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Capturing Record-Breaking Yields with No-Till and Cover Crops

Russell Hedrick



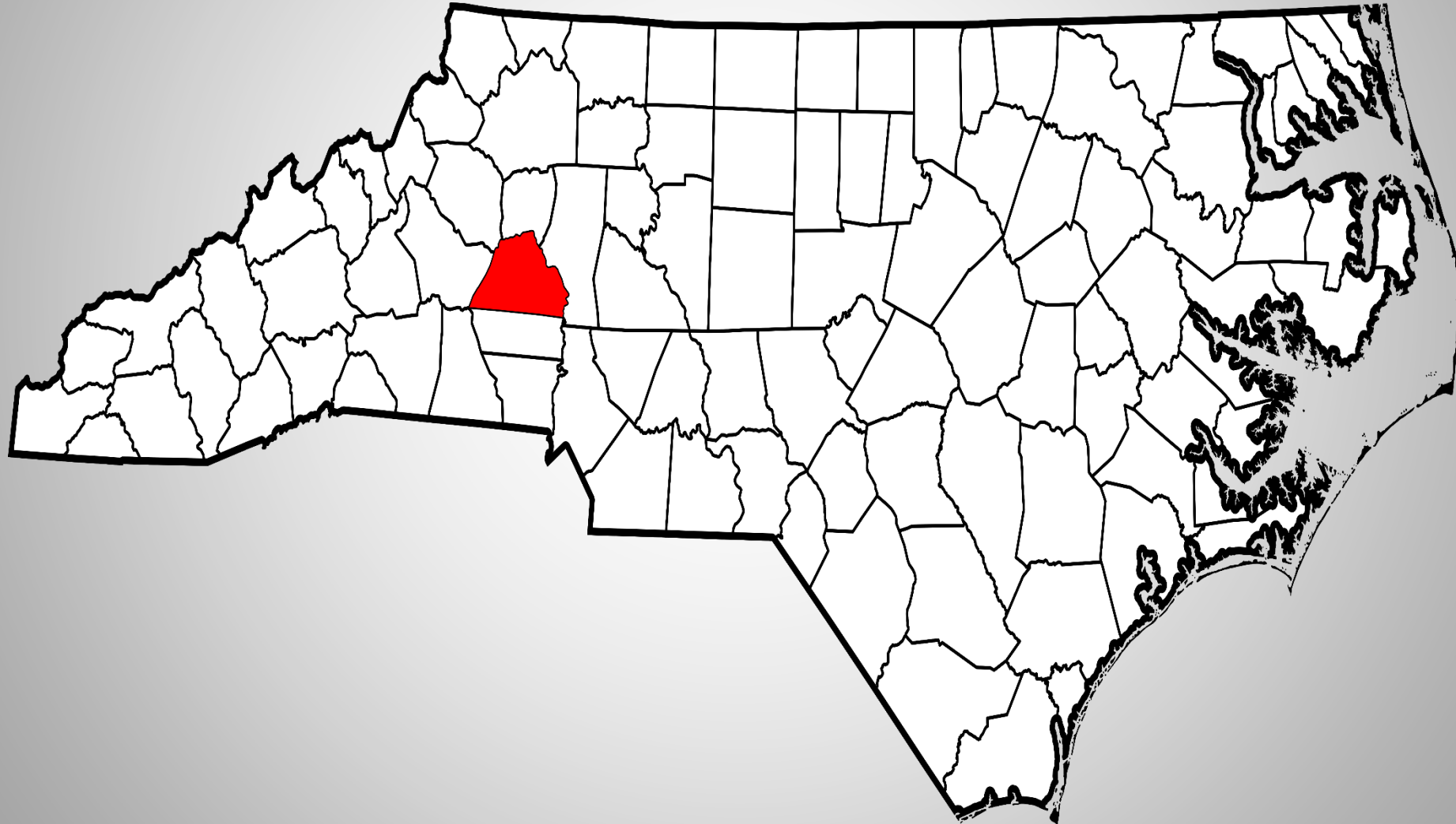
Cover Crops
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Set Your Baselines

Earthworm Counts

2013-2 cu ft. 90K/AC

2023 93 cu ft. 2.3M/AC

Water Infiltration

2013- .5 inches per hr.

2023- 16 inches per hr.



% change in the Soil
Fall 2013 to Spring 2024

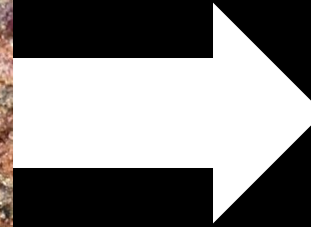
790 % Change in CO₂ Respiration

625 % Change in WEOC (food) more consumption

80 % Change in SHC: Soil Health Score

OM Increase 6.1%

NT without Covers YR1



NT with Covers YR 4





Water Holding Capacity

- Inches of water per Ft of soil
- Sand- .75-1.00
- Sandy Loam- 1.25-1.40
- Clay- 1.20-1.50
- Silt Loam- 2.00-2.50
- How can we influence it?
- Cover Crop-Soil Aggregates
- OM-1% increase =1 inch WHC

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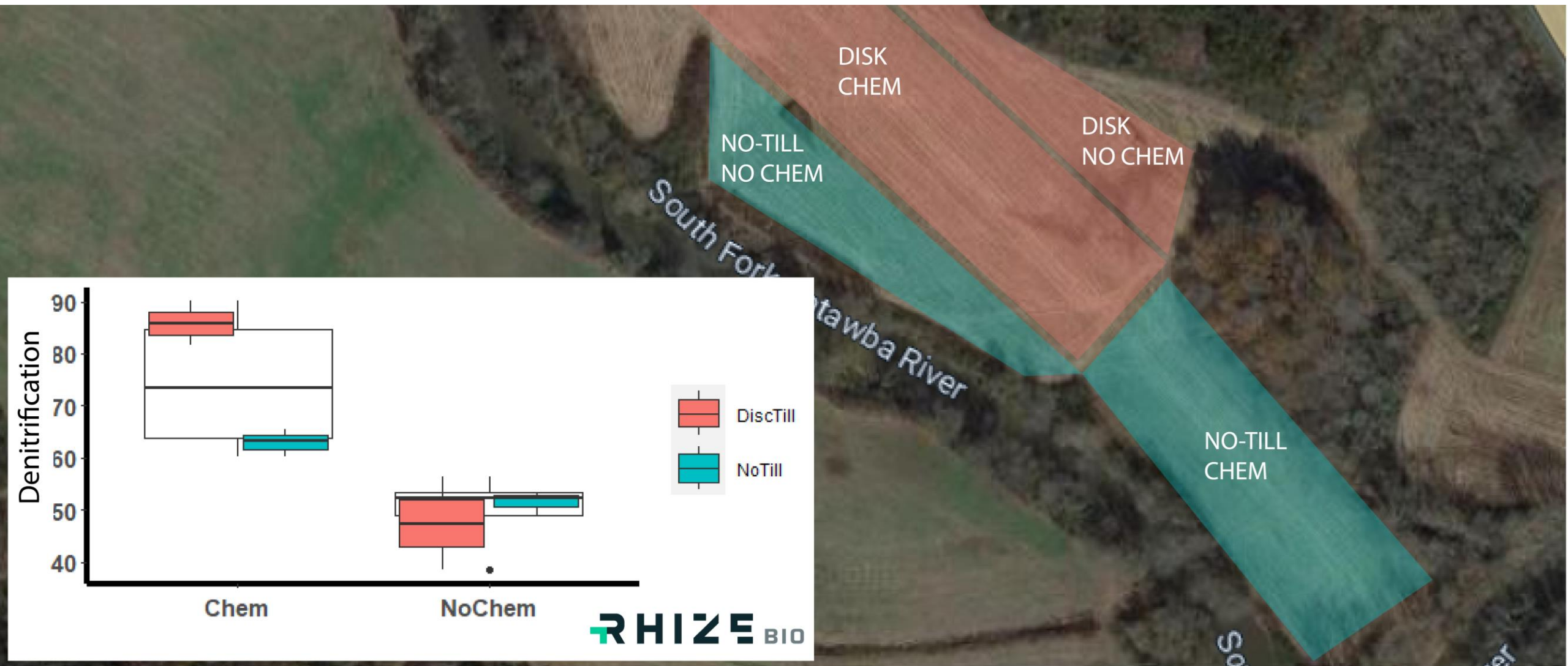
**Changes in Microbial
Communities in Response to
Tillage and Chemical Addition**



Experimental Design

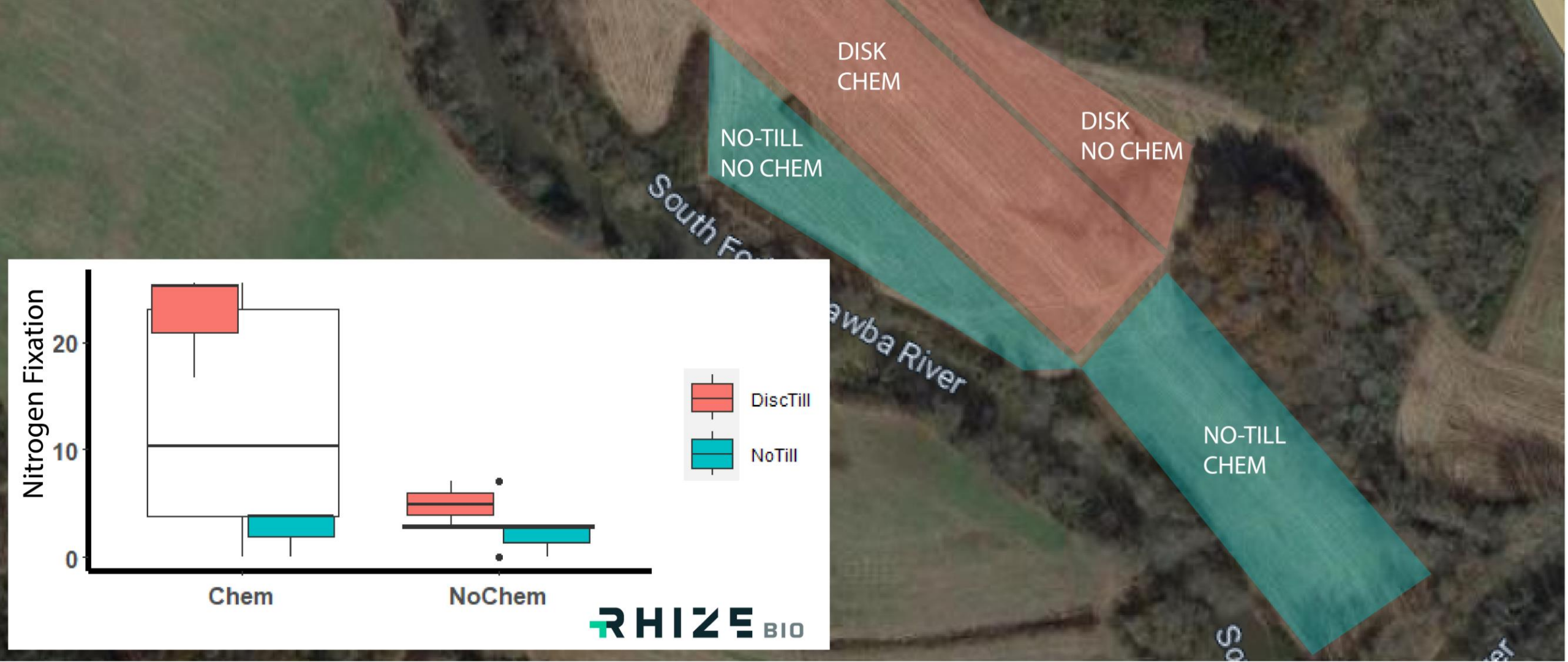
Group	Group Name	# of Samples	Description
1	No Till Field No Chemical	3	Technical Replicates of homogenized soil from a no till field without chemical treatment
2	No Till Field Chemical	3	Technical replicates of a homogenized soil from a no till field with chemical treatment
3	Disc-Tilled Field No Chemical	3	Technical replicates of a homogenized soil from a disc-tilled field without chemical treatment
4	Disc-Tilled Field Chemical	3	Technical replicates of a homogenized soil from a disc-tilled field with chemical treatment

Under Disc Tillage, Chemical Addition Increases Denitrification



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Under Disc Tillage, Chemical Addition Increases Nitrogen Fixation



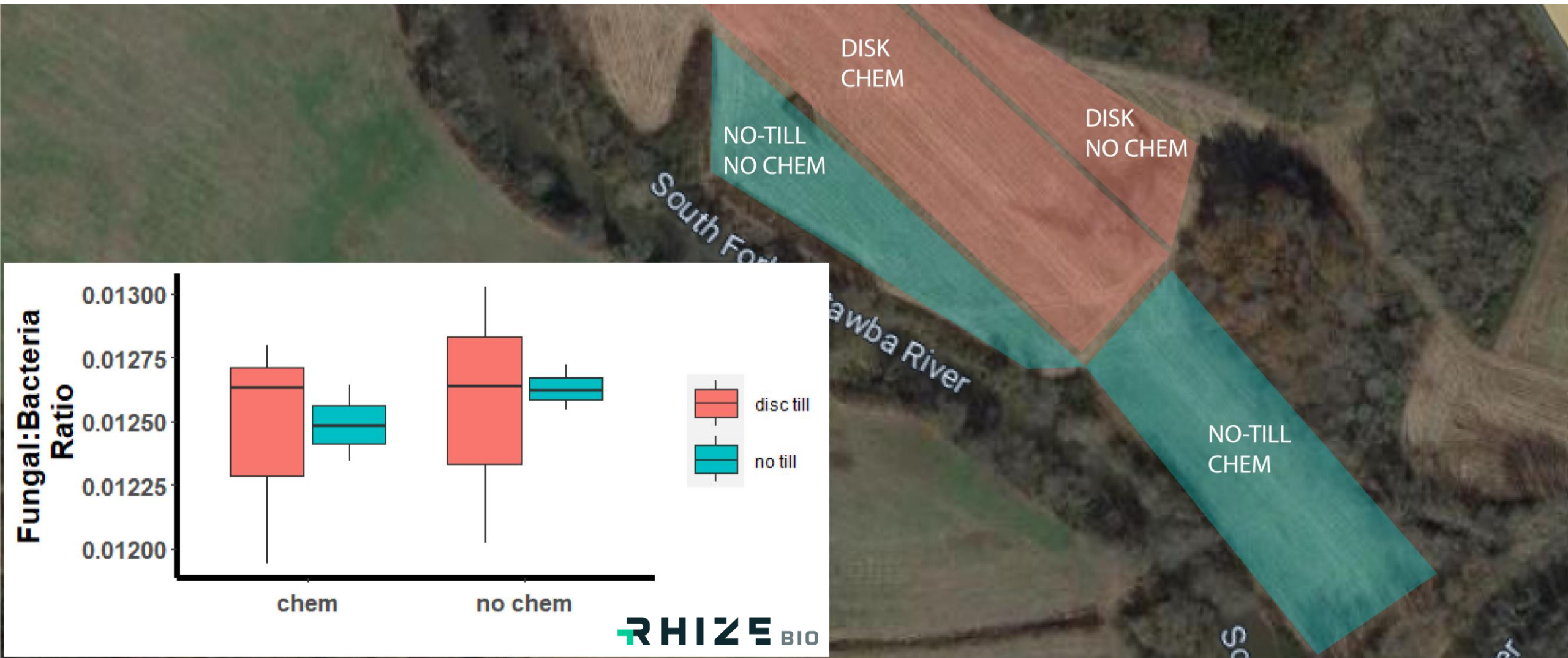
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No Till Increases Organic Nitrogen Breakdown Capacity



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Fungal : Bacteria Ratio



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Grower	Field ID	Sample ID 1	Organic Matter	CO2-C	% MAC	Organic C:N
Baseline	5/1/2023					
RUSSELL	RF3		5.3	227.23	150.44	11.27
Plots	6/26/2023					
RUSSELL	RF3	RF NTNC	6.6	526.08	179.51	16.7
RUSSELL	RF3	RF NTC	6.1	286.03	179.2	11.51
RUSSELL	RF3	RF DNC	6.4	294.61	161.1	11.91
RUSSELL	RF3	RF DC	6.1	209.85	172.8	12.34
PLFA			Total Living Microbial E Functional Group Diversity Index			
Basline	5/1/2023		4413.4	1.364		
Plots	6/26/2023		Total Living Microbial E Functional Group Diversity Index			
		RF NTNC	6229.83	1.141		
		RF DC	4195.02	1.155		
		RF DNC	4029.3	1.292		
		RF NTC	4059.24	1.34		
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			.			

Biological Trials

Check Strip-Yield Set

Pivot Bio-minus 40-0-0-5.5s,

-2.22bu \$19 Net ROI

Pivot Bio Full Fert,

+8.06bu -\$38 Net ROI

Holganix

+11.7bu +\$38.5 Net ROI

Fish shit

+4.62bu +\$18 Net ROI

Ensoil Algae

+2.68bu +\$4.85 Net ROI

Check strip 2-Soil Revive

+3.27bu +\$4.90 Net ROI

Farm Average-188.53



Rhizosphere Weighted Score Correlates with Yield

	Biological 1	Biological 2	Biological 3	Untreated
Observed Genera	62.39%	35.17%	39.41%	23.09%
Community Evenness	4.66%	9.53%	4.66%	0.85%
Mycorrhizae	63.91%	68.53%	69.96%	64.04%
F/B Ratio	5.93%	21.19%	13.77%	1.27%
Rare Biosphere	92.37%	80.72%	84.96%	80.72%
Nitrification	31.5%	37.06%	34.25%	29.41%
Denitrification	67.61%	60.52%	70.08%	83.08%
Nitrogen Fixation	67.61%	71.37%	68.89%	88.55%
Phosphorus Cycling	55.44%	57.3%	55.01%	62.03%
Polymer Degradation	54.26%	55.16%	56.35%	58.4%
Drought Resistance	61.98%	66.9%	60.37%	67.84%
Disturbance	77.41%	79.54%	77.03%	71.62%
Nutrient Cycling Score	1.36	1.60	1.44	1.55
Community Structure Score	2.23	1.94	1.99	1.69
Total Score	3.25	3.31	3.14	3.10

● 2nd Highest ● Highest ● 3rd Highest ● Lowest









Balance your C:N Ratios- goal 40-1



Account No.:
Invoice No.:
Date Received: 4/28/2022
Date Reported: 4/29/2022

Name:
Company:
Address:
City, State, ZIP:

Grower: RUSSELL HEDRICK
Field ID: ROCKY FORD 3
Sample ID 1: COVER CROP
Sample ID 2: -

COVER CROP ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab #

Type:

Stage:

Forage Yield, Ton/A @ 100 % Dry Matter

Wet Wt, g	3275.1		
Tare Wt, g		Tons DM/A	<input type="text" value="2.65"/>
% Dry Matter	15.2		
Area Sampled	9	C:N Ratio	<input type="text" value="16.7"/>

Results on a Dry Basis

<u>Nutrient</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Units</u>
Carbon	52.20	% C
Nitrogen	3.130	% N
Phosphorus	0.39	% P
Potassium	3.65	% K
Calcium	0.52	% Ca
Magnesium	0.20	% Mg
Sulfur	0.17	% S
Zinc	26.95	ppm Zn
Iron	217.17	ppm Fe
Manganese	70.99	ppm Mn
Copper	8.12	ppm Cu
Boron	4.15	ppm B
Molybdenum	1.32	ppm Mo
Aluminum	98.35	ppm Al

lbs/A of Nutrient based on Tons DM/A

<u>Nutrient</u>	<u>lbs /A</u>	<u>Units</u>
Carbon	2770	C
Nitrogen	166	N
Phosphorus	47.6	P2O5
Potassium	232.5	K2O
Calcium	27.6	Ca
Magnesium	10.6	Mg
Sulfur	9.0	S
Zinc	0.143	Zn
Iron	1.153	Fe
Manganese	0.377	Mn
Copper	0.043	Cu
Boron	0.022	B
Molybdenum	0.007	Mo
Aluminum	0.522	Al

Reviewer Comments

*The sample area was not provided and a default of 9 square feet was used for calculations. If this is incorrect, please contact the lab.
Thank you!*

NCSU Soil Analysis Report

Depth	Density	BD	CEC	pH	BS	P	K
0-4"	0.92	1.14	8	5.5	77	21	103
4-8"	1.00	1.36	6	5.9	80	5	57
8-12"	1.00	.	6	6.1	87	2	46

Depth	Ca	Mg	S	Mn	Zn	Cu	Na
0-4"	825	207	24	50	3.8	1.8	0.1
4-8"	582	174	31	55	1.1	1.2	0.1
8-12"	571	168	57	38	0.6	0.9	0.1

Depth	FCO2	CMIN	SMBC	NMIN	RIN	RSN	RSA
0-4"	343	835	1044	.	16	1	15
4-8"	90	239	374	.	10	1	9
8-12"	48	141	200	.	8	1	7

This study was part of a USDA-NIFA-AFRI funded grant (2013-67019-21369)

Lab #	Nitrate ppm NO3-N	Ammonium ppm NH4-N	Inorg. N ppm N	Total N ppm N	Org. N ppm N	Org. N: Inorg. N	Org. N Rel. ppm N	Org. N Res. ppm N	Avail. N lbs/A	Total P ppm P	Inorg. P ppm PO4-P	Org. P ppm P	Org. P Rel ppm P	Org. P Res. ppm P	Avail. P lbs/A
351	18.4	4.7	23.1	36.9	15.4	0.72	15.4	0.0	69.2	16.1	14.0	2.1	2.1	0.0	36.9
Rank															

Lab #	Other Soil Measures					Fertility									
						H3A Extract									
	Soil pH 1:1	Buffer pH Mod. WDRF	Soluble Salt mmho/cm	Excess Lime	Soil OM % LOI	Potassium ppm K	Calcium ppm Ca	Magnesium ppm Mg	Sodium ppm Na	Zinc ppm Zn	Manganese ppm Mn	Iron ppm Fe	Copper ppm Cu	Aluminum ppm Al	Sulfur ppm S
351	6.0	6.5	0.22	NONE	7.5	121	466	92	14	10.82	6.1	129	0.83	155	18.54
Rank															

Lab #	Soil Health						Nitrogen Comparison				Reviewer Comments
	H2O Extract						Traditional N lbs/A	Haney N lbs/A	Differ. N lbs/A	Savings N \$/A	
	Soil Resp. ppm CO2-C	Org. C ppm C	MAC %	C:N	SHC	Cover Crop Suggestion					
351	414.1	181	229.3	11.70	28.20	20% Legume 80% Grass	33.1	69.2	36.1	23.10	
Rank											

Lab #	Intended		N Credits, lbs/A			Fertility Recommendations, lbs of Required Nutrients per Acre									
	Crop	Yield Goal	Past Crop	Subsoil	Haney	N	P2O5	K2O	S	Zn	Mg	Fe	Mn	Cu	Lime T/A
351	SOYBEANS BU/A	100	0		69.2	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
351	CORN BU/A	425	0		69.2	395	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Reviewed By: Emily Shafto
Date: 2/15/2022

Recommendations Provided by Regen Ag Lab, LLC
Analysis Performed by Regen Ag Lab, LLC

Lab #	Nitrogen									Phosphorus					
	H3A Extract			H2O Extract						H3A Extract					
	Nitrate ppm NO3-N	Ammonium ppm NH4-N	Inorg. N ppm N	Total N ppm N	Org. N ppm N	Org. N: Inorg. N	Org. N Rel. ppm N	Org. N Res. ppm N	Avail. N lbs/A	Total P ppm P	Inorg. P ppm PO4-P	Org. P ppm P	Org. P Rel ppm P	Org. P Res. ppm P	Avail. P lbs/A
352	16.8	5.1	21.9	32.0	12.2	0.61	12.2	0.0	61.2	17.0	14.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	39.0
Rank															

Lab #	Other Soil Measures					Fertility										
											H3A Extract					
	Soil pH 1:1	Buffer pH Mod. WDRF	Soluble Salt mmho/cm	Excess Lime	Soil OM % LOI	Potassium ppm K	Calcium ppm Ca	Magnesium ppm Mg	Sodium ppm Na	Zinc ppm Zn	Manganese ppm Mn	Iron ppm Fe	Copper ppm Cu	Aluminum ppm Al	Sulfur ppm S	
352	5.6	6.3	0.18	NONE	6.4	83	372	82	12	3.20	3.9	110	0.77	165	10.29	
Rank																

Lab #	Soil Health					Nitrogen Comparison				Reviewer Comments	
	H2O Extract					Traditional N lbs/A	Haney N lbs/A	Differ. N lbs/A	Savings N \$/A		
	Soil Resp. ppm CO2-C	Org. C ppm C	MAC %	C:N	SHC						Cover Crop Suggestion
352	210.5	136	154.6	11.20	19.00	30% Legume 70% Grass		30.2	61.2	31.0	19.84
Rank											

Lab #	Intended		N Credits, lbs/A			Fertility Recommendations, lbs of Required Nutrients per Acre									
	Crop	Yield Goal	Past Crop	Subsoil	Haney	N	P2O5	K2O	S	Zn	Mg	Fe	Mn	Cu	Lime T/A
352	SOYBEANS BU/A	100	0		61.2	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
352	CORN BU/A	425	0		61.2	405	100	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	3

Reviewed By: Emily Shafto

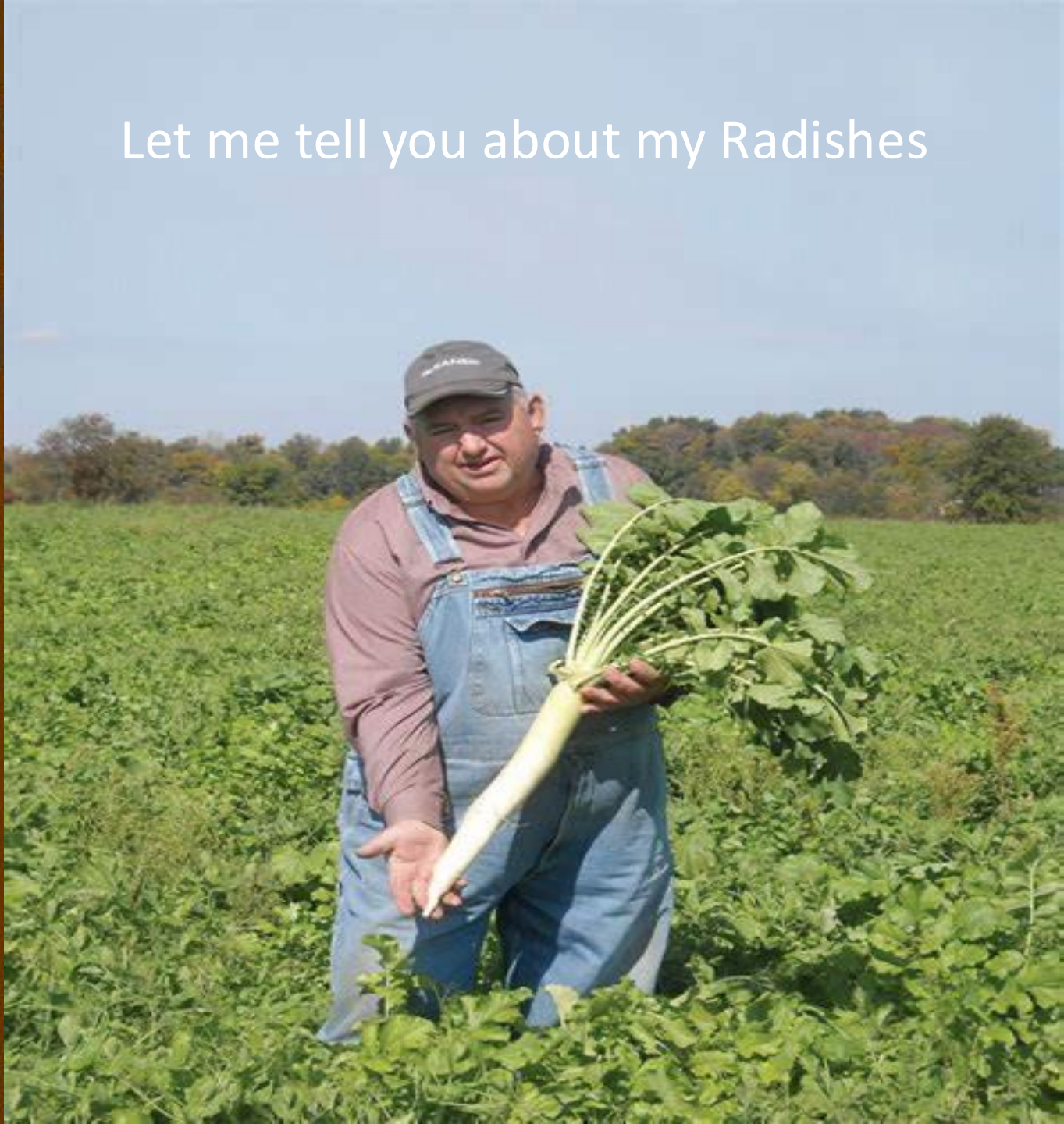
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Let me tell you about my Radishes





Let me tell you about my corn

How can we enhance Nutrient uptake?


- Phos-Year 1 10%, Year 2 1%- Miller Chemical-Calfa
- Potassium-Citric Acid
- Vermacompost-Fed and Happy- Cheap and Easy
- Holganix-B,F,N,P
- Banding- reduce Soil surface exposure

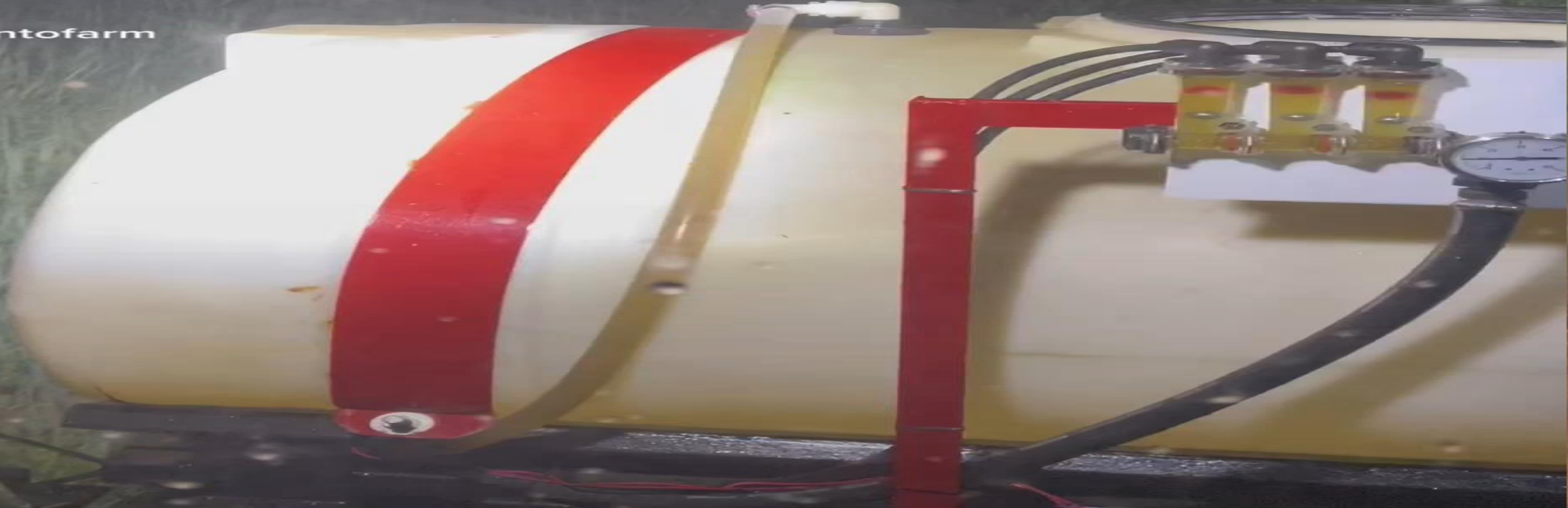
Deep Banding Yetter 2996








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@dtfdowntofarm

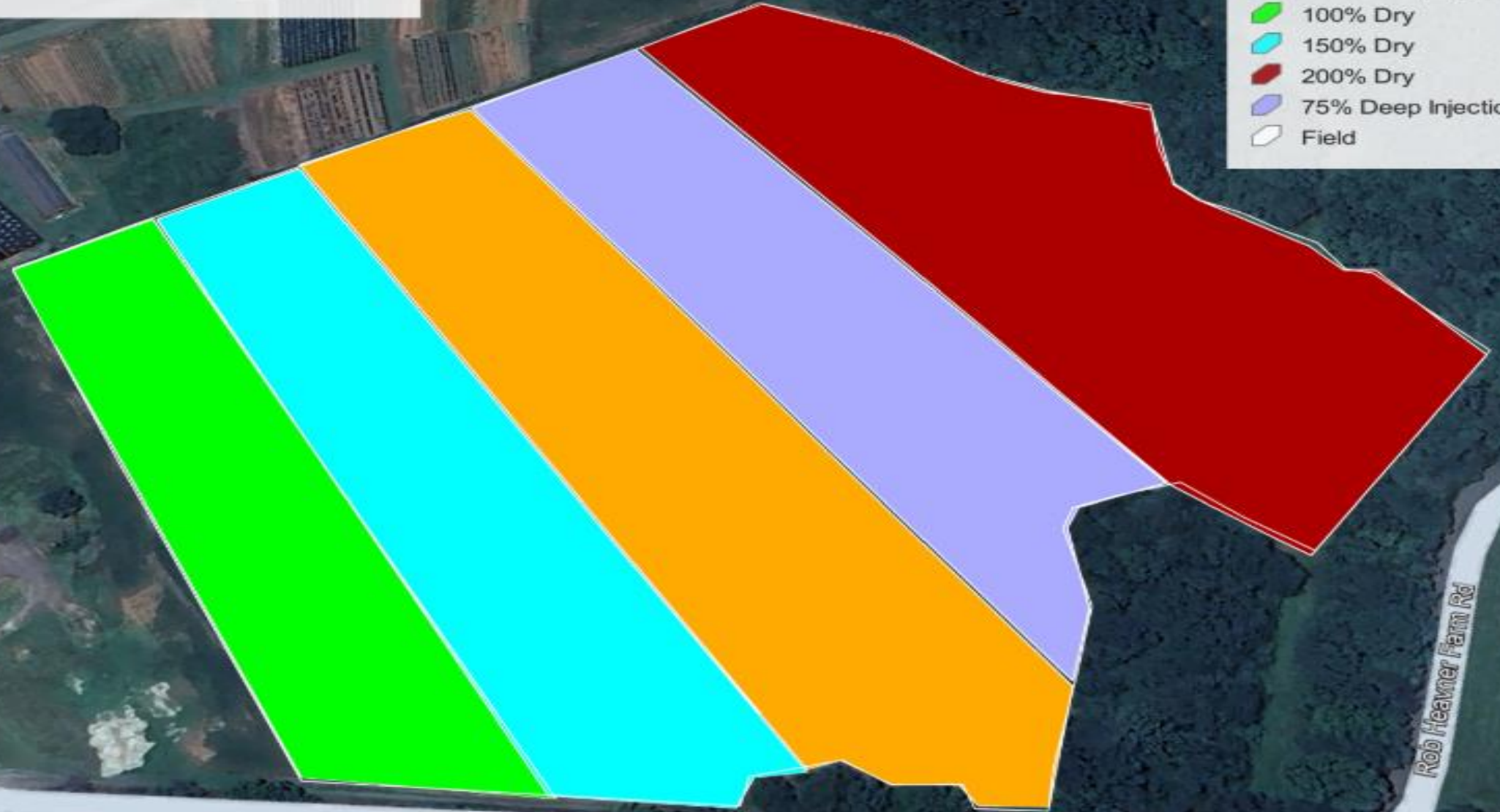


Broadcast Vs. Deep Injection

Fertilizer Trials

Legend

- 100% Deep Injection
- 100% Dry
- 150% Dry
- 200% Dry
- 75% Deep Injection
- Field



Google Earth

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Rob Heavner Farm Rd

Rob Heavner Farm Rd



400 ft

Corn Trials-2024

- Dry fertilizer 100% 135bu
- Dry Fertilizer 150% 152bu
- Dry Fertilizer 200% 168bu
- DI Fertilizer 100% 219bu
- DI Fertilizer 75% 193bu
- DI Fertilizer 50% 176bu



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Farm Equipment

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Farm Equipment



Crimping and Planting









2x2x2 vs 2x2





Hol/ES/VC, Hol/ES, Calfa, Just Fertilizer





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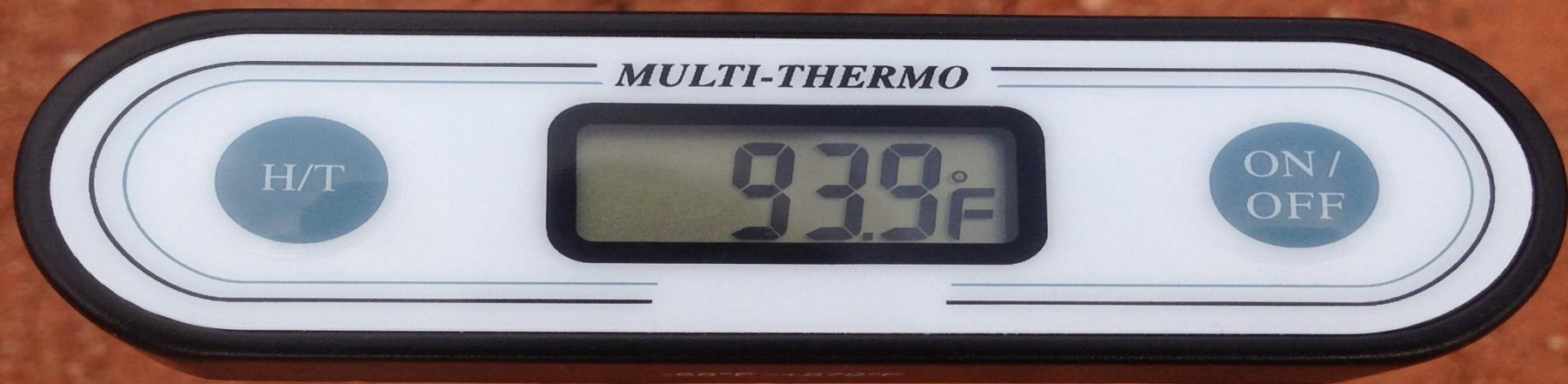


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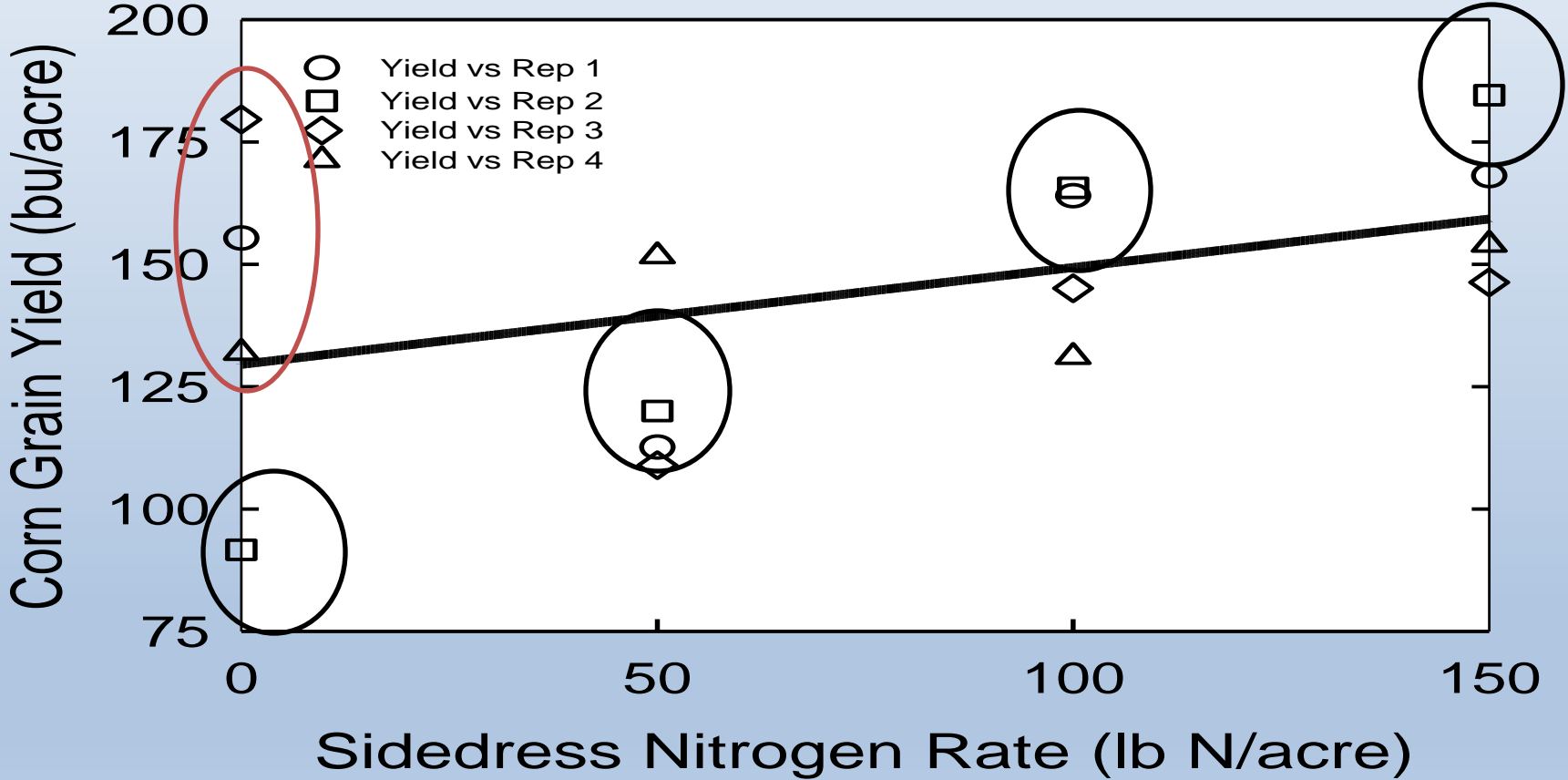
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NCSU Corn trials

All Plots Notill Except #2

















Keeping them Heavy



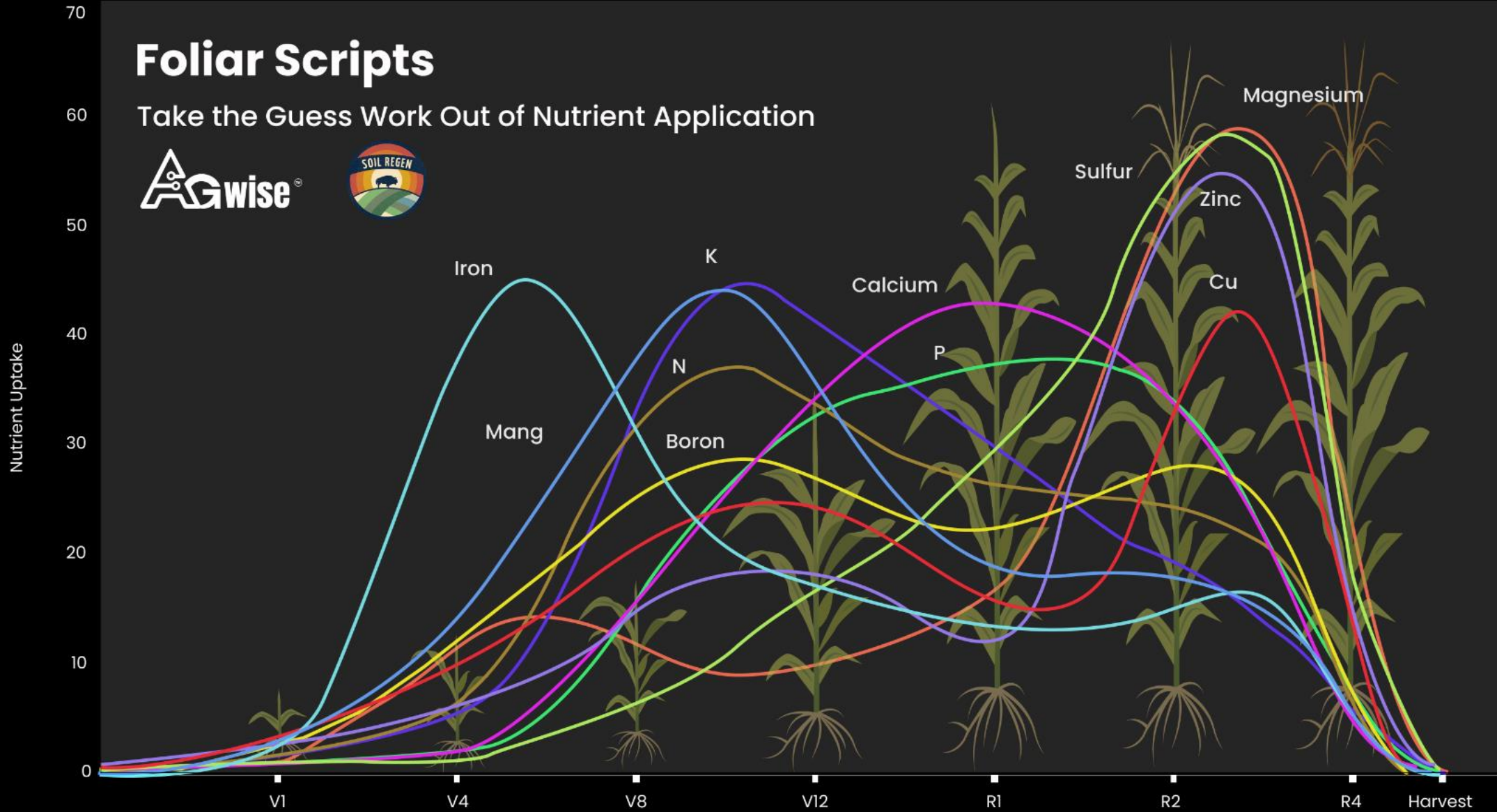
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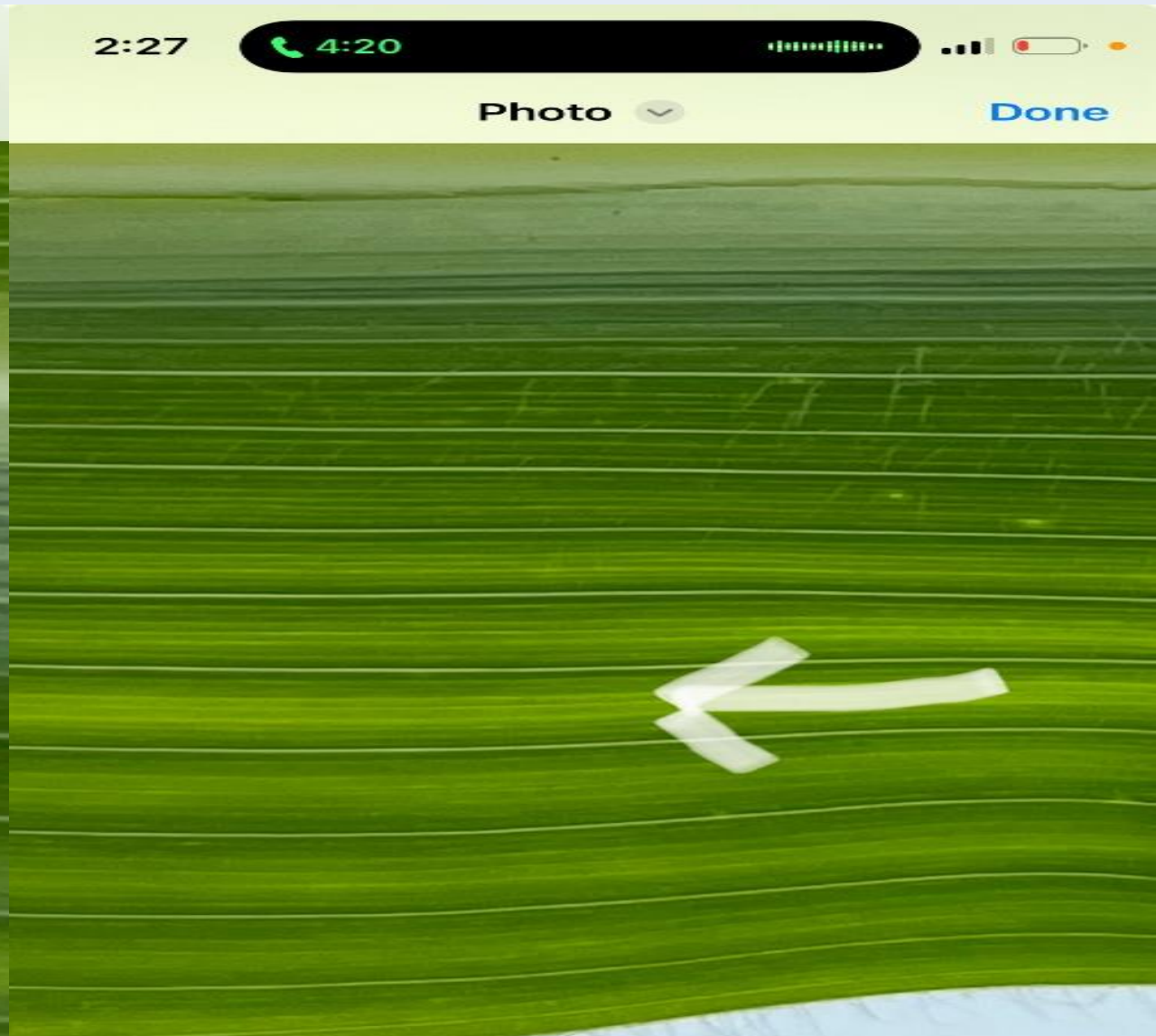
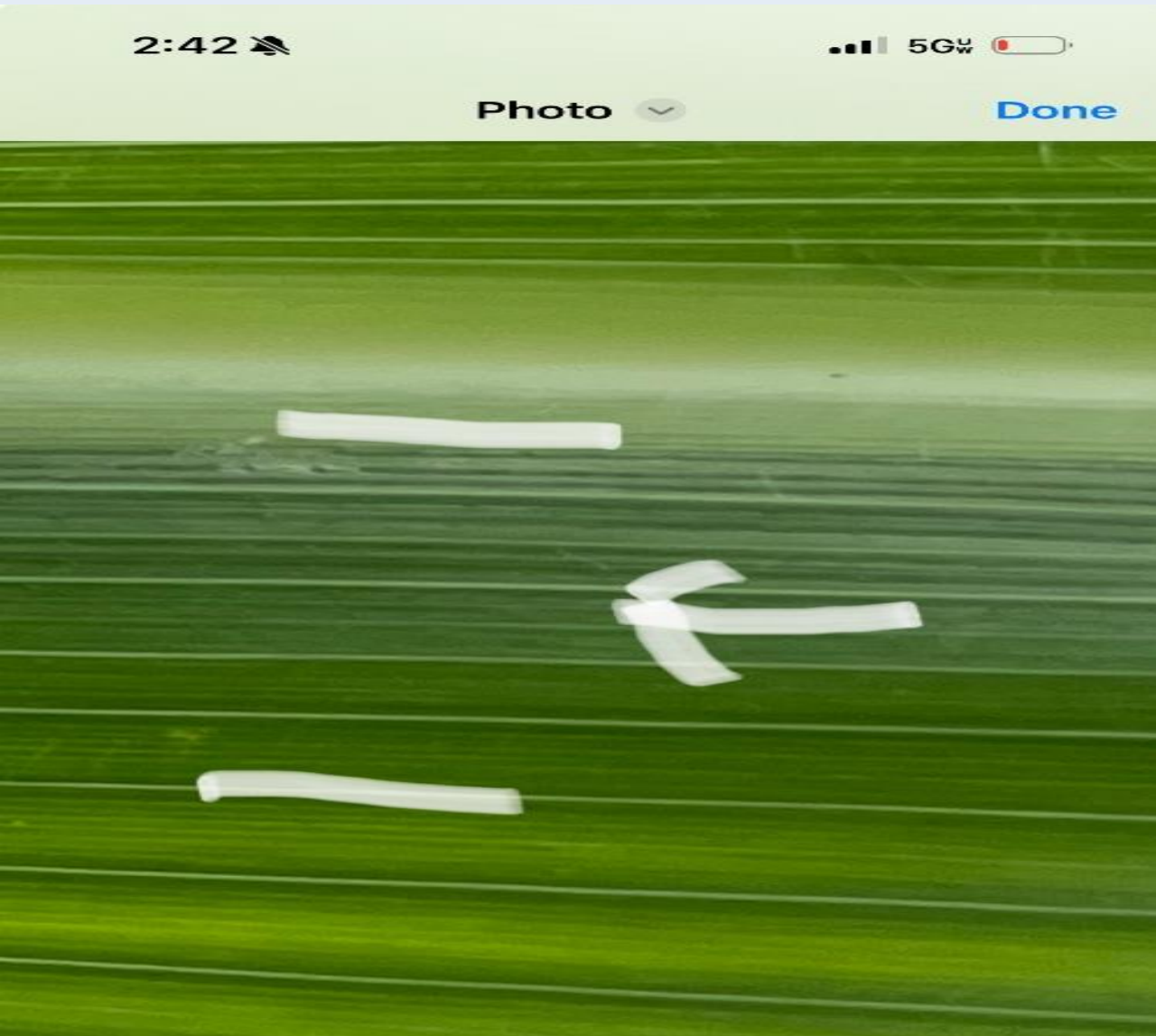


Foliar Scripts

Take the Guess Work Out of Nutrient Application



Is sufficient enough? FE3 to FE2





Information

Name **Chris Schmidt**
 Crop Soybean Field 2802
 Stage R1 Test Date

Recommendation

● Sufficient ● Low

N Nitrogen

Test value **5.47 %**

P Phosphorous

Test value **0.51 %**

K Potassium

Test value **3.25 %**

B Boron

Test value **29.36 PPM**

Concentration(%) **10**



Application **20.85 Oz**

Z Zinc

Test value **37.87 PPM**

Concentration(%) **9**



Application **4.45 Oz**

Moly Molybdenum



Foliar Report



Name: Russel Hedrick

Plant: Corn

Test Date: 05/17/2024

Zip Code: 28601

Stage: V3

Nutrient	Value	Ranking
Nitrogen	4.20 %	High
Phosphorus	0.44 %	Sufficient
Potassium	3.13 %	Deficient
Calcium	0.60 %	Sufficient
Magnesium	0.27 %	Sufficient
Sulfur	0.41 %	Sufficient
Sodium	0.01 %	N/A
Zinc	48.00 PPM	High
Iron	178.00 PPM	Sufficient
Manganese	93.00 PPM	Sufficient
Copper	12.80 PPM	Sufficient
Boron	15.57 PPM	High
Molybdenum	1.30 PPM	High
Aluminum	62.00 PPM	N/A

Rate	Amount
0%	0.00 oz
0%	0.00 oz
24%	18.00 oz
15%	0.00 oz
N/A	N/A
10%	0.00 oz
N/A	N/A
2%	0.00 oz
10%	0.00 oz
5%	0.00 oz
10%	0.00 oz
10%	4.00 oz
3%	2.00 oz
N/A	N/A

Corn Critical Timing

- Foliar V3
- Y Drop V4
- Topdress V6-V7
- Tassel-Sulfur
- If you have moisture “Don’t Give up to early”
- We will manage to R5

Actinomycetes %	Actinomycetes B	Gram (-) %	Gram (-) Biomass	Rhizobia %	Protozoan %	Protozoa Biomass
12.33	533.09	16.8	726.64	0	0.64	27.58
Results For	Sample ID 1	Sample ID 2	Total Biomass	Diversity Index	Bacteria %	Total Bacteria Biomass
Russell RF1A		RH NC	4324.82	1.45	53.05	2294.17
Rhizobia Biomass	Total Fungi %	Total Fungi Biomass	Arbusular Mycorrhizal	Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Bio	Saprophytic %	Saprophytes Biomass
0	8.22	355.57	3.8	164.21	4.42	191.36
Fungi:Bacteria	Predator:Prey	Gram(+):Gram(-)	Sat:Unsat	Mono:Poly	Pre 16:1w7c:cy17:0	Pre 18:1w7c:cy19:0
0.155	0.012	2.1573	2.0493	39.0789	NONE FOUND	13.2278
Gram (+) Biomass	Gram (+) %	Undifferentiated %	Undifferentiated Biomass			
1567.54	36.25	38.09	1647.49			



Date Received: 2/11/2022
 Date Reported: 2/15/2022

Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____

PLFA ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab # 351

Total Biomass, PLFA ng/g soil
Functional Group Diversity Index

Value	Rank
7021.36	EXCELLENT
1.361	ABOVE AVERAGE

Community Breakdown

Functional Group	Value	Units	% of Total Biomass
Total Bacteria	3887.16	PLFA ng/g	55.36
Gram +	1736.48	PLFA ng/g	24.73
Actinomycetes	772.65	PLFA ng/g	11.00
Gram -	1378.03	PLFA ng/g	19.63
Total Fungi	449.13	PLFA ng/g	6.40
Arbuscular Mycorrhizal	213.13	PLFA ng/g	3.04
Saprophytic	235.99	PLFA ng/g	3.36
Protozoa	13.28	PLFA ng/g	0.19
Undifferentiated	2671.79	PLFA ng/g	38.05

Reviewer Comments

Reviewed By: Emily Shafto
 Date: 2/15/2022

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 31740 Hwy 10, Pleasanton NE 68866

Gain Ground



RUSSELL HEDRICK, HICKORY

Balancing C/N Ratios



Here we go again

Haney-Green

Mel 3- Yellow

Red- Haney + Farm program



Haney Vs Mel 3





Here you go Willie







Is Nickle Worth .13 an acre?

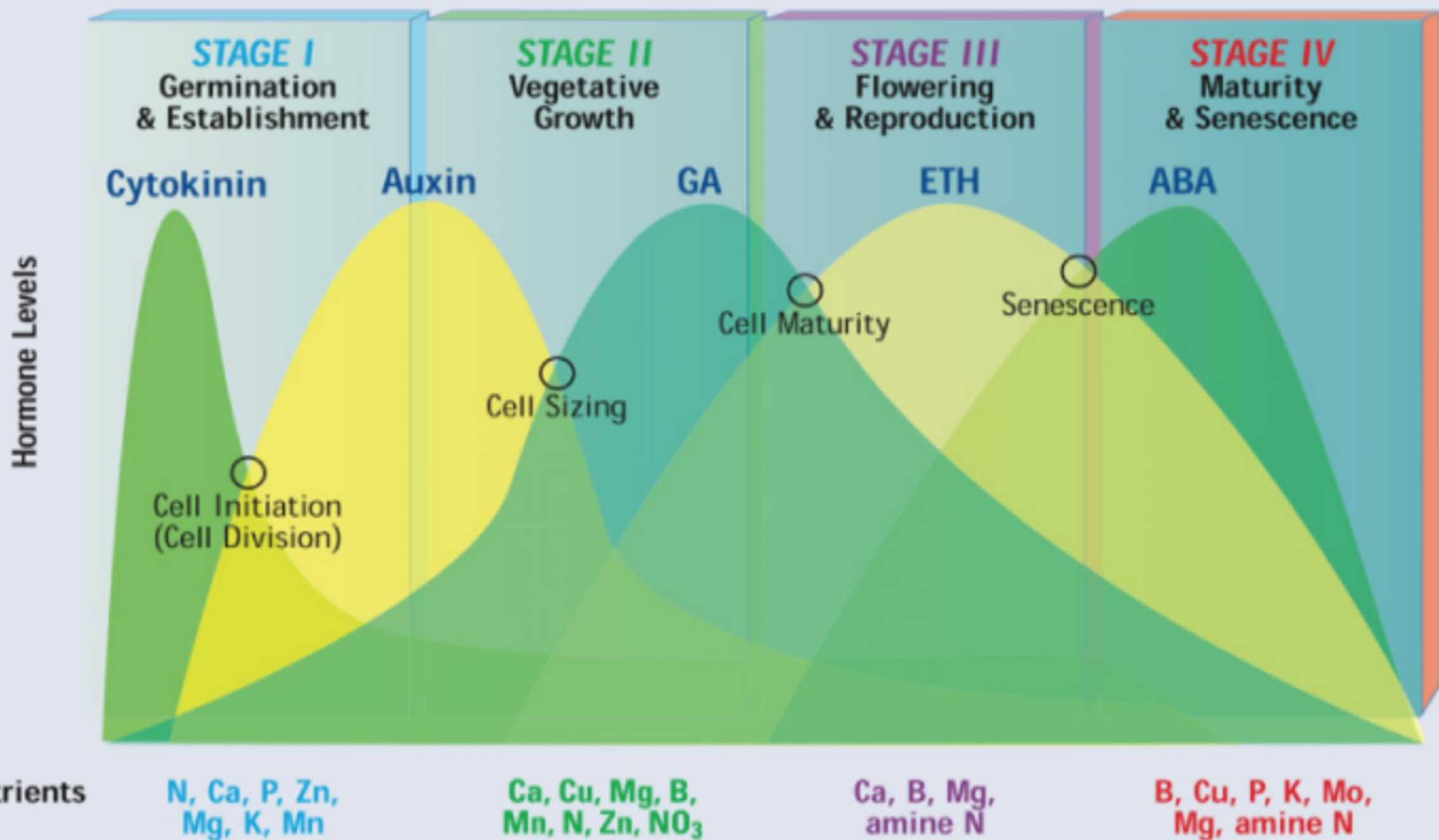


Plot yields-\$12.85 beans

- Melich 3 plot 37.56 bushels/ac
- Fertilizer applied 22-60-60-9s-.25B
- Map-115lb
- Ams-40lb
- Potash-100lb
- Granubor-1.75lb

- Haney plot 52.47 bushels/ac
- Fertilizer applied 21-70-30-7s-.5B
- Map-135lb
- Ams-30lb
- Potash-50lb
- Granubor-3.5lb
- ROI Over Mel3 \$180.12

- Haney & Foliar Remaining Field 86.43 bu/ac
- Fertilizer applied
- Pass 1- V4
- 16oz Soysauce
- 16oz sweet success
- 16oz calbor
- 8oz Ensoil algae
- 2oz moly
- 6oz PGR
- Pass 2 R-3
- 32oz Soysauce
- 16oz win sweet soil
- 16oz calbor
- 8oz EnSoil algae
- 2oz Moly
- 4oz PGR
- ROI-\$377.53/ac on Farm Package
- ROI over Mel 3-\$558.12/ac





AV49A1E. 51 nodes at R-1





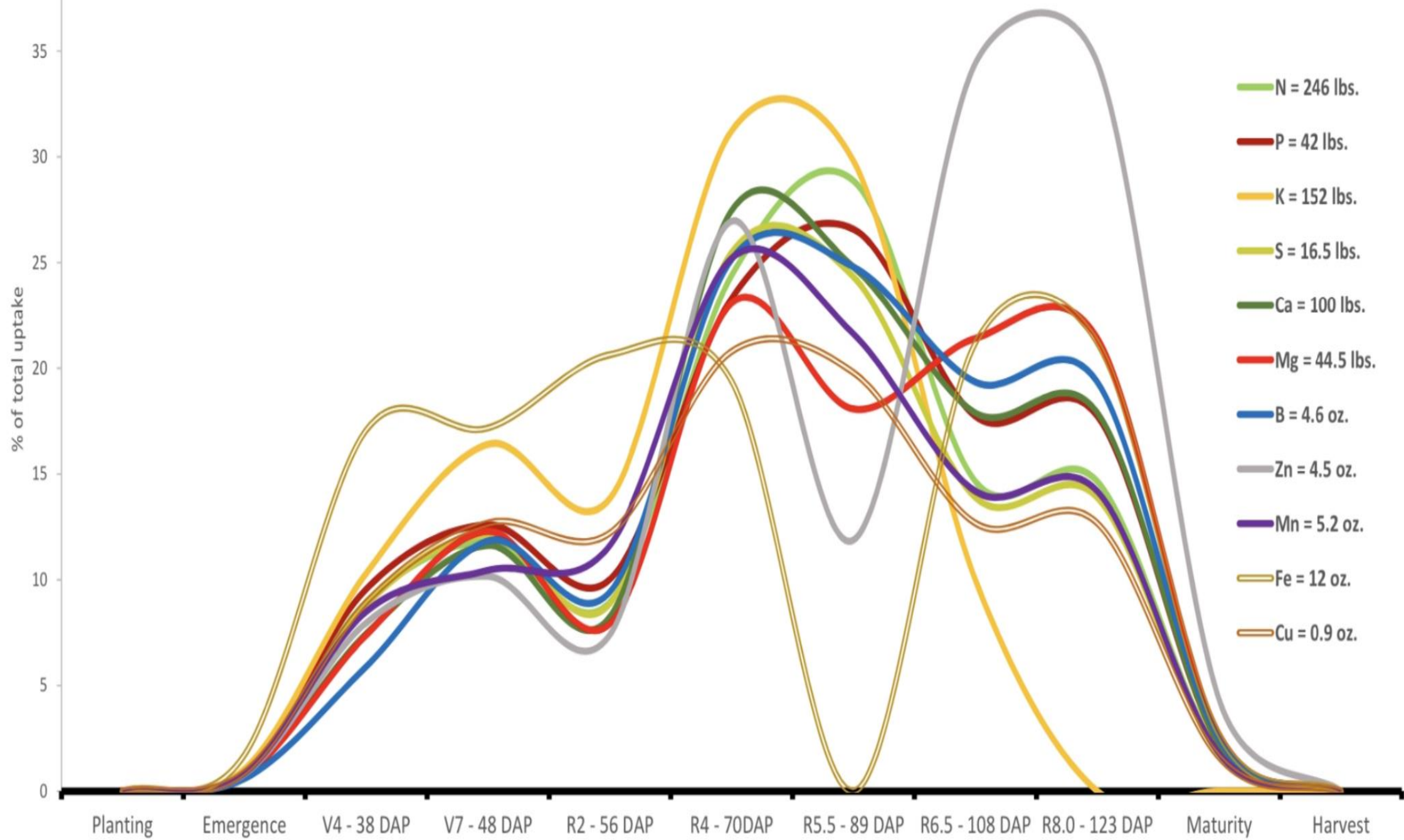
July 19th



Aug 19th







What to Focus on

- 15-1 S, optimum 12-1 or less
- K v4-v6 2.5 and Above R2-R3 3 or Above
- Boron-Tissues are good, Cut your Stems
- Moly- We Doubled what they said was Possible
- Nickle-Flower and Pod Retention R1-R5
- Copper- Pod Elasticity R3-R6
- Zinc R3-R6

Crop Stress

- Nodules become visible shortly after the VE stage, but active N₂ fixation does not begin until V2 to V3 stages.
- If you lose Cotyledons before V6 you've cut yield 25%+
- Reducing Ethylene Production in Drought Stress averaged 9.3bu in soybeans and 7.2bu in Corn
- Ethylene-Soil Temps, PGR, Foliars





TOTAL NUTRIENT DIGESTION ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab # 1305

Nutrient Results			Nutrients, Lbs/A		Fertilizer Equivalent, lbs of Fert*
Nutrient	Value	Units	Value	Value	Reference Fertilizer
Carbon	1.96	% C	35280	58800	60% C
Nitrogen	0.166	% N	2988	6496	46-0-0
Phosphorus	0.060	% P	1080	4758	11-52-0 at 22.7% P
Potassium	0.340	% K	6120	11860	0-0-60 at 51.6% K
Calcium	0.210	% Ca	3780	17182	Gypsum-22% Ca
Magnesium	0.470	% Mg	8460	80571	K-Mag-10.5% Mg
Sulfur	0.030	% S	540	2250	AMS-24% S
Zinc	99.80	ppm Zn	179.6	513	ZnSO4-35% Zn
Iron	34070.27	ppm Fe	61326	306632	FeSO4-20% Fe
Manganese	430.02	ppm Mn	774	2497	MnSO4-31% Mn
Copper	35.33	ppm Cu	63.6	254	CuSO4-25% Cu
Boron	22.61	ppm B	40.7	370	Borax-11% B
Sodium	0.020	% Na	360		
Molybdenum	0.05	ppm Mo	0.1	0.2	NaMoO4-39% Mo
Aluminum	32238.00	ppm Al	58028		
C:N Ratio	11.8				



Date Recd: 1/31/2023

Address: 1181 E CREEKVIEW DR

Sample ID 1: 6-12

Date Repd: 2/2/2023

City, State, ZIP: SALADO, TX 76571

Sample ID 2: -

Sample Depth: 6-12

TOTAL NUTRIENT DIGESTION ANALYSIS REPORT

Lab # 1306

Nutrient Results			Nutrients, Lbs/A		Fertilizer Equivalent, lbs of Fert*	
Nutrient	Value	Units	Value	Value	Reference Fertilizer	
Carbon	1.37	% C	24660	41100	60% C	
Nitrogen	0.110	% N	1980	4304	46-0-0	
Phosphorus	0.040	% P	720	3172	11-52-0 at 22.7% P	
Potassium	0.310	% K	5580	10814	0-0-60 at 51.6% K	
Calcium	0.190	% Ca	3420	15545	Gypsum-22% Ca	
Magnesium	0.470	% Mg	8460	80571	K-Mag-10.5% Mg	
Sulfur	0.020	% S	360	1500	AMS-24% S	
Zinc	91.92	ppm Zn	165.5	473	ZnSO4-35% Zn	
Iron	37060.32	ppm Fe	66709	333543	FeSO4-20% Fe	
Manganese	456.98	ppm Mn	823	2653	MnSO4-31% Mn	
Copper	34.94	ppm Cu	62.9	252	CuSO4-25% Cu	
Boron	23.52	ppm B	42.3	385	Borax-11% B	
Sodium	0.020	% Na	360			
Molybdenum	0.09	ppm Mo	0.2	0.4	NaMoO4-39% Mo	
Aluminum	35623.16	ppm Al	64122			
C:N Ratio	12.5					

Reviewer Comments**Lbs of fertilizer needed to be equal to Lbs of soil nutrient/A*

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Quesitons

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