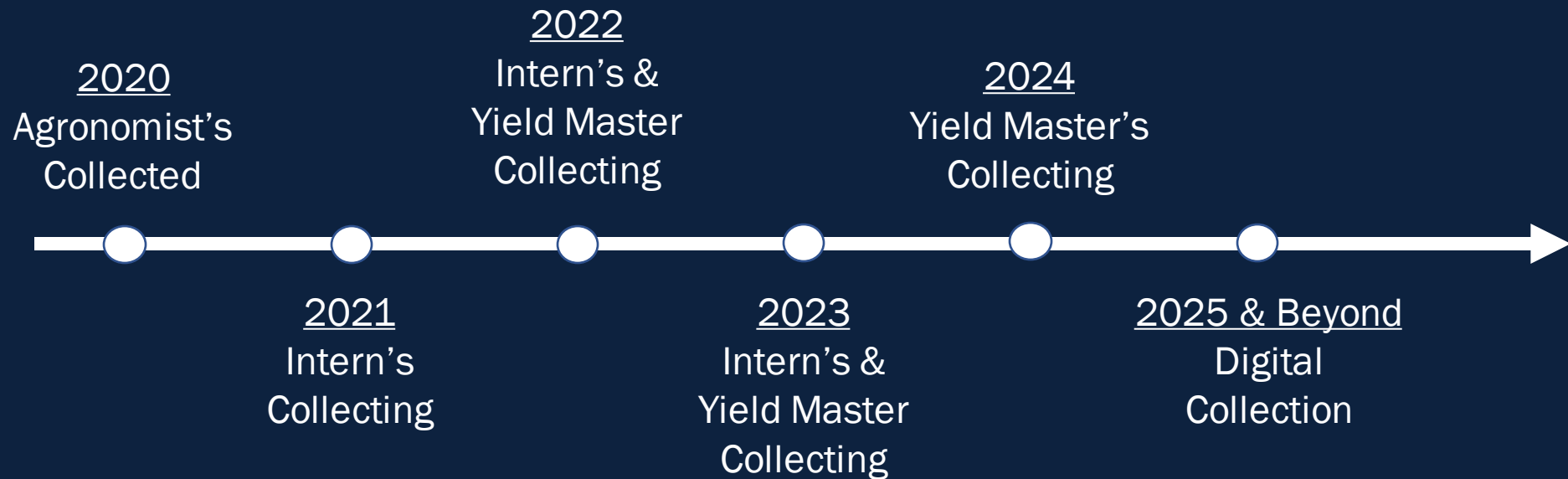
Micro Mix Soybean MO (2yr)



# SOYBEAN TISSUE SAMPLING

Trial Run with AgriGold Agronomists in 2020

- Collected 71 samples
- Yields ranged from 45 – 105 bu/A



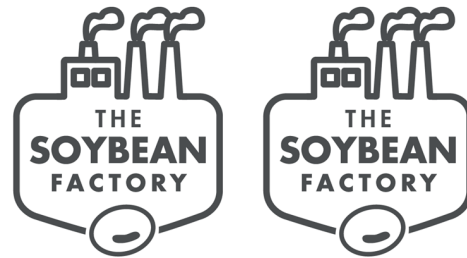


# The Soybean Factory – Q1

- The most important part about stand establishment is when you start!
  - The size of the factory depends on timing



April 15<sup>th</sup>



May 15<sup>th</sup>

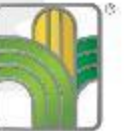


June 15<sup>th</sup>

Seasonal  
Timeline

Stand  
Establishment

Q1



# The Soybean Factory – Q1

- How big can the factory get?

Fall City, NEB  
August 21, 2020



G3520RX  
30 in rows  
← 20K population

G3520RX  
60 in rows Twin Row  
→ 50K population



# The Soybean Factory – Q1

- Soybean cold tolerance is better than I thought
  - Chilling injury is usually the main concern early

	Soybean	Corn
Imbibitional Phase	6 to 24 hours	48 hours
Min. soil temperature	50° F	50° F

The warmer the soil temperature the faster the water intake

Variety	Planting Date	Yield
G3722RX	April 8, 2020	47.2
G3722RX	April 21, 2020	47.1

Planting Date Study - Chillicothe, MO

Seasonal  
Timeline

Stand  
Establishment

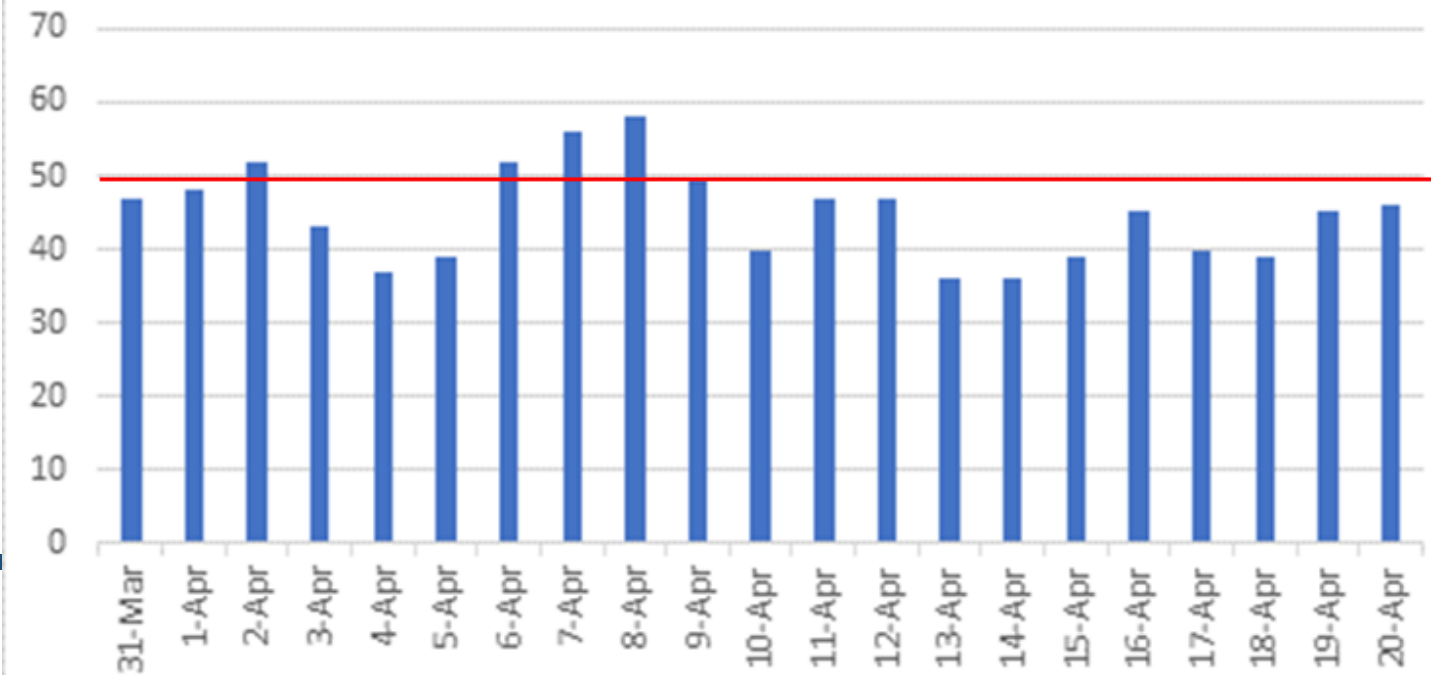
Q1



# The Soybean Factory – Q1

- Soybean cold tolerance is better than I thought
  - Planting date & seed treatment studies

2" Soil Temp (7:30 - 8:30 am.)  
Worked clay loam - Chillicothe, MO - 2020





# The Soybean Factory – Q1

- Soybean early planting & seed treatments
  - Planting date & seed treatment studies

Variety	Treatment	Yield
G3620RX	AgriShield Plus	45.2
G3620RX	AgriShield Max	48.7
G3620RX	AgriShield Max w/Saltro	52.2

Chillicothe, MO Planted 4-8-20

**+7.0 bu. w/Saltro**



Seasonal  
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Establishment

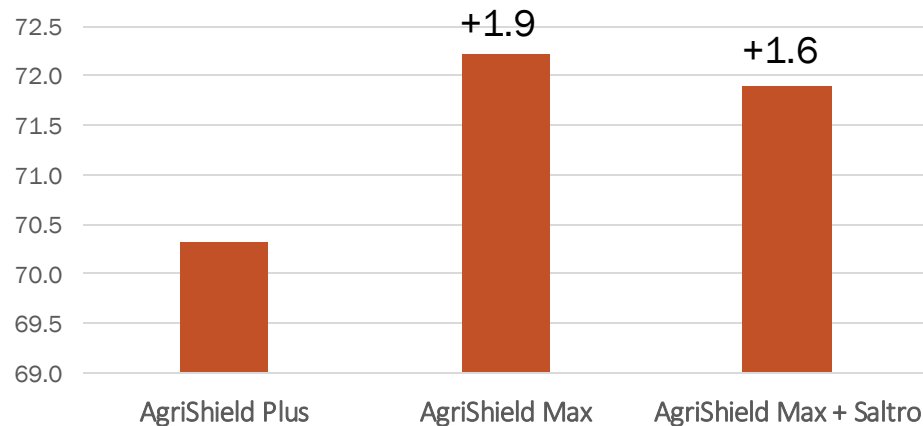
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# The Soybean Factory – Q1

## 2020 Seed Treatment Breakdown by Planting Dates

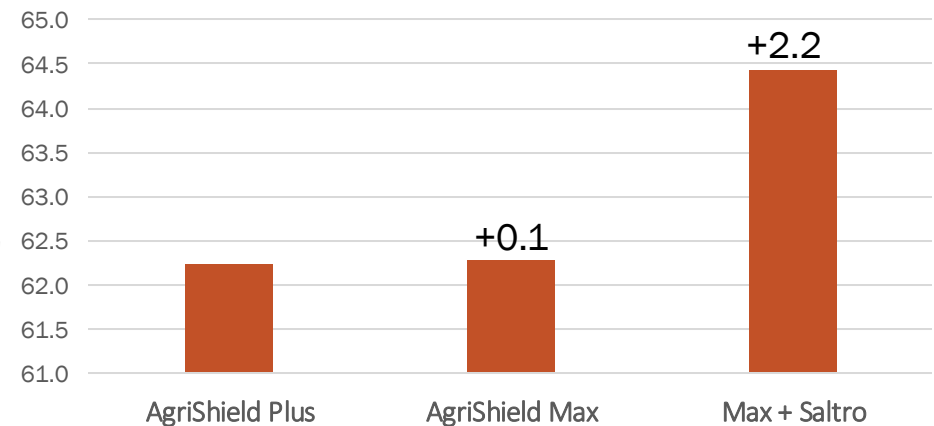
April 1st to May 15th Planting Date  
71.bu./acre Avg.



National Data 2020 – 33 locations



May 16 to June 15 Planting Date  
63 bu./acre Avg.



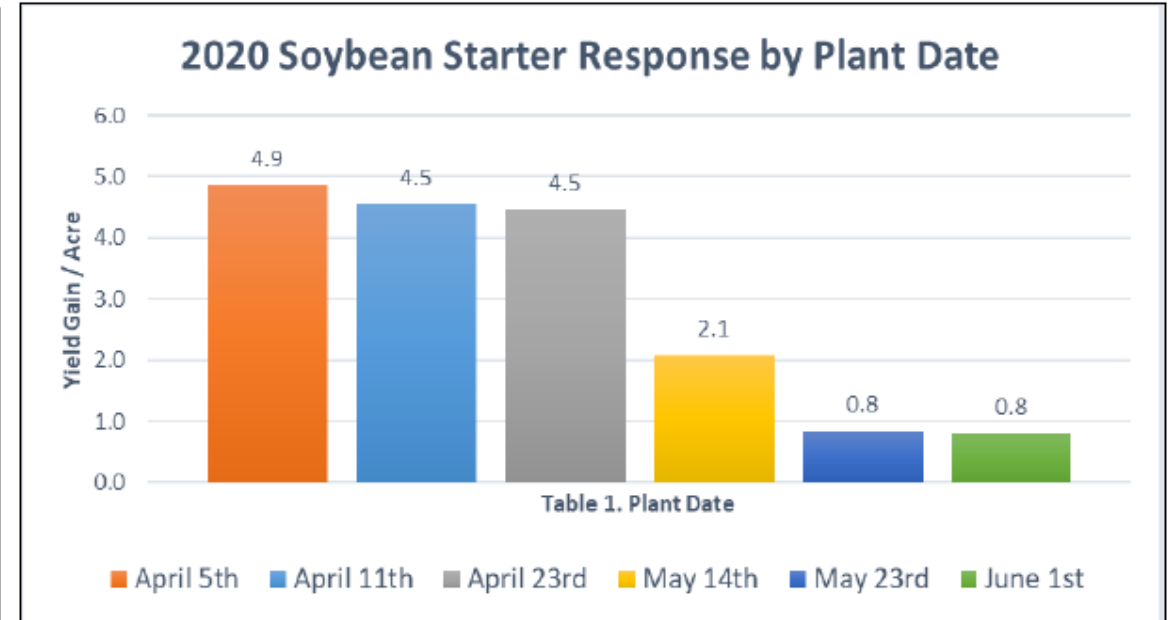
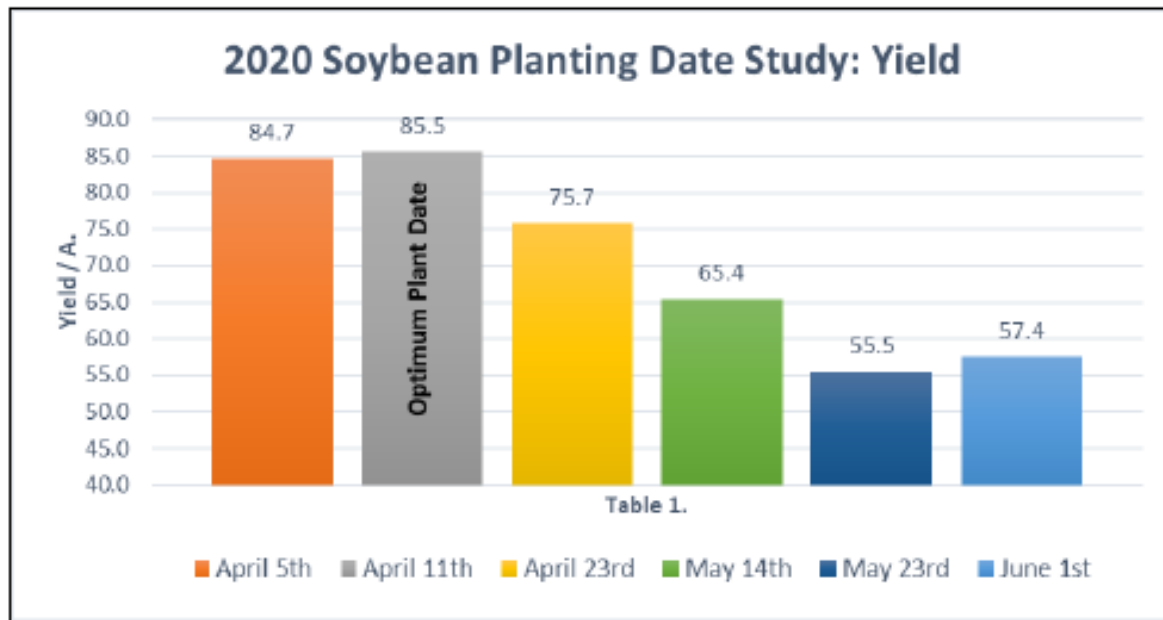
National Data 2020 – 23 locations



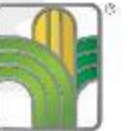
+ 8 bu.

# The Soybean Factory – Q1

Early start & response to fertility



- 2020 Precision Planting PTI Yield Summary
- 130,000 population
- 20" row spacing



# The Soybean Factory – Q2

- The most forgiving quarter of growth
  - Focus on herbicide program completion
  - Avoid damage below cotyledons
  - Relatively low nutrient needs

Nutrient Uptake per Day for Various Growth Periods of soybean ---Yield 101 bu/A

Sampling Stage	Days in Period	Nutrient Uptake per Day (lb/A)			Total Uptake (lb/A)		
		N	P2O5	K2O	N	P2O5	K2O
3rd Trifoliolate	40	0.75	0.25	0.68	30	10	27
6th Trifoliolate	11	1.45	0.55	2.72	16	6	30
Full Bloom	16	7.81	1.75	5.75	125	28	92

Reference: Flannery, Roy. Rutgers University. 1986 Better Crops with Plant Food, 6-7 Tisdale, et al. 1993. Soil Fertility and Fertilizers, Chapter 7.



Auxiliary buds emerge after May 9<sup>th</sup> frost

Seasonal  
Timeline

Stand  
Establishment

Vegetative  
Growth

Q1

Q2





# The Soybean Factory – Q3

- (R1) flowering marks the beginning of Q3
  - Nutrient demands skyrocket
  - Plant starts reproductive processes
  - Plant still needs to achieve two thirds of its plant height
- Maximizing photosynthesis, water, & sunlight directly correlate with yield gains

Seasonal  
Timeline

Stand  
Establishment

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Flowering

Q1

Q2

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# The Soybean Factory – Q3 & Q4

- Nutrient demands skyrocket

Nutrient Uptake for 101 bu. Yield

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Early pod	15	9.13	2.27	9.6	137	34	144	
Soft Seed	21	11.43	2.76	2.43	240	58	51	
Near mature	16	-3.38	-1.25	-2.25	-5.4	-20	-36	
<b>Total (lb/A)</b>	<b>119</b>				<b>494</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>308</b>	
					<b>lb/bu</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>3.05</b>

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Seasonal  
Timeline

Stand  
Establishment

Vegetative  
Growth

Flowering

Pod Fill

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4



# The Soybean Factory – Q4

- (R3) Pod formation marks the beginning of Q4
  - Source to Sink relationship begins to change
    - All available nutrients begin to move to the seed
  - Foliar feed opportunities
  - Water usage peaks during grain fill
  - Extending the grain fill period is key
    - Fungicide applications, etc.

Seasonal  
Timeline

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Growth

Flowering

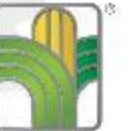
Pod Fill

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Q4



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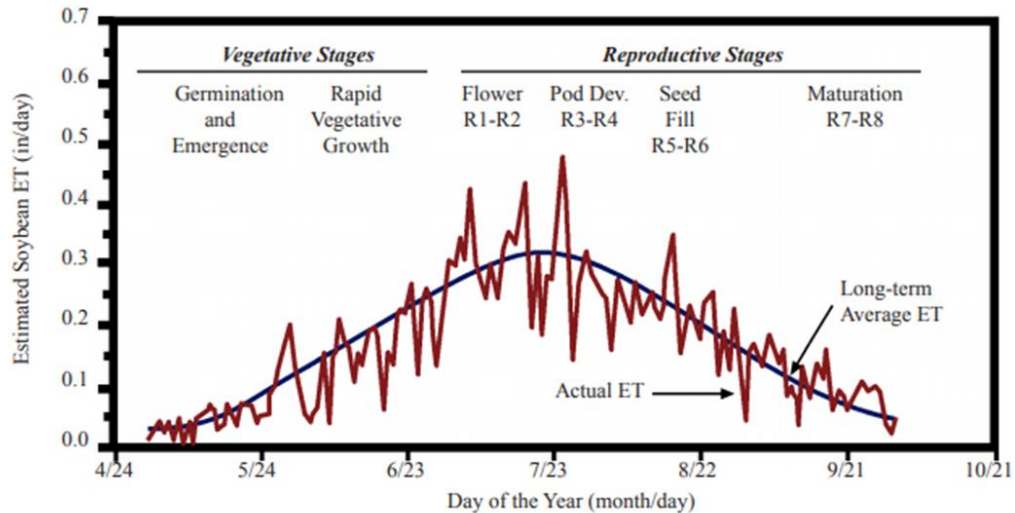
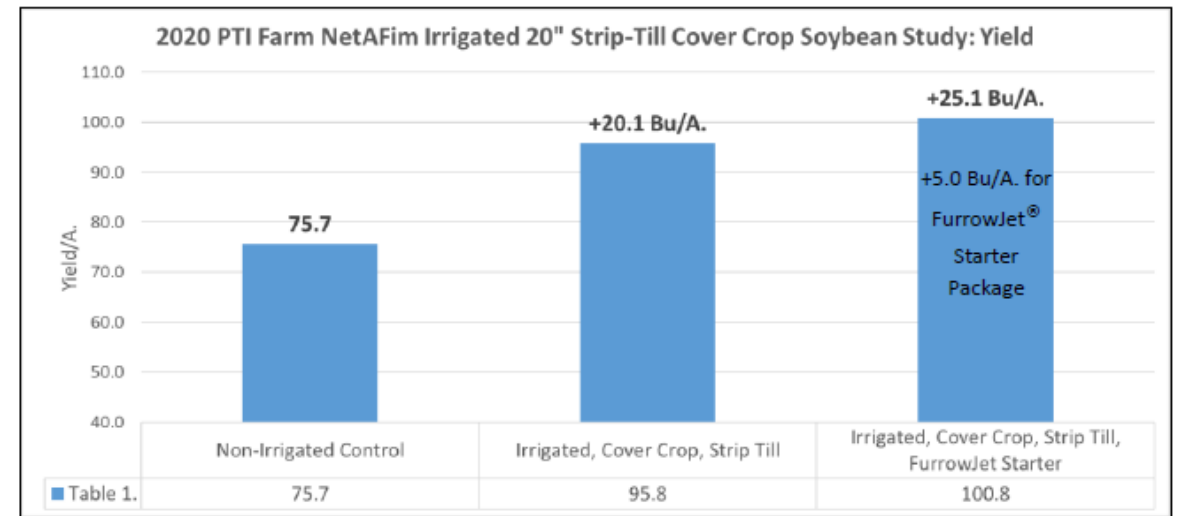


Figure 1. Soybean crop water use or daily evapotranspiration (ET) from a well-watered crop. The blue line depicts the expected ET based on historical data, whereas the red line depicts the daily ET for a specific growing season. Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center Data Archives



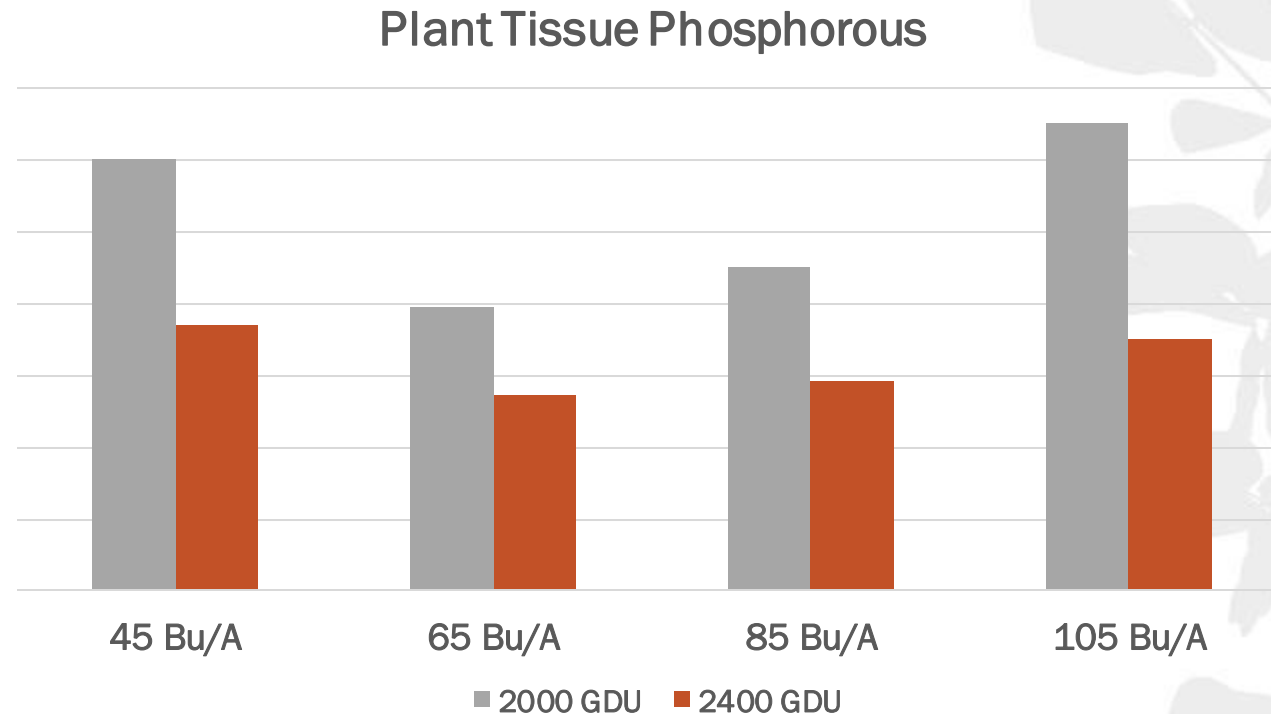
2020 PTI Yield Summary – 9” of water applied via drip tape





# The Soybean Factory – Q4

- (R3) Pod formation marks the beginning of Q4
  - Water & Sunlight = Nutrient Movement to the seed



# The Soybean Factory – Q4

- September is key for strong finish
  - If water & sunlight are available, heat will drive more grain fill
  - Explains RM limitations in some areas
  - Explains movement to earlier RM's in areas adopting earlier planting dates



Seasonal  
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Q2

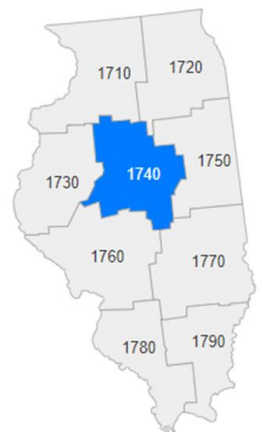
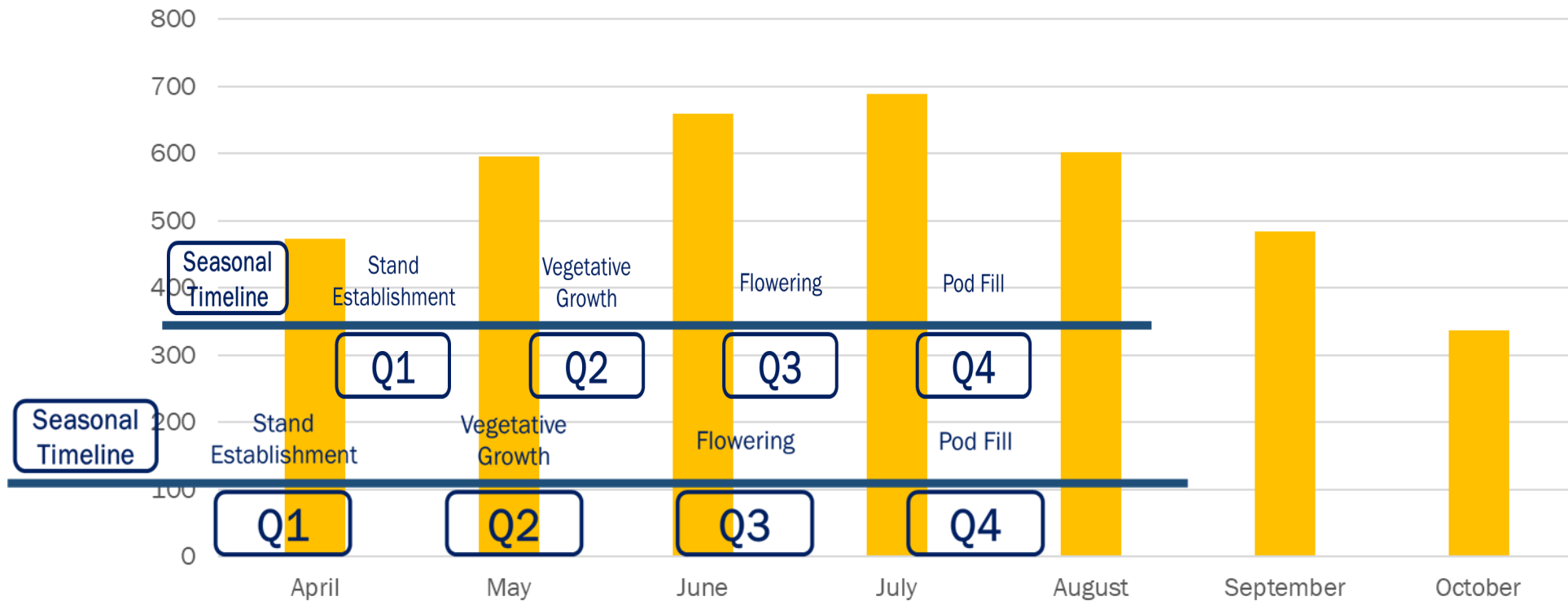
Q3

Q4



# Maximizing Power to the Factory

10 yr. Avg. Solar Radiation Central Illinois – MJ/m<sup>2</sup>



# The Soybean Factory Summary

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## Simplify our Strategy

- Soybeans were made for an early start
- Building a better factory with fertility
- 4Q's of a soybean season
- Water & Sunlight in second half are key



“Putting the plant into a position to win”







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# THANK YOU!

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