



Manganese for Soybeans in Kansas

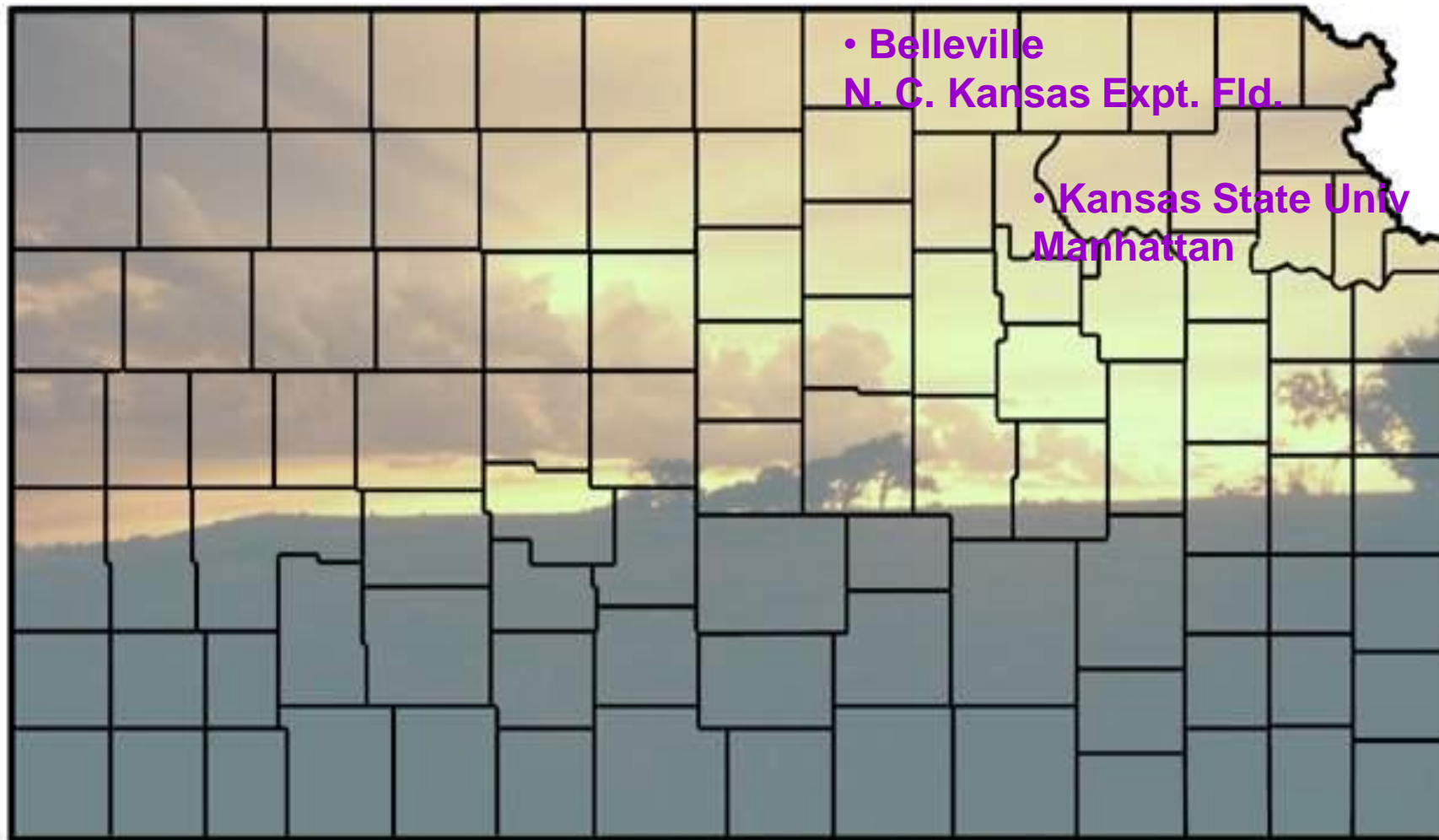


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**PURDUE UNIVERSITY HAD
BEEN WORKING ON THIS
PROBLEM FOR YEARS**

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Conclusions:

**Glyphosate resistant beans have a
problem with Mn uptake**

**May be related to changes in
rhizosphere**

Mn crucial in N utilization by plant



Function of Manganese

- Important in photosynthesis (splitting of water molecule and evolution of oxygen).
- Activates enzymes leading to the biosynthesis of lignin and flavonoids. Flavonoids in legumes stimulate nodulation gene expression.
- Responsible for degradation of fixed N transported from roots to shoots.



Glyphosate

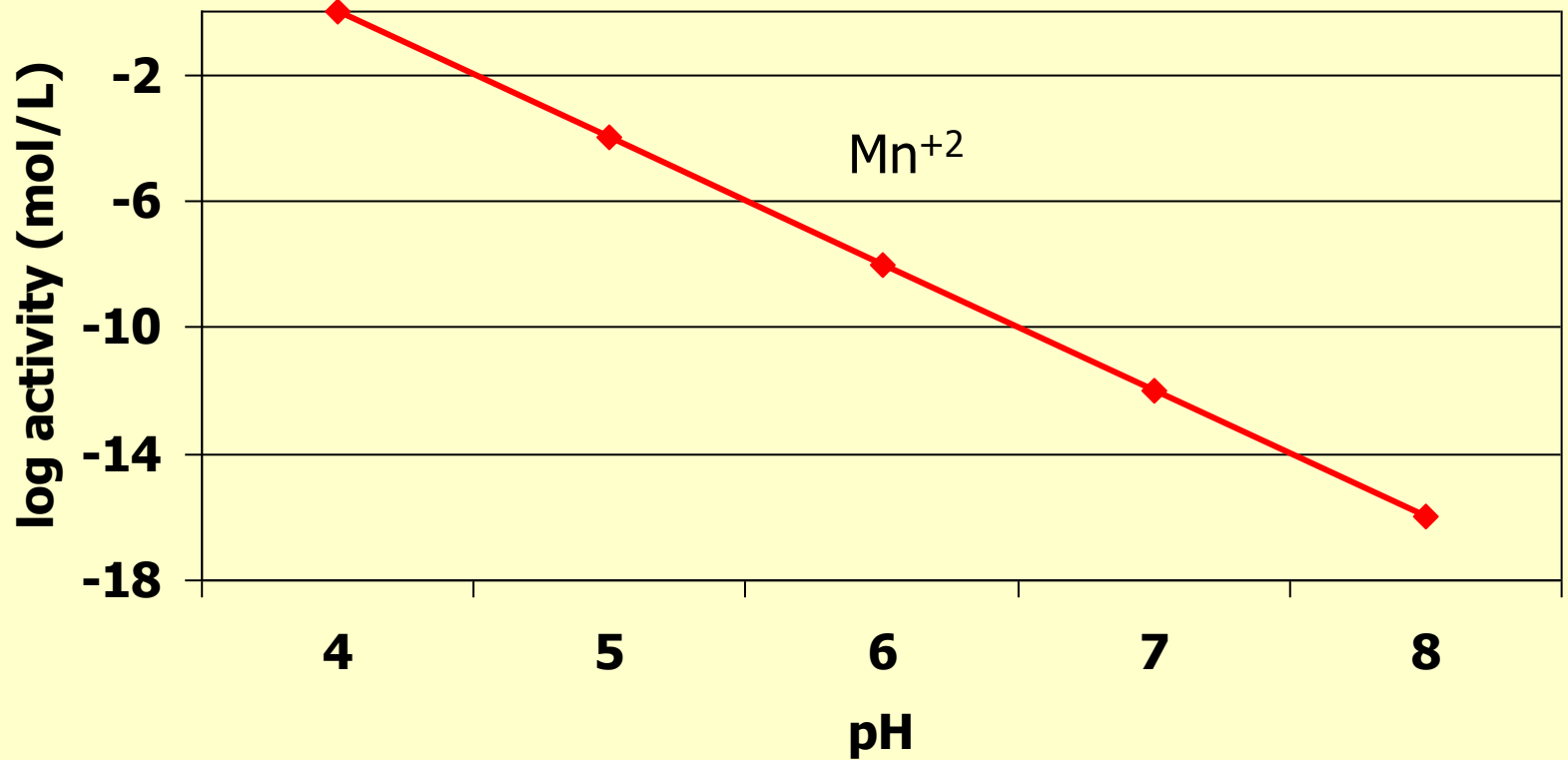
- Glyphosate inhibits the shikimate pathway, responsible for the biosynthesis of phenolics, flavonoids and lignin.
- Mn reducing soil microorganisms also possess the shikimate pathway.
- Glyphosate is an organic compound and can persist in the rhizosphere and can interfere with with MN-reducing microorganisms.



Mn nutrition problems with herbicide resistant soybeans

- Insertion of gene giving herbicide resistance changed soybean root exudates. Plants solublize less Mn than conventional soybeans.
- Glyphosate application may interfere with Mn metabolism within the plant.

Availability of Mn^{+2} in Soil Solution



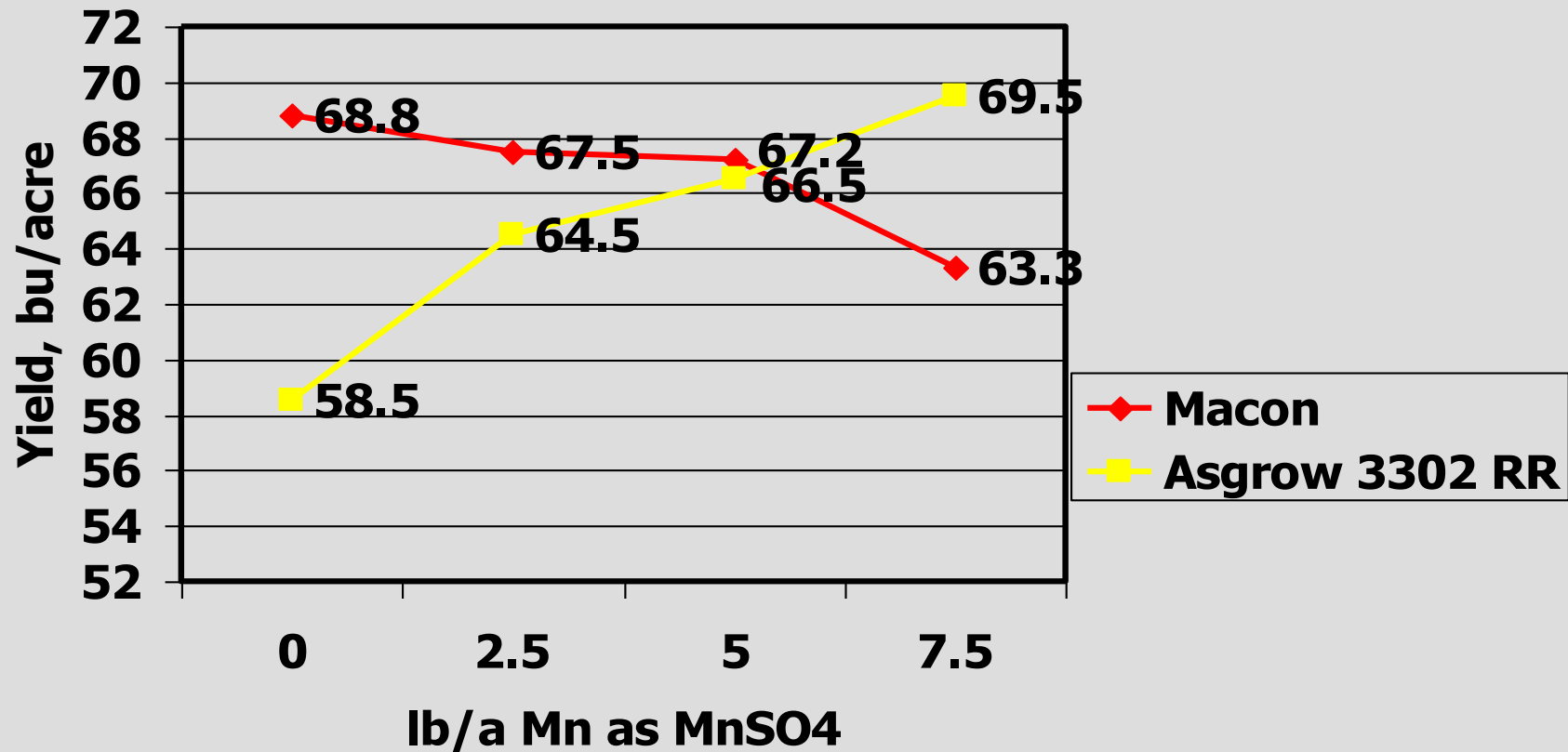
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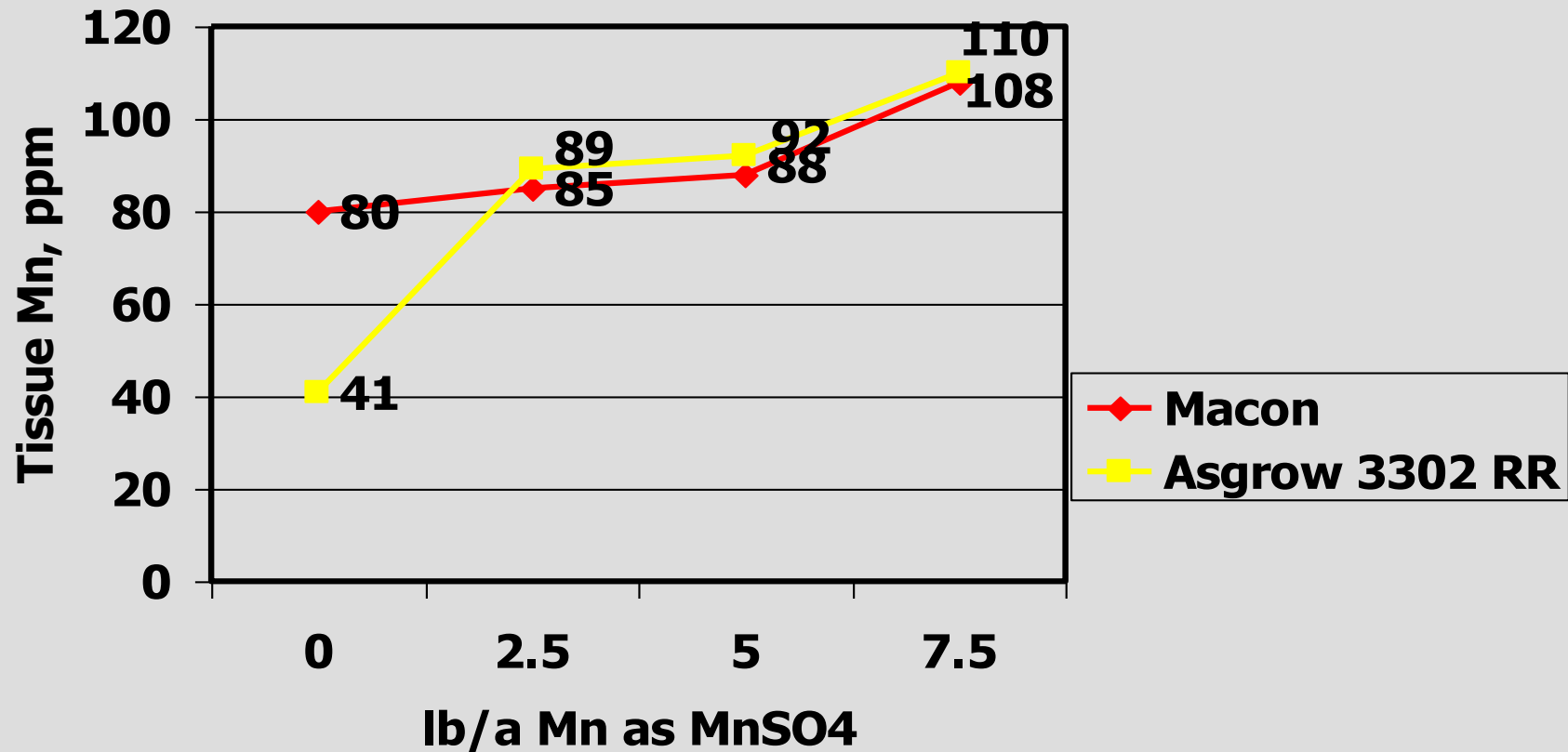
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Manganese Application Effects on Soybean Yield Kansas--2004



Manganese Application Effects on Leaf Tissue Mn Concentration at Full Bloom Kansas-2004



Early Season Mn Response



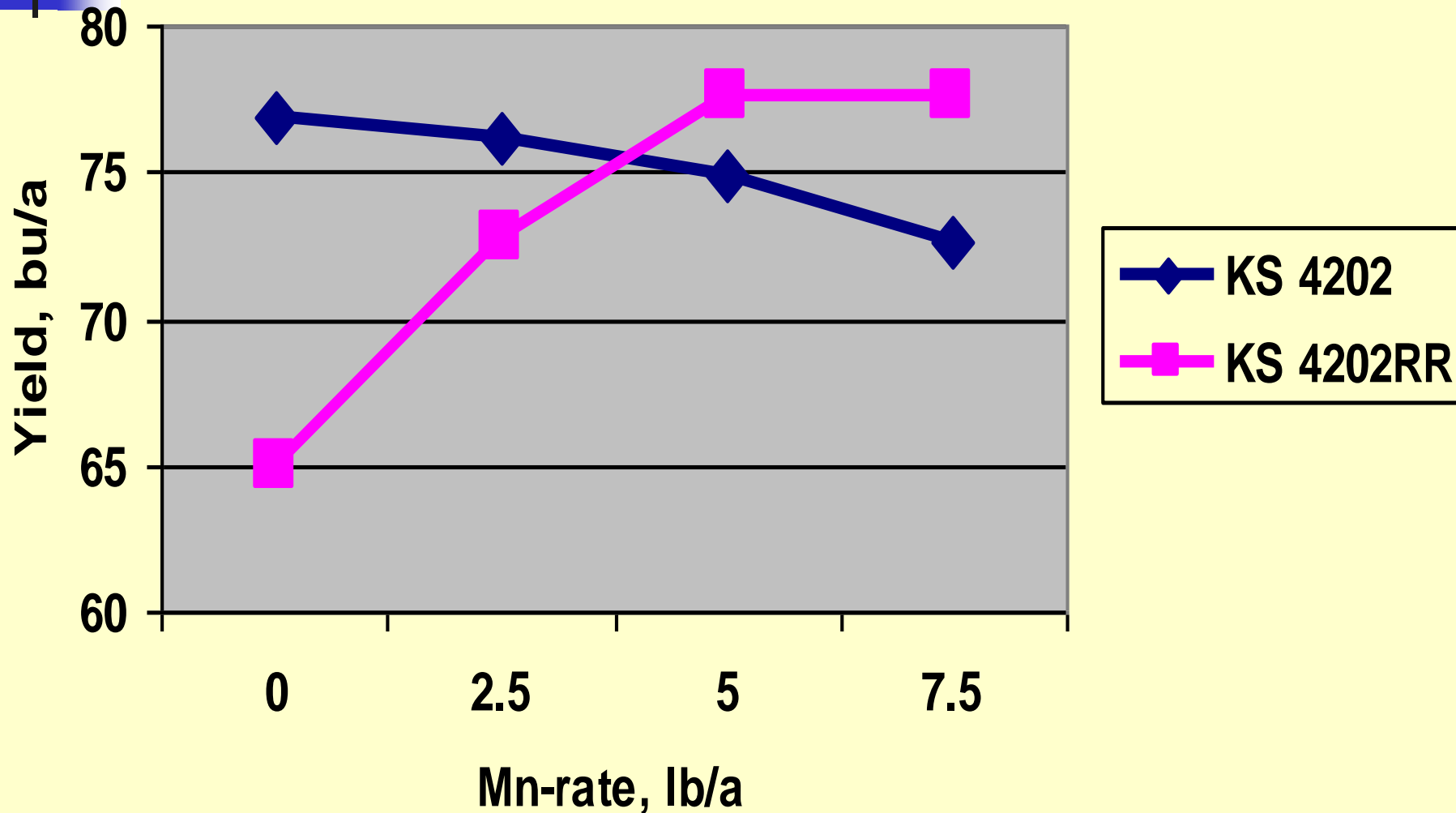
MANGANESE EFFECTS
GLYPHOSATE
RESISTANT
BEANS
0 LB MN 7.5
BCAST

No banded Mn

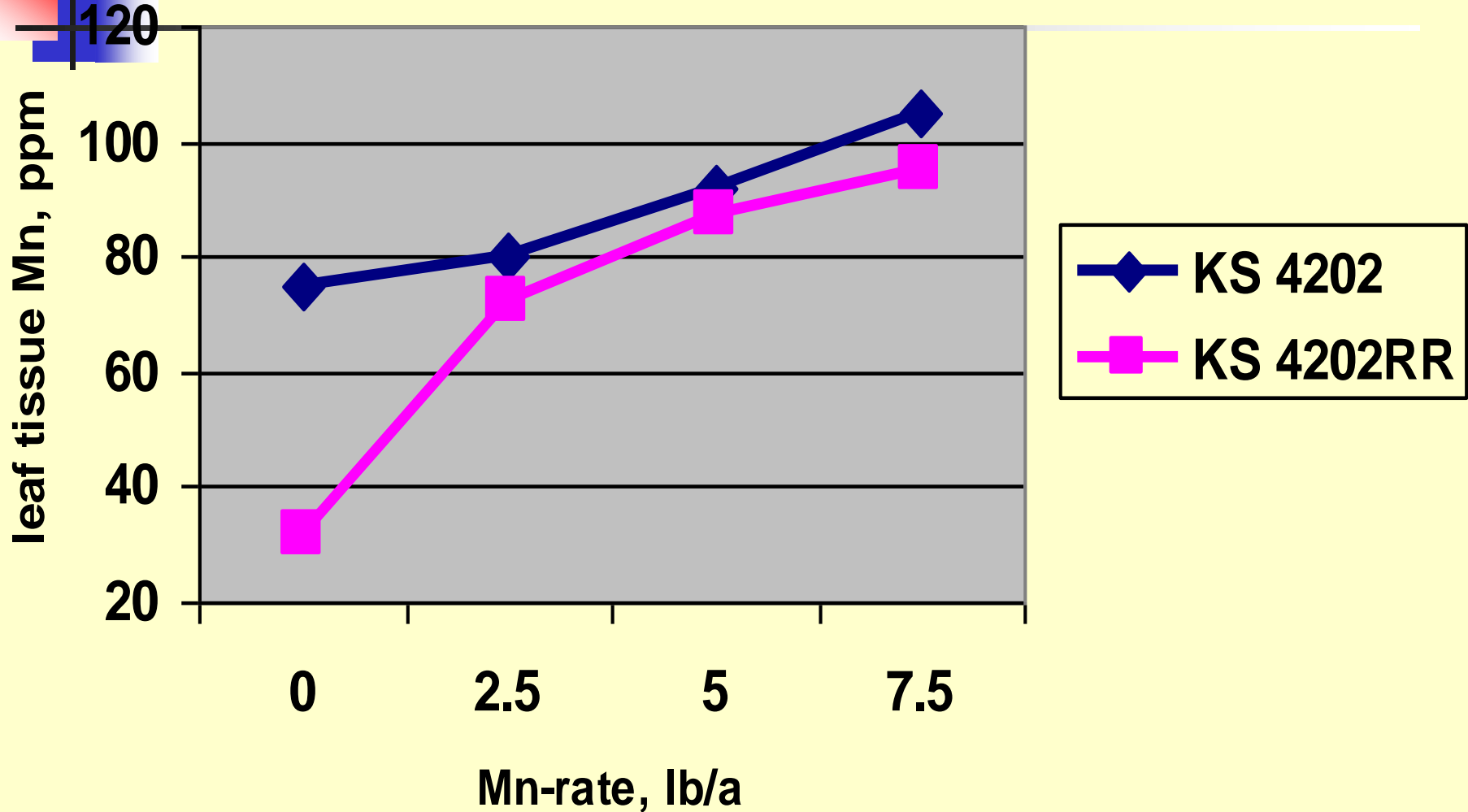
Banded Mn



Mn Response in Glyphosate Resistant Soybeans---Kansas 2005



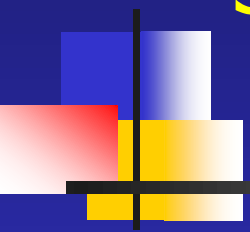
Mn Concentrations in Glyphosate Resistant Soybeans---Kansas 2005



FOLIAR Mn FOR GLYPHOSATE RESISTANT BEANS

Stage of Growth

Yield
bu/A

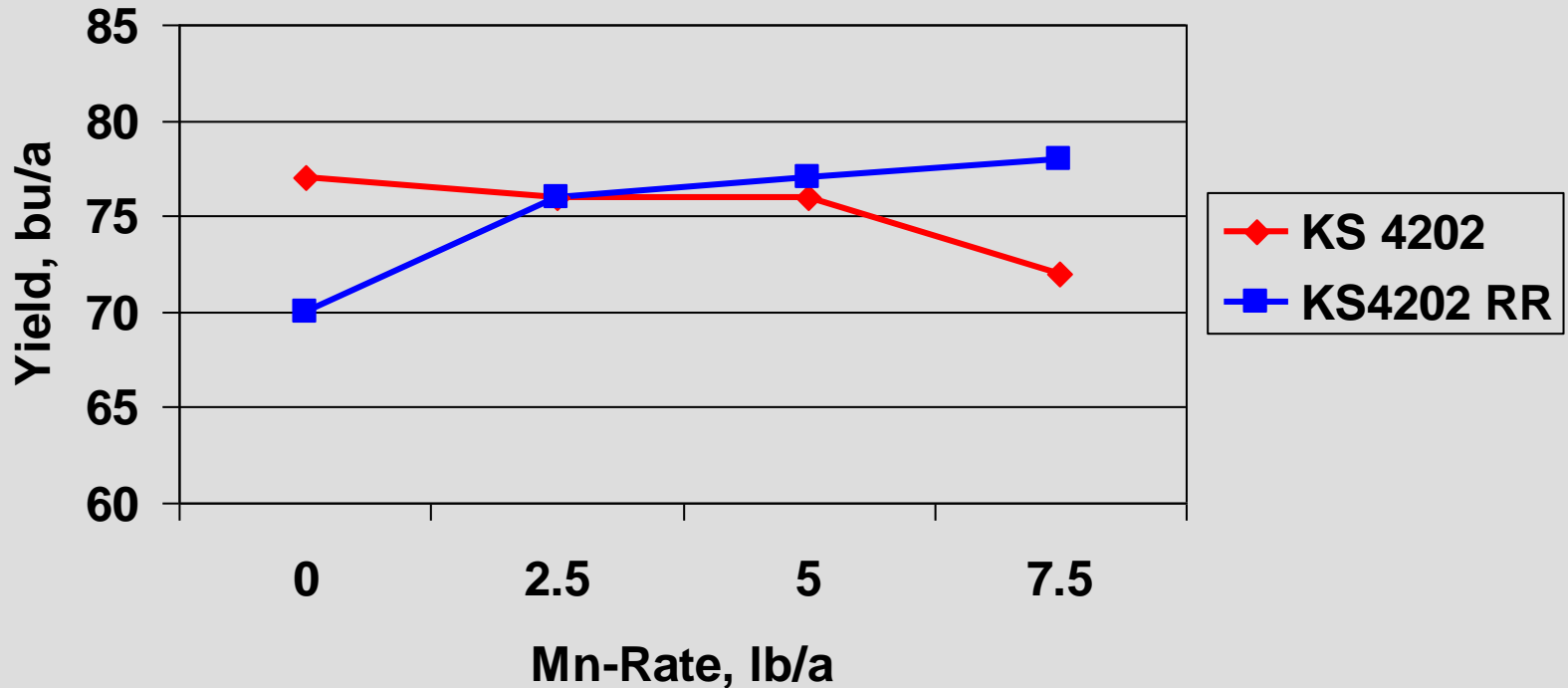


Control	62
V-4	68
V-4 + V-8	72
V-4 + V-8 + R-2	80
<u>LSD .05</u>	<u>3</u>

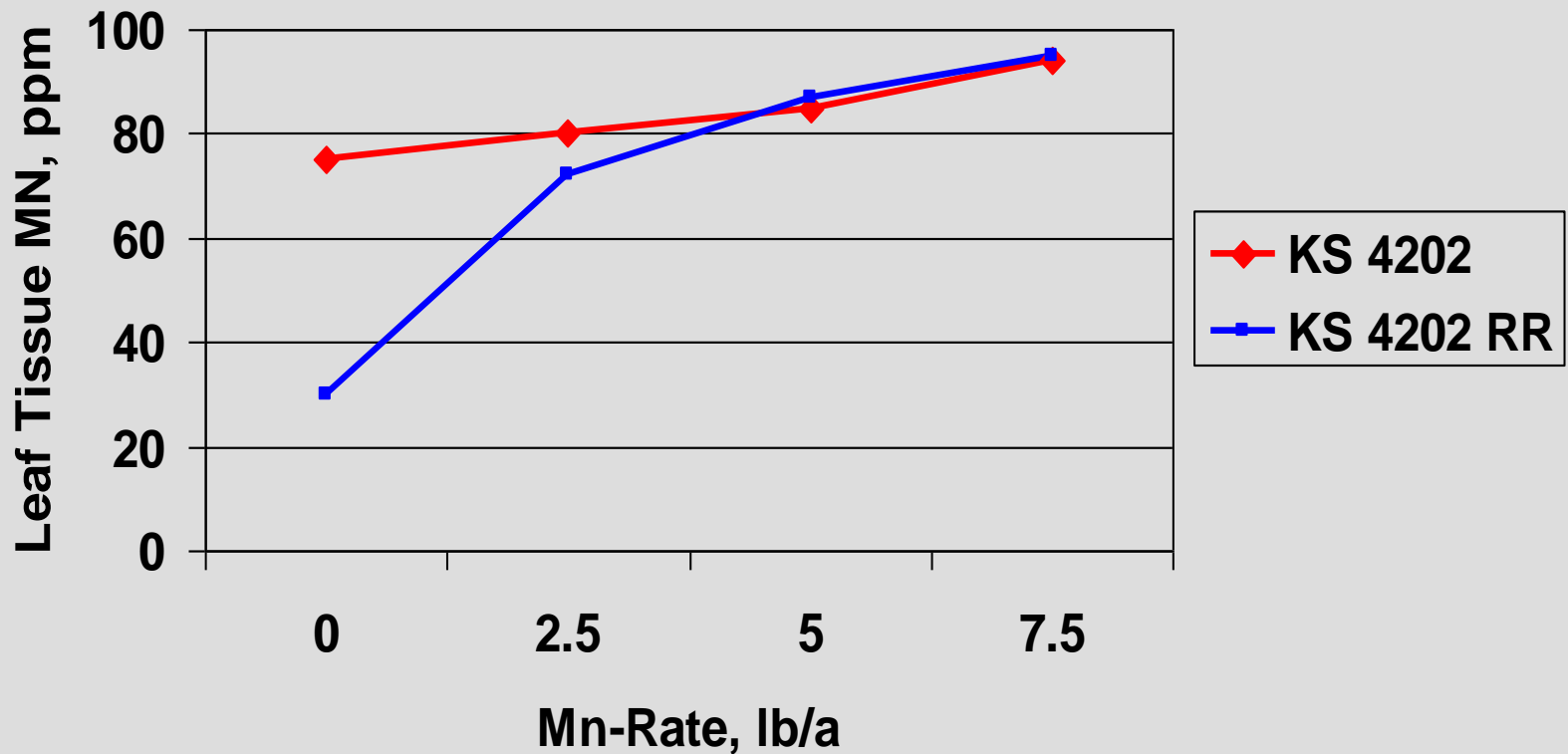
0.3 lb Mn/appln

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Mn Application Effects on Soybean Yield, 2005-2006.



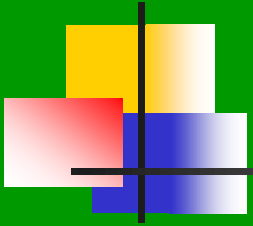
Mn Application Effects on Leaf Tissue Mn Concentration, 2005-2006





Liquid Applied Manganese Effects on Soybean Yield, 2006

Stage of Growth	Yield, bu/acre
Untreated check	66
Starter (.3 lb)	66
Starter (.6 lb)	70
Starter (.3 lb) + V4	74
V4	66
V4+V8	72
V4+V8+R2	74
LSD (0.05)	3



**Research continuing with
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Maximizing Corn Yields in the Central Great Plains

Barney Gordon



Application Method and Composition Of Starter Fertilizer for Irrigated Corn





Treatments

- ***Application methods:***

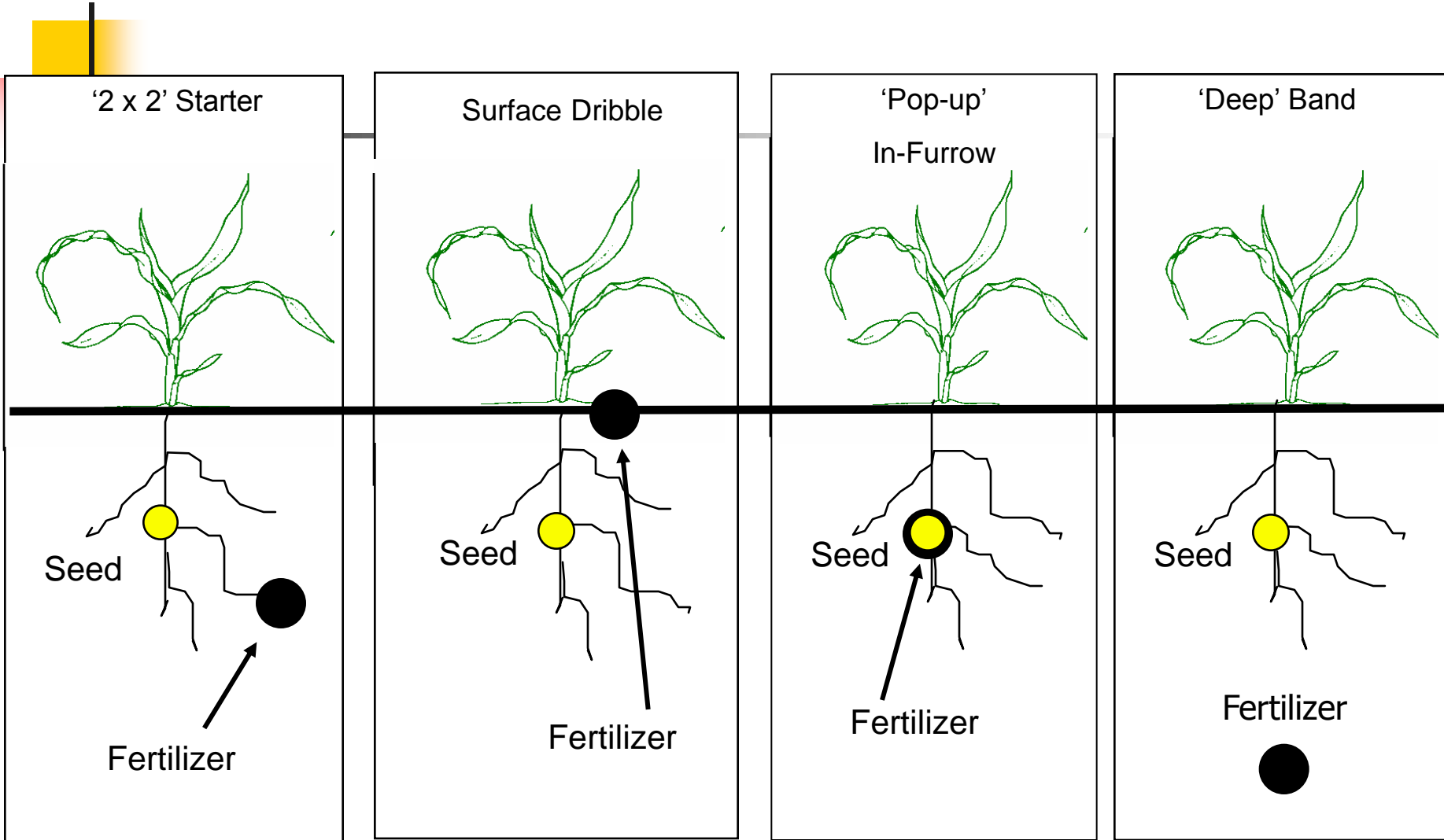
- 1) In-Furrow

- 2) 2 X 2

- 3) Dribble on soil surface 2" to the side

- 4) 8" band centered on row

Band Applications





Treatments

- ***Liquid Starter Fertilizer***

1) 5-15-5

2) 15-15-5

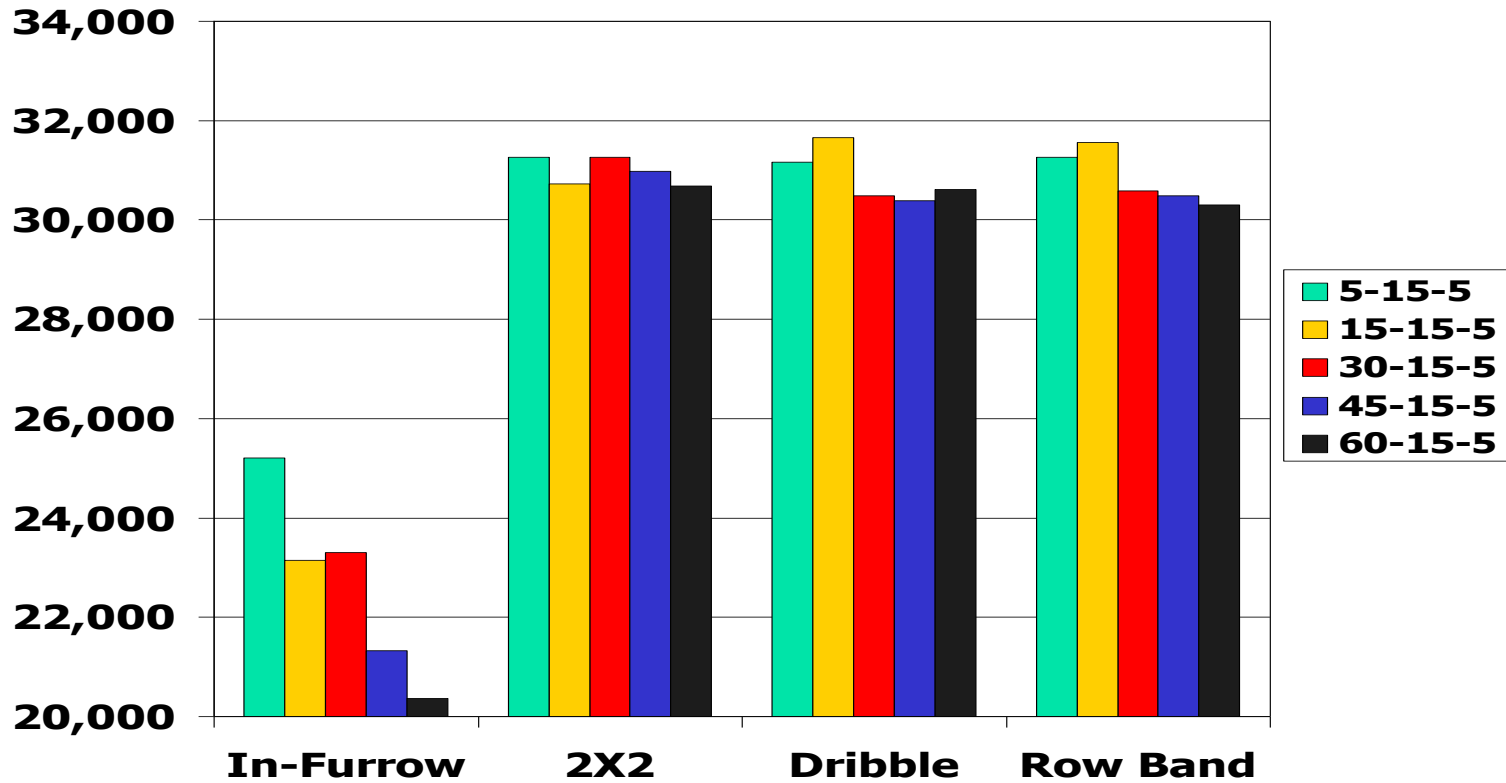
3) 30-15-5

Total N applied=200 lb/a

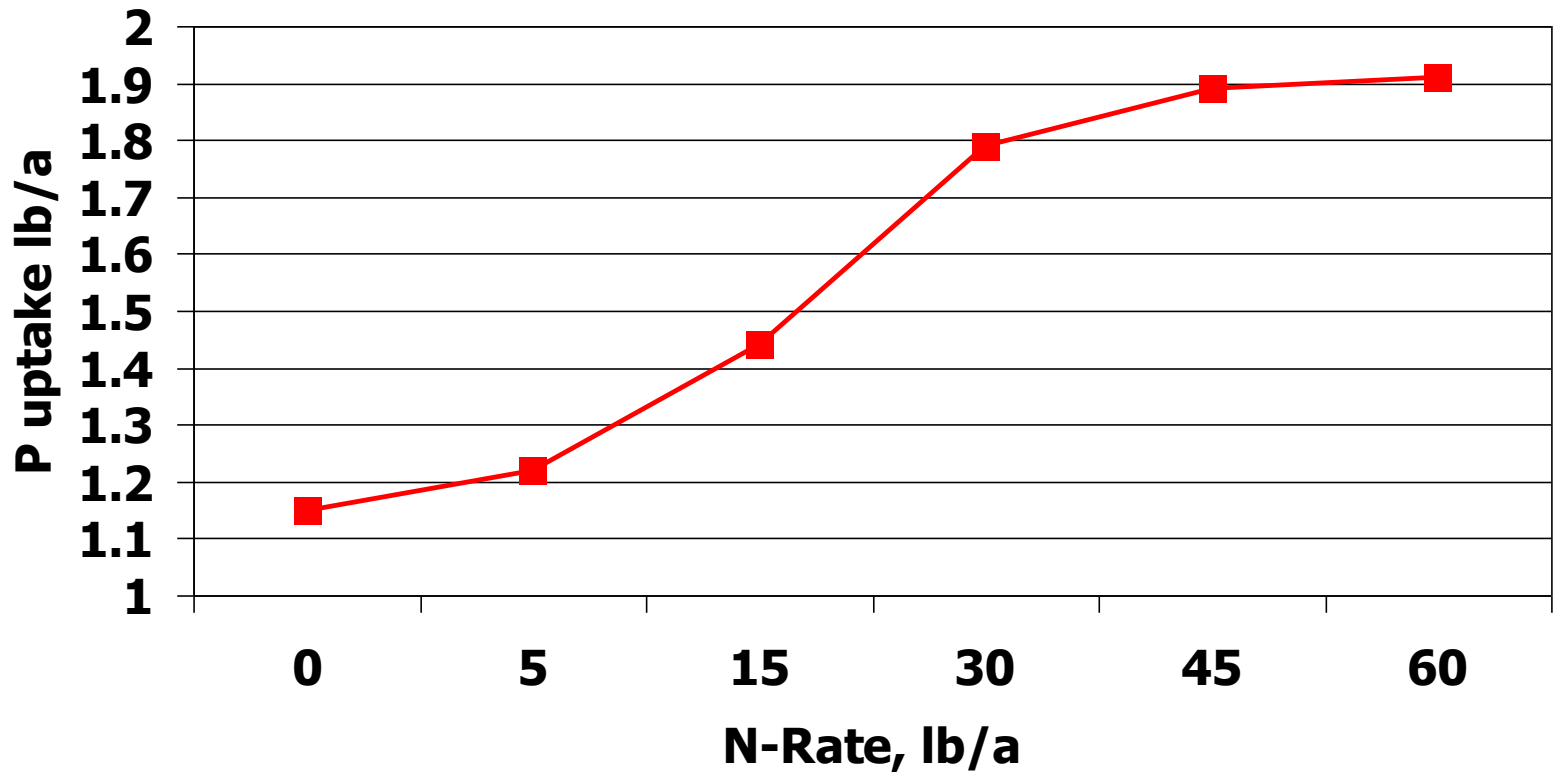
4) 45-15-5

5) 60-15-5

Plant Population



Starter N-Rate Effects on V-6 Stage Whole Plant P Uptake





N Stimulation of P Absorption by Plants

- Decrease in the rhizosphere pH and increased solubility of soil phosphates.
- Increased root length.
- Increased physiological capacity of the root to adsorb P. N treatment of corn roots resulted in higher P uptake than a 10-fold increase in P concentration.

(Kamprath, 1987)



Starter Effects on Corn Yield (bu/a)

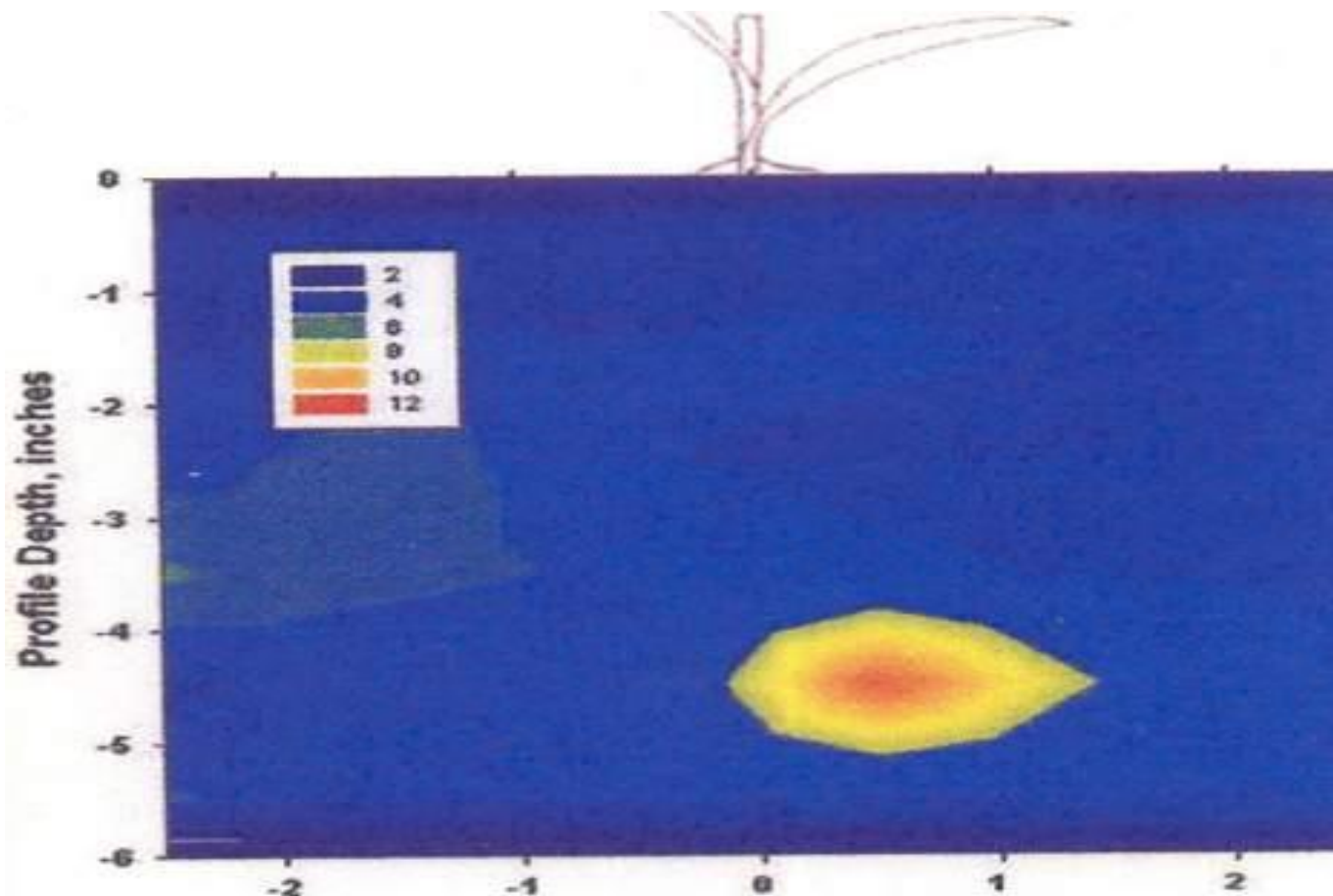
3-year avg

Starter	In-furrow	2x2	Dribble	Row Band
5-15-5	172	<i>194</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>179</i>
15-15-5	177	197	198	180
30-15-5	174	<i>216</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>192</i>
45-15-5	171	215	213	195
60-15-5	163	214	213	201
Average	<i>171</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>189</i>

Corn Yield response to starter fertilizer, 3-year average

Starter	Placement	Yield, bu/a
No starter check	-----	105
10-15-5	Dribble	122
40-15-5	Dribble	133
40-15-5	In-furrow	120
40-15-5	2 x 2	132
LSD (0.05)		6

Profile Distribution of bio-available P, 40 days after application
Dribble applied 15-30-10 liquid starter fertilizer.



Kovar, USDA/ARS Ames, IA



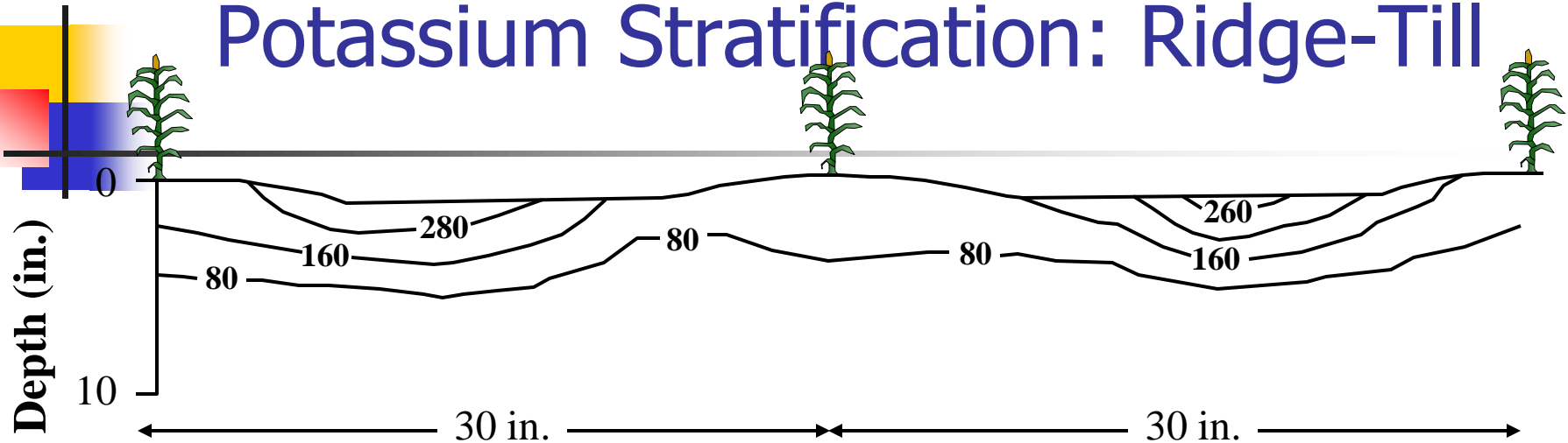
Conclusions

- Dribble applied starter fertilizer as effective as 2x2. In-furrow applied starter reduced plant populations and yields.
- Higher N analysis starters maximized grain yields.
- In reduced tillage systems, addition of K can be beneficial, even on high K soils.

**Potassium Deficiency Symptoms
Early Season**



Potassium Stratification: Ridge-Till



- 24 consecutive years in ridge-till.
- Localized high concentrations of K in inter-rows of ridges.

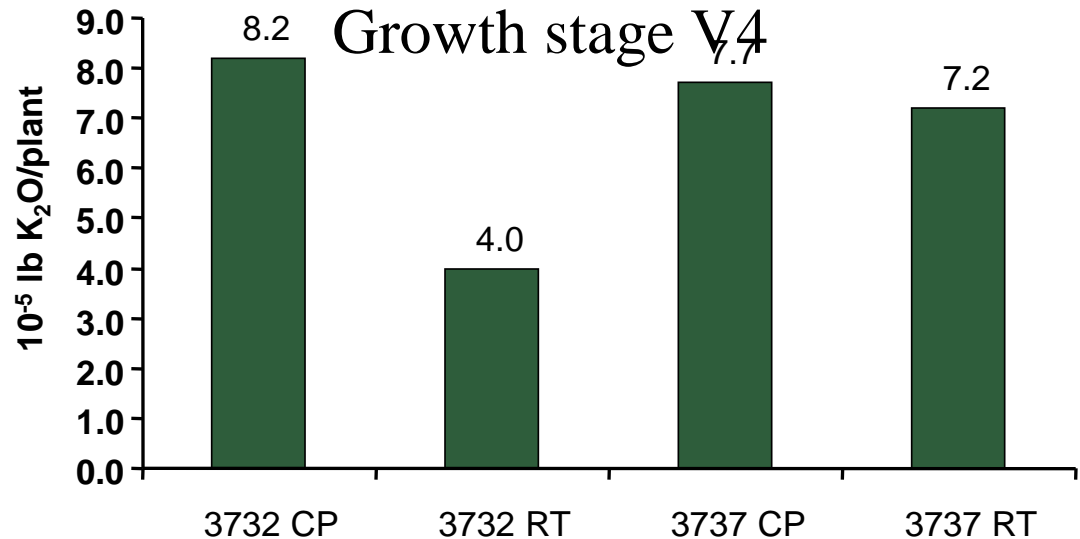
K Uptake Varies with Hybrid

■ Pioneer 3737

- Greater uptake in ridge-till
- More roots with greater activity located near the surface

■ Pioneer 3732

- Less uptake in ridge-till
- Fewer roots and lower activity near the surface



Pioneer hybrid and tillage system
(CP = chisel plow, RT = ridge till)

Allan et al., 1997 (MN)

Starter fertilizer effects on ridge-tilled corn, 2002-2005 (Soil Test K=220 ppm)

Treatment	V-6 Dry Weight	V-6 K	Days from Emergence	Yield
-----	lb/acre-----		Days	bu/acre
0-0-0-0	215	6.2	80	165
15-30-5	388	10.8	71	184
30-15-5	361	15.6	71	179
30-30-0	399	11.9	72	185
30-30-5	469	15.9	69	196
LSD(0.05)	26	1.5	2	9



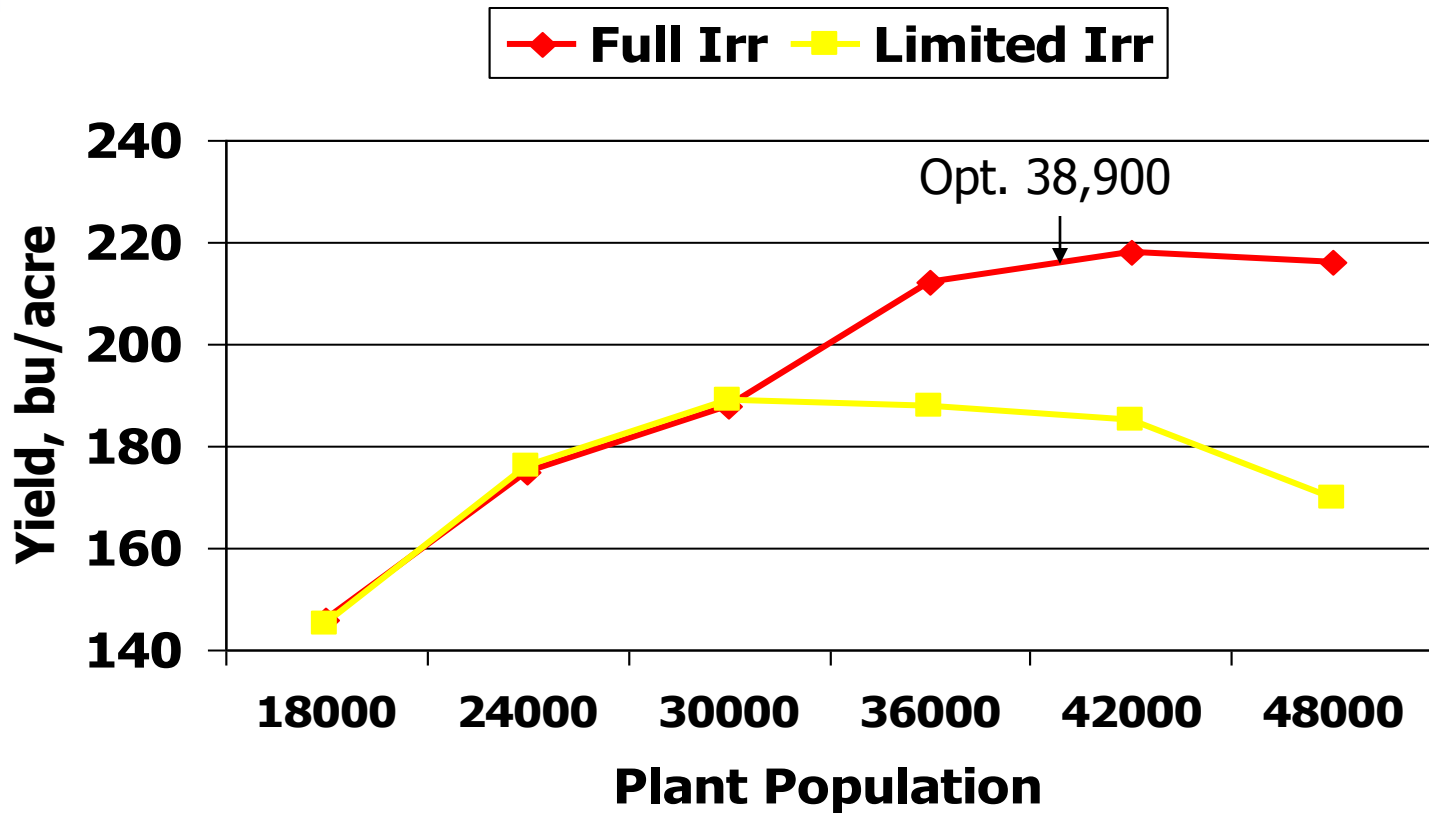
K-Application

- Temperature, soil moisture content, and compaction can limit K uptake and result in K deficiency on soils not low in available K.
- K stratification can occur in soils managed with reduced tillage systems.
- Hybrids may differ in ability to take up K from the soil.

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a cornfield. The image shows numerous green corn plants with long, narrow leaves and several ears of corn in various stages of development. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day, and the overall color palette is dominated by various shades of green and yellow.

**Interactions Among Water,
Fertility
and Plant Population**

Irrigation and Population Effects on Corn Yield (8 year avg)



Maximizing Irrigated Corn Yields

Carr sandy loam soil, 3-year avg.

Population plants/a	P ₂ O ₅ +K ₂ O + S (lb/acre)		Response
	30+0+0	100+80+40	
	grain yield (bu/acre)		bu/a
28,000	162	205	43
42,000	159	223	64
Response	-3	18	

Maximizing Irrigated Corn Yields

Crete silt loam soil, 3-year avg.

Population plants/a	P ₂ O ₅ +K ₂ O + S (lb/acre)		Response
	30+0+0	100+80+40	
	grain yield (bu/acre)		bu/a
28,000	201	224	23
42,000	195	258	63
Response	-6	34	

Strip-Tillage for Crop Production





No-Till

- **Advantages of No-tillage include:** reduction of soil erosion, increased soil water use efficiency, improved soil quality, and time and labor savings.
- **Disadvantages:** High residue production systems can depress early-season plant growth and reduce nutrient uptake.



Strip-tillage

- Strip-tillage can provide an environment that conserves soil and water while establishing a seed-bed that is similar to conventional tillage.





Fall Strip-Tillage



Strip-Tillage



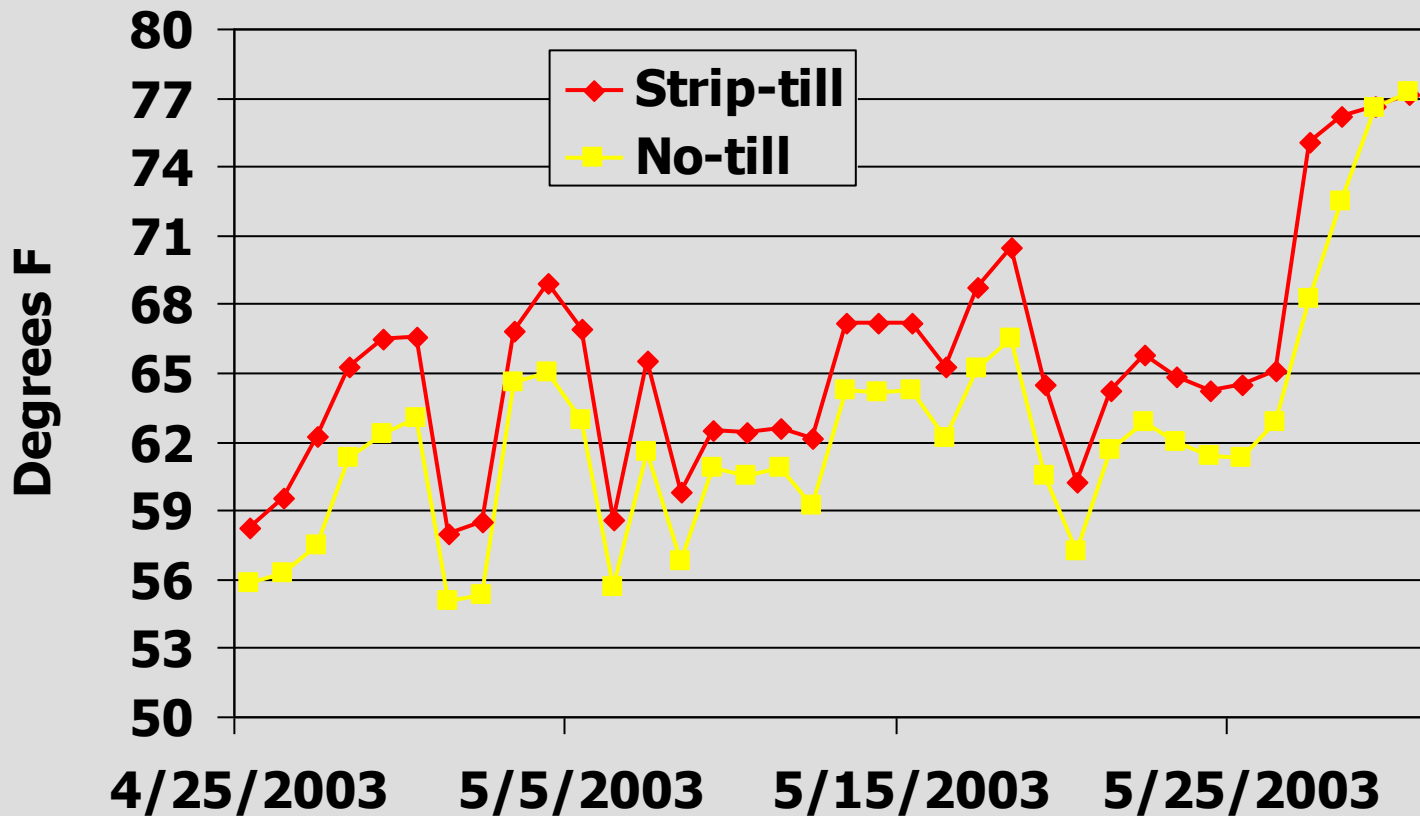
No-Till Vs Strip-Till Early Season Growth



Strip-till vs No-till



Soil Temperature at Planting Depth Belleville





Early Season Growth and Nutrient Uptake, 3-year avg.

Treatment	V-6 Dry Wt.	V-6 N Uptake	V-6 P Uptake
lb/acre			
Strip-Till	347	16.1	2.9
No-Till	205	9.2	1.3



Belleville, 3-year avg.

Treat.	Day to Mid-Silk	Moist, %	Yield,* bu/a
Strip-Till	53	14.5	114
No-Till	65	17.1	100

*Includes unfertilized check

Tillage and Fertilizer Timing Effects on Irrigated Corn Yield (Soybean Rotation) 2004-2006.

Tillage	Fertilizer	Timing*	Avg.
Strip	180-30-0	Fall	208
Strip	180-0-0	Fall	197
Strip	180-30-0	Planting	208
No-Till	180-30-0	Planting	200
No-till	180-0-0	Planting	192

*Timing of fertilizer application. All Strip-Tillage was done in the fall.

•Planting time fertilizer was applied 2 x 2

Tillage and Fertilizer Timing Effects on Irrigated Corn Yield (Continuous Corn) 2004-2006.

Tillage	Fertilizer	Timing*	Avg.
Strip	180-30-0	Fall	215
Strip	180-30-0	Planting	213
No-Till	180-30-0	Planting	202

*Timing of fertilizer application. All Strip-Tillage was done in the fall.
•Planting time fertilizer was applied 2 x 2



Strip-Till Corn Yield Compared to No-Till

Previous Crop	Strip-till Yield Advantage over No-Till
Wheat	14
Soybeans	8
Corn	12



Conclusion





Use of AVAIL with Phosphorus Fertilizer





Phosphorus Fertilizers

- Crop recovery of applied P fertilizer is often low- can be as little as 25% during season of application (Mortvet, 1994).
- At high pH, P is fixed by Ca and Mg.
- At low pH, P is fixed by Fe and Al.



AVAIL

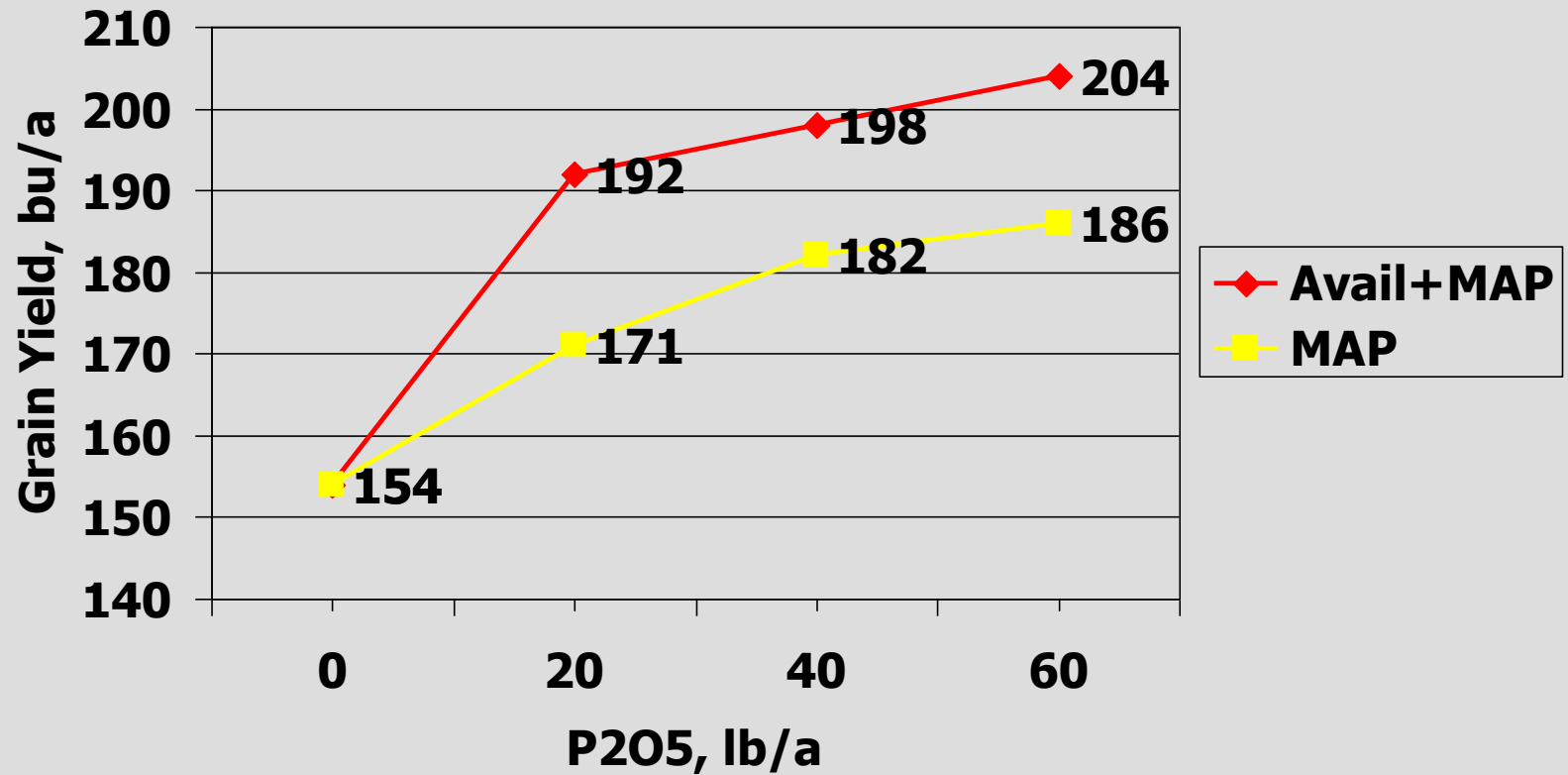
- Specialty Fertilizer Products has developed and patented a family of di-carboxylic co-polymers.
- Can be used as a coating on granular phosphate fertilizers or mixed into liquid phosphate fertilizers.



AVAIL- Mode of Action

- Polymer sequesters antagonistic cations out of the soil solution.
- P remains unfixed and available for plant uptake.
- Results in highly concentrated zones of available P for the plants.

Corn Grain Yield Scandia, 2001-2003





Summary

- Influencing or controlling reactions in the microenvironment around the fertilizer granule has proven to have a significant benefit to the availability of applied nutrient P.
- Use of AVAIL increased P uptake and yield of corn.



Nitrogen Fertilization Problems in Reduced-Tillage Corn Production

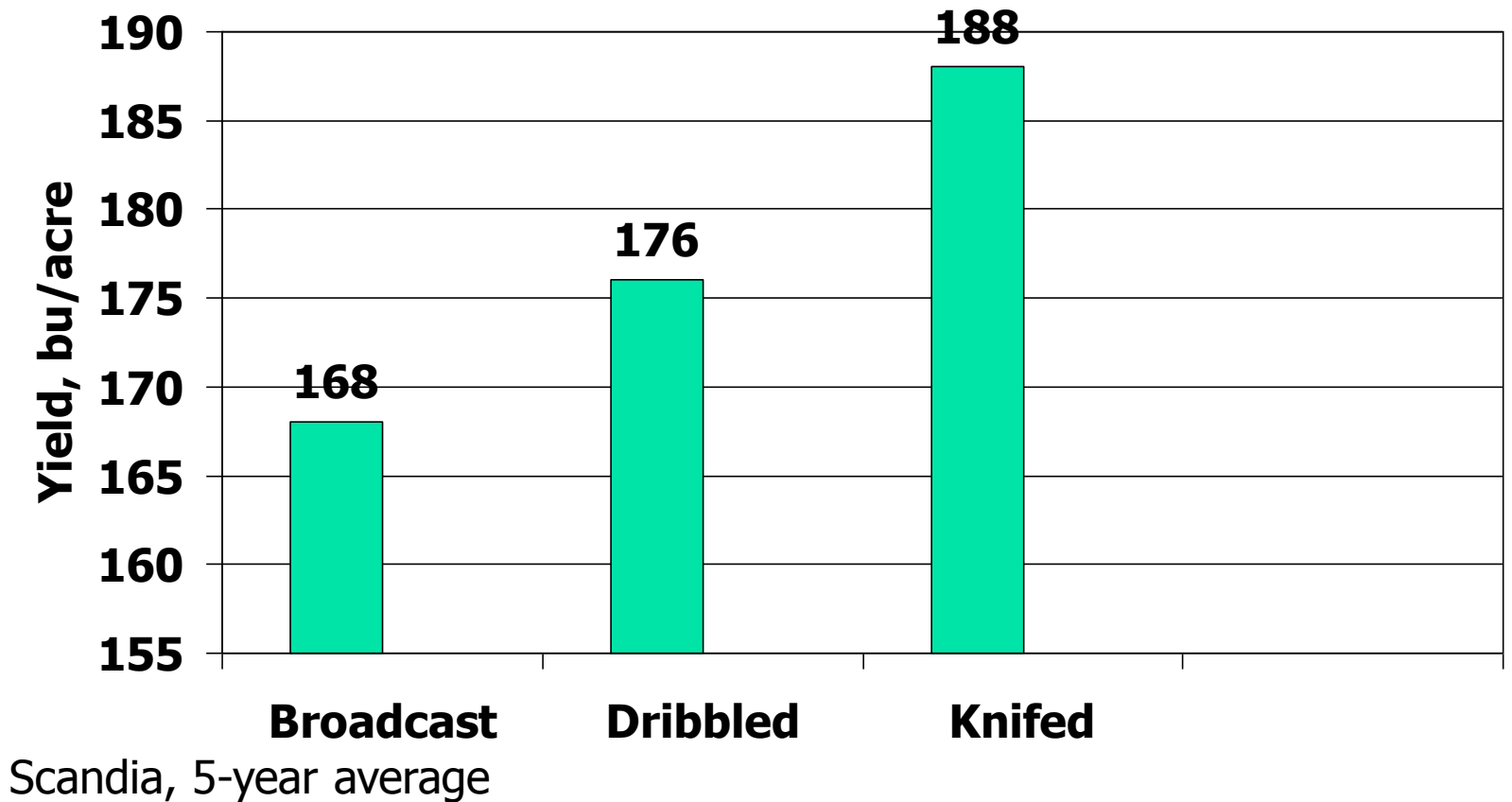
- N immobilization can be a problem when N fertilizers are surface applied in high-residue production systems.
- Surface applications of urea-containing fertilizers are subject to volatilization losses.
- Leaching losses.



N Volatilization Losses

- N losses due to volatilization from broadcast urea-containing fertilizers in no-tillage production system can be significant. Depending on conditions, losses can be 10-20% of applied N.
- In a study at Purdue (Keller and Mengel, 1985) broadcasting urea in corn stubble resulted in a 29% N loss. Peak loss was nearly 3 lb N/acre/hour. Nearly all losses occurred within 50 hours of application.

Corn Yield as affected by Method of UAN Application

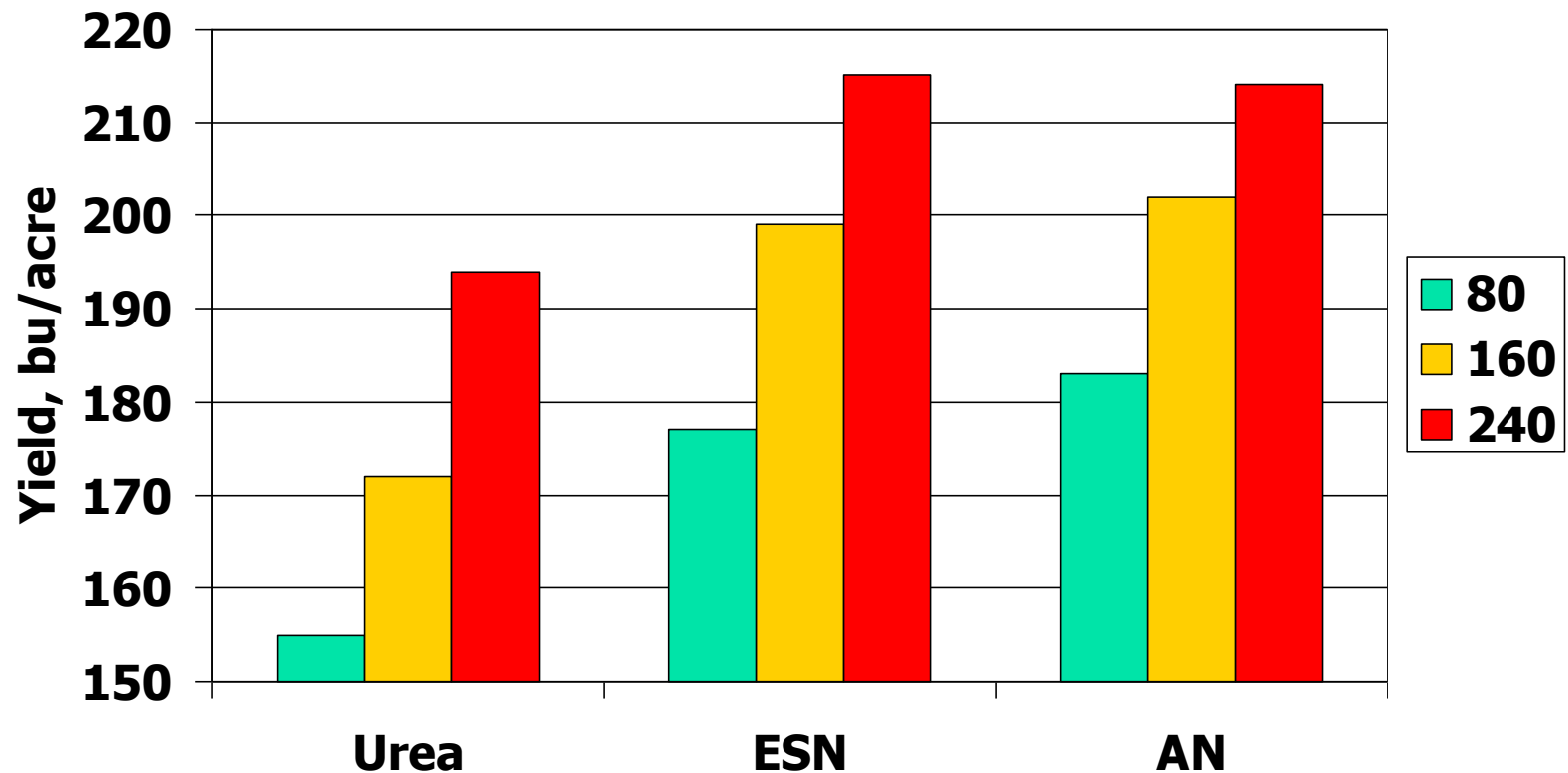




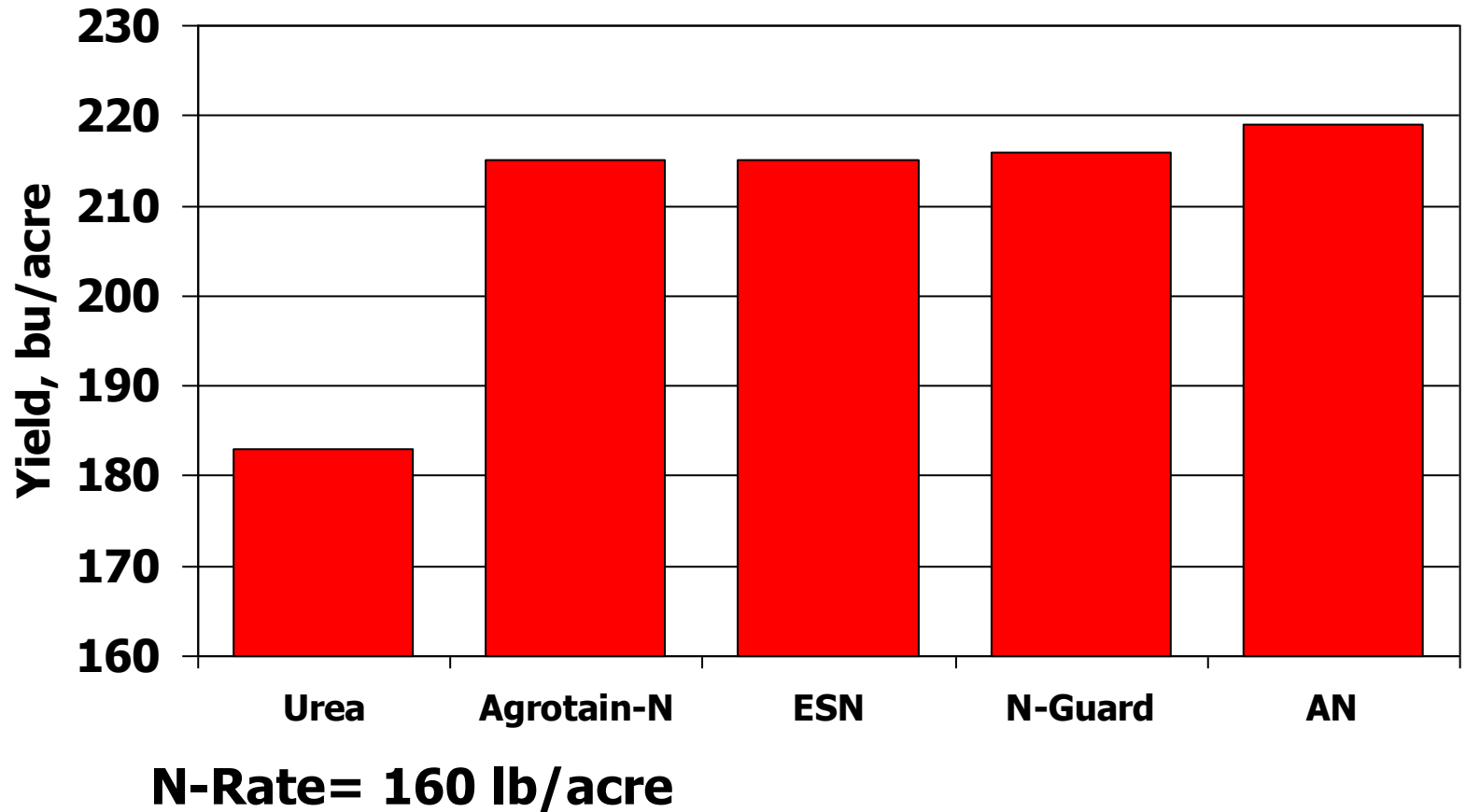
Tools to Manage N-Losses with Surface Applied N.

- Urease-Inhibitors (Agrotain)
- Controlled Release N. Urea granule is coated, but allows water to diffuse across membrane. N-release is then temperature controlled. (ESN).
- Long-Chain liquid Polymer coating of Urea (Nutrisphere-N, formerly N-Guard).

Corn Yield as Affected by N-Source and Rate (3-year average)



Corn Yield as Affected by N Source (2-year Average)





Summary

- Subsurface application of N is the most efficient application method.
- If surfacing applying, banding is more efficient than broadcasting.
- If broadcasting on the soil surface there are products available that can minimize N losses and improve efficiency.



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