

# Cotton Fertility

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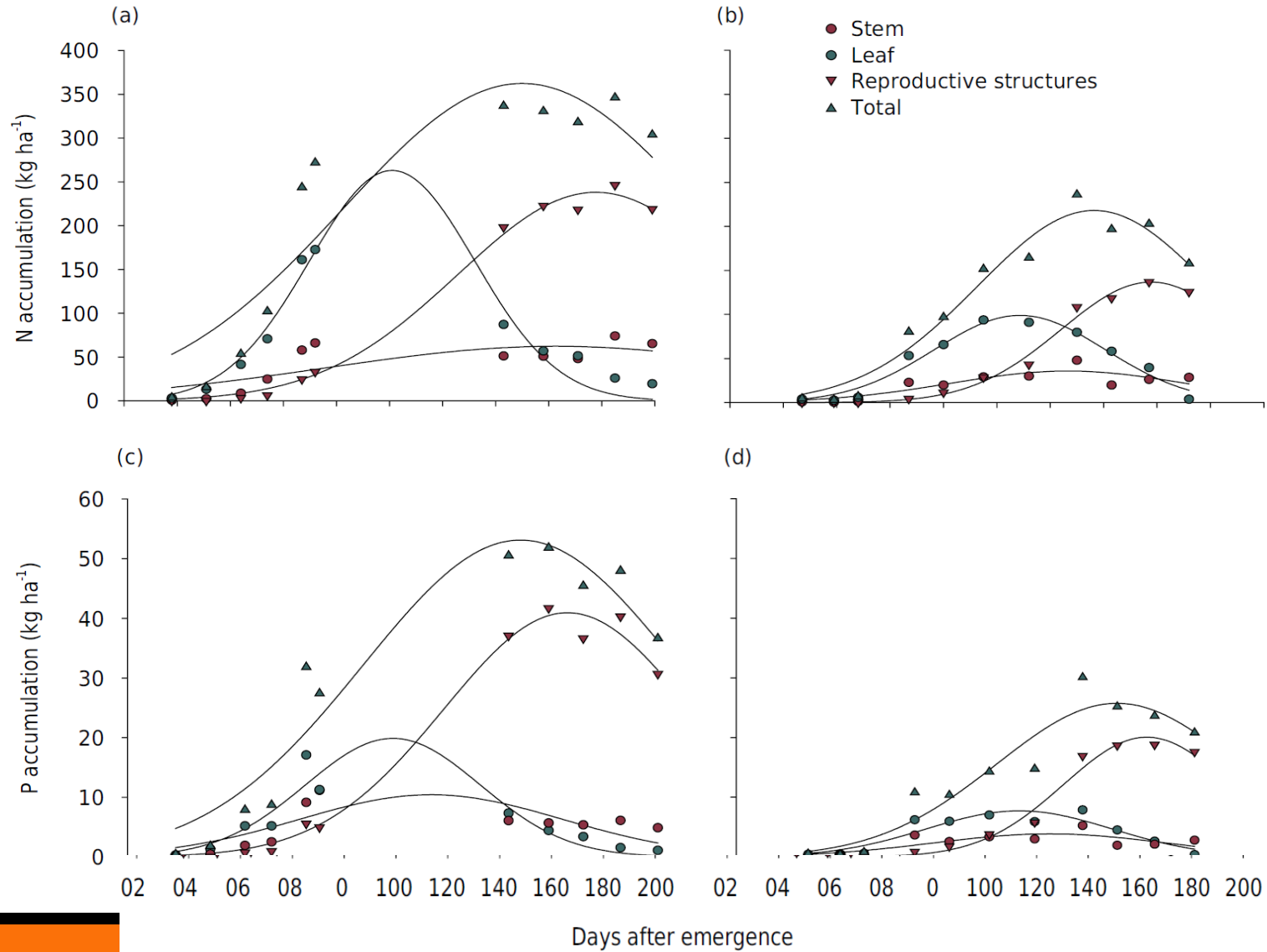


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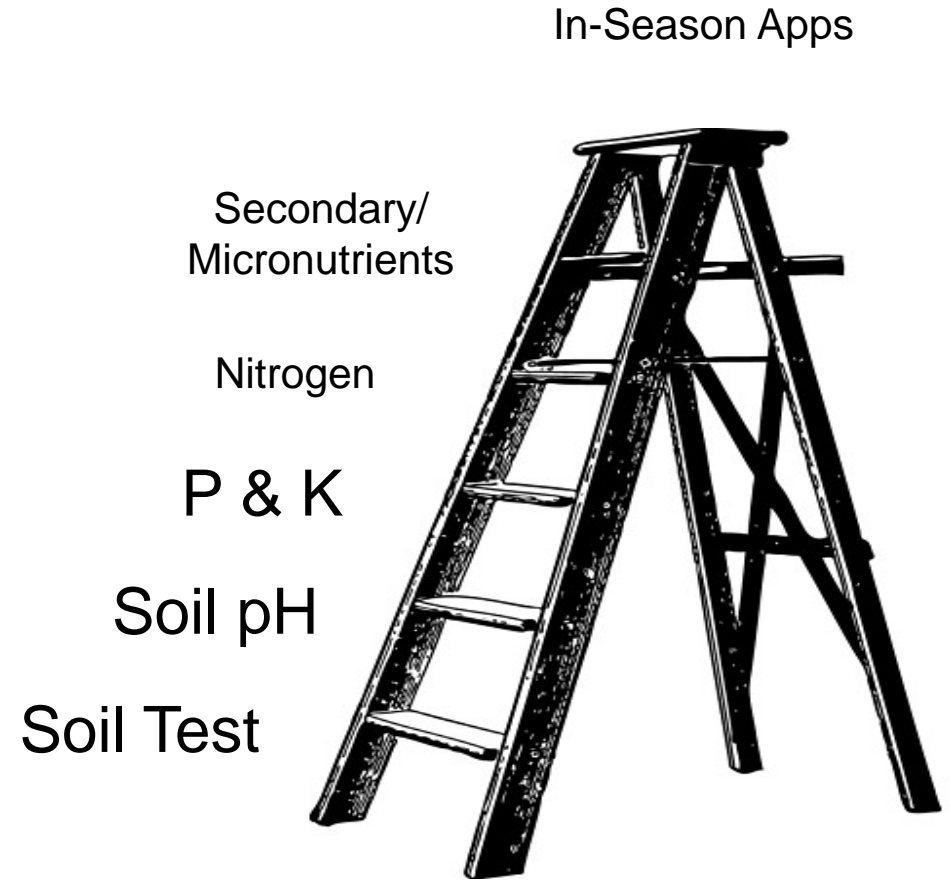
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# 5 bale vs 2.5 bale



# Importance of Proper Fertility



# OSU Recs

**Table 1. Primary Nutrient Soil Test Interpretations for Selected Small Grains and Row Crops.**

<i>Nitrogen Requirements</i>											
<i>SMALL GRAIN</i>			<i>GRAIN SORGHUM</i>		<i>CORN</i>		<i>COTTON</i>		<i>CANOLA</i>		
<i>Yield Goal (bu/A)</i>			<i>N</i>	<i>Yield Goal</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Yield Goal</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Yield Goal</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Yield Goal</i>	<i>N</i>
			<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>
<i>Wheat</i>	<i>Barley</i>	<i>Oats</i>		<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(bu/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(bales/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>	<i>(lbs/A)</i>
15	20	25	<b>30</b>	2000	<b>30</b>	40	<b>25</b>	0.50	<b>30</b>	1000	<b>50</b>
20	25	35	<b>40</b>	2500	<b>40</b>	50	<b>37</b>	0.75	<b>45</b>	1500	<b>75</b>
30	35	55	<b>60</b>	3000	<b>50</b>	60	<b>50</b>	1.00	<b>60</b>	2000	<b>100</b>
40	50	70	<b>80</b>	4000	<b>70</b>	85	<b>67</b>	1.25	<b>75</b>	2500	<b>125</b>
50	60	90	<b>100</b>	4500	<b>85</b>	100	<b>75</b>	1.50	<b>90</b>	3000	<b>150</b>
60	75	105	<b>125</b>	5000	<b>100</b>	120	<b>87</b>	1.75	<b>105</b>	3500	<b>175</b>
70	90	125	<b>155</b>	7000	<b>160</b>	160	<b>100</b>	2.00	<b>120</b>		
80	100	140	<b>185</b>	8000	<b>195</b>	180	<b>112</b>	2.25	<b>135</b>		
100	125	175	<b>240</b>	9000	<b>230</b>	200	<b>125</b>	2.50	<b>150</b>		

Per 10 ppm of NO3 you get 2.25 lbs N per acre inch  
 10 ppm and 12 inches = 27 lbs N.

# OSU Recs

## Phosphorus Requirements

<b>P SOIL TEST INDEX</b>	<b>SMALL GRAINS</b>		<b>GRAIN SORGHUM</b>		<b>CORN</b>		<b>COTTON</b>		<b>CANOLA</b>	
	Percent Sufficiency	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (lbs/Å)	Percent Sufficiency	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (lbs/Å)	Percent Sufficiency	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (lbs/Å)	Percent Sufficiency	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (lbs/Å)	Percent Sufficiency	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (lbs/Å)
0	25	80	40	60	30	80	55	75	25	80
10	45	60	60	50	60	60	70	60	45	60
20	80	40	80	40	80	40	85	45	80	40
40	90	20	95	20	95	20	95	30	90	20
65+	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0

## Potassium Requirements

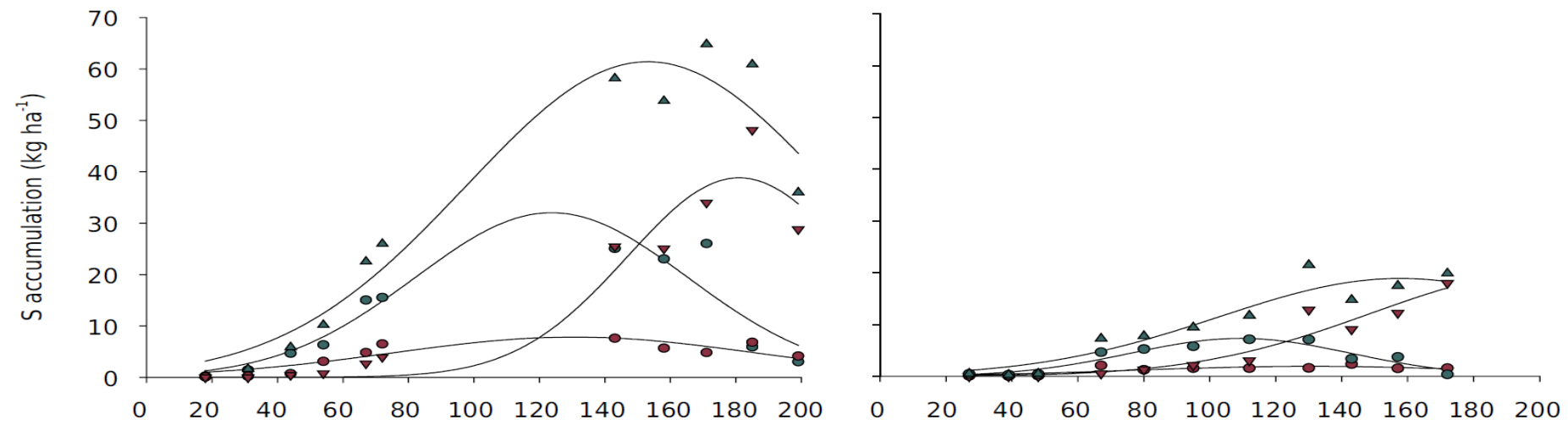
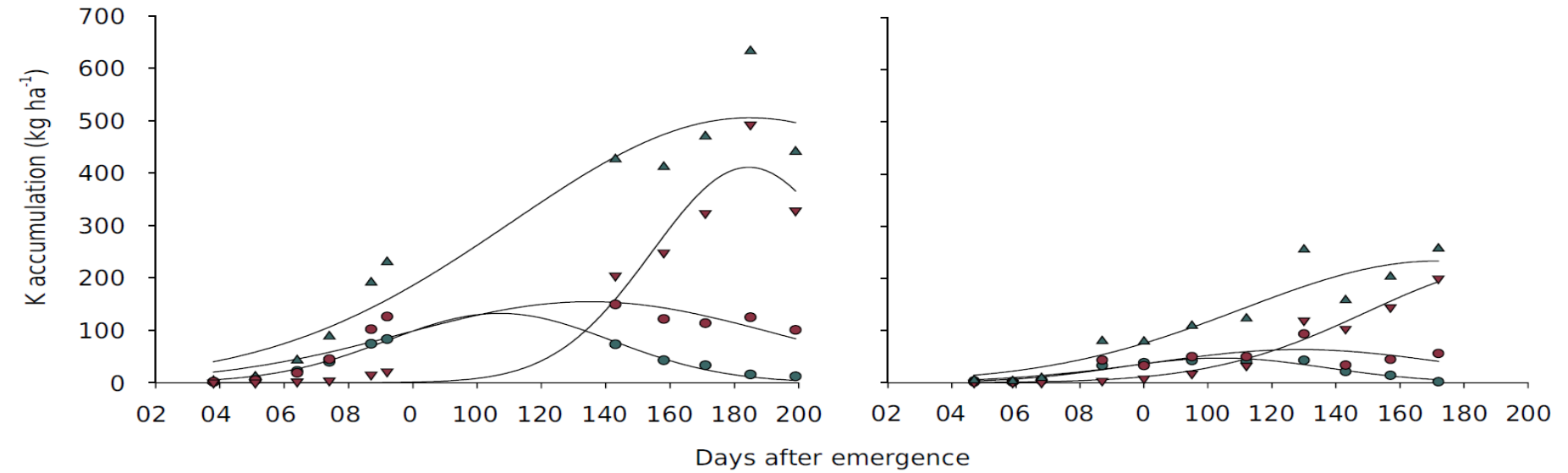
<b>K SOIL TEST INDEX</b>	<b>SMALL GRAINS</b>		<b>GRAIN SORGHUM</b>		<b>CORN</b>		<b>COTTON</b>		<b>CANOLA</b>	
	Percent Sufficiency	K <sub>2</sub> O (lbs/A)	Percent Sufficiency	K <sub>2</sub> O (lbs/A)	Percent Sufficiency	K <sub>2</sub> O (lbs/A)	Percent Sufficiency	K <sub>2</sub> O (lbs/A)	Percent Sufficiency	K <sub>2</sub> O (lbs/A)
0	50	60	40	100	40	120	40	110	50	60
75	70	50	65	75	60	80	60	80	70	50
125	80	40	80	50	75	60	75	60	80	40
200	95	20	95	30	90	40	90	40	95	20
250+	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0

# K Sufficiency / Removal

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<b><i>Soil test K</i></b>	<b><i>K<sub>2</sub>O</i></b>		<b><i>Yield Bale</i></b>	<b><i>K<sub>2</sub>O</i></b>
0	110		1	16
75	80		2	32
125	60		3	48
200	40		4	64
250	0		5	80

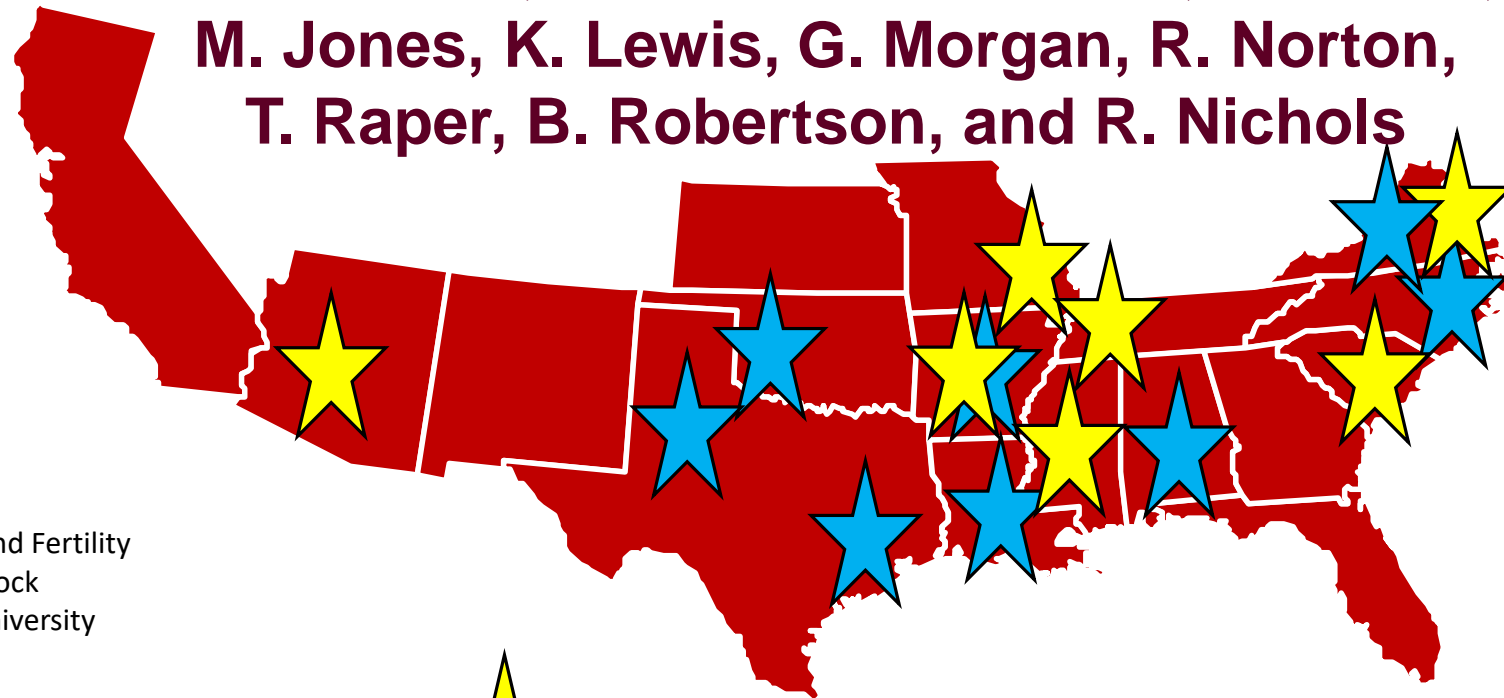
# K and S



# MATERIALS AND METHODS

## 2015-2017 Locations

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Single year sites



Multi-year sites



### Mehlich-3 K concentrations at different soil depths

Year	Location	0-6"	mg K kg <sup>-1</sup> soil				<i>P</i> > <i>F</i>	mg K kg <sup>-1</sup> soil		
			6-12"	12-24"			0-12"	0-24"		
2016	VA	30	a	40	a	37	a	0.748	35	36
<b>2016</b>	<b>★AL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>
2017	AL	56	a	54	a	67	a	0.153	55	59
2015	AL	61		64		82			63	69
2017	VA	61	a	47	a	61	a	0.184	54	56
2017	NC	73	a	69	a	63	a	0.344	71	68
2016	WM	83	a	77	a	86	a	0.133	80	82
<b>2016</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>0.007</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>70</b>
2015	VA	92	a	99	a	93	a	0.393	95	94
2015	WM	96	a	96	a	98	a	0.694	96	97
<b>2017</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>0.071</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>★AR</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>0.005</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>0.0004</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>★AR</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>ab</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>0.099</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>AR</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>LA</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>0.0004</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>0.0002</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>WM</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>LU</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>0.019</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>248</b>
2017	OK	267	a	267	a	259	a	0.366	267	264
<b>2016</b>	<b>LU</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>LU</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>309</b>

# Lint Yield

Year	Loc.	Soil K	Broadcast K, lb K <sub>2</sub> O acre <sup>-1</sup>					<i>P</i> > <i>F</i>	LSD	Injected K, lb K <sub>2</sub> O acre <sup>-1</sup>					<i>P</i> > <i>F</i>	LSD
			0	40	80	120	160			0	40	80	120	160		
		mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	lb acre <sup>-1</sup>							lb acre <sup>-1</sup>						
2016	VA	30	78	236	427	406	321	<b>0.002</b>	<b>268</b>	114	319	456	296	469	<b>0.004</b>	<b>302</b>
2016	AL	39	1123	1120	1093	1166	1147	0.888	ns	1130	1176	1129	1159	1112	0.652	ns
2017	AL	56	1777	1569	1609	1526	1552	<b>0.034</b>	<b>347</b>	1657	1386	1489	1583	1499	0.428	ns
2015	AL	61	1382	1500	1407	1530	1334	0.630	ns	1393	1429	1453	1536	1619	0.174	ns
2017	VA	61	1342	1633	1970	1868	1597	<b>0.005</b>	<b>486</b>	1806	1932	1588	1638	1691	0.541	ns
2017	NC	73	1411	1497	1426	1475	1478	0.515	ns	1344	1425	1518	1430	1533	<b>0.067</b>	<b>257</b>
2016	WM	83	219	246	218	306	317	<b>0.094</b>	<b>112</b>	185	209	257	244	309	<b>0.031</b>	<b>111</b>
2016	NC	86	661	590	648	743	636	0.924	ns	627	654	655	609	625	0.956	ns
2015	VA	92	1237	1216	1228	1220	1235	0.850	ns	1260	1210	1173	1224	1283	0.599	ns
2015	WM	96	318	343	416	385	392	<b>0.032</b>	<b>107</b>	298	377	434	363	421	<b>0.001</b>	<b>98</b>
2017	MS	100	600	506	507	528	537	0.228	ns	543	545	530	561	512	0.926	ns
2017	LA	152	904	902	842	944	891	0.899	ns	953	886	951	871	820	0.357	ns
2017	AR	158	1177	1099	1231	1103	1072	0.691	ns	1204	1303	1226	1257	1131	0.838	ns
2015	LA	159	1549	1454	1464	1309	1355	0.281	ns	1322	1368	1297	1551	1553	0.374	ns
2016	AR	168	1132	1105	1088	1116	1163	0.909	ns	1096	1140	1145	1295	1267	0.375	ns
2015	AR	174	1382	1401	1343	1343	1312	0.772	ns	1342	1362	1272	1336	1433	0.928	ns
2016	LA	177	1374	1497	1473	1479	1497	0.152	ns	1522	1508	1487	1466	1525	0.752	ns
2016	OK	204	1629	1788	1779	1788	1893	<b>0.002</b>	<b>183</b>	1767	1851	1857	1768	1862	0.279	ns
2017	WM	207	800	875	734	754	788	0.881	ns	811	771	701	790	814	0.500	ns
2017	LU	261	1695	1602	1600	1847	1773	0.922	ns	1758	1871	1868	1539	1865	0.856	ns
2017	OK	267	1652	1678	1607	1685	1630	0.975	ns	1713	1723	1733	1701	1573	0.516	ns
2016	LU	277	1724	1753	1902	1649	1629	0.945	ns	1474	1695	1813	1778	1788	<b>0.032</b>	<b>474</b>
2015	LU	391	1790	1640	1739	1687	1660	0.119	ns	1670	1743	1767	1770	1868	<b>0.033</b>	<b>190</b>

# SOIL TEST CORRELATION

## Relative Yield (RY)

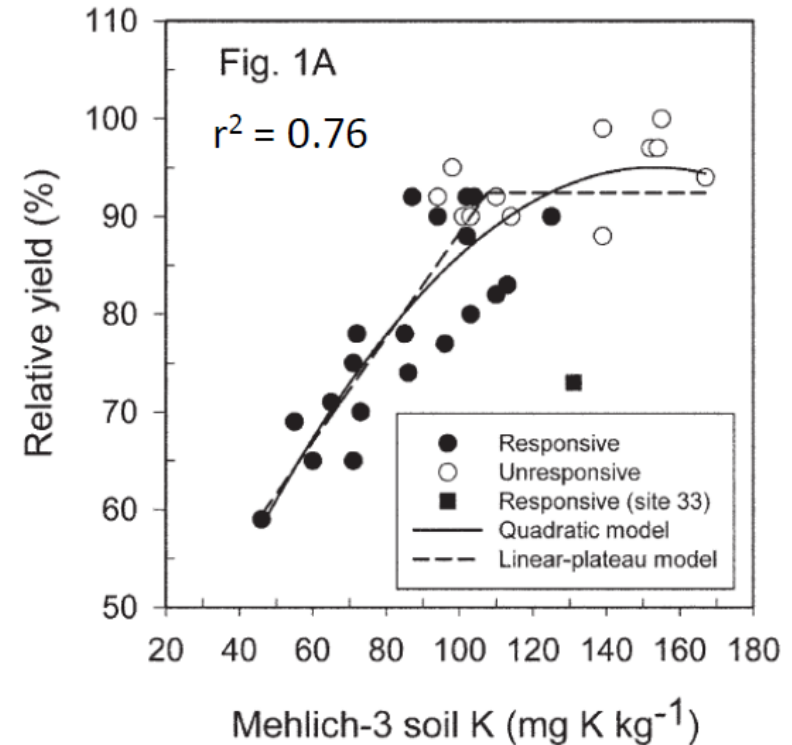
$$RY, \% = (K_0/K_T) * 100$$

RY < 100 means  $K_T > K_0$  (responsive site)

RY ≥ 100 means  $K_T < K_0$  (nonresponsive site)

**Linear plateau model in SAS 9.4  
used to define the critical level**

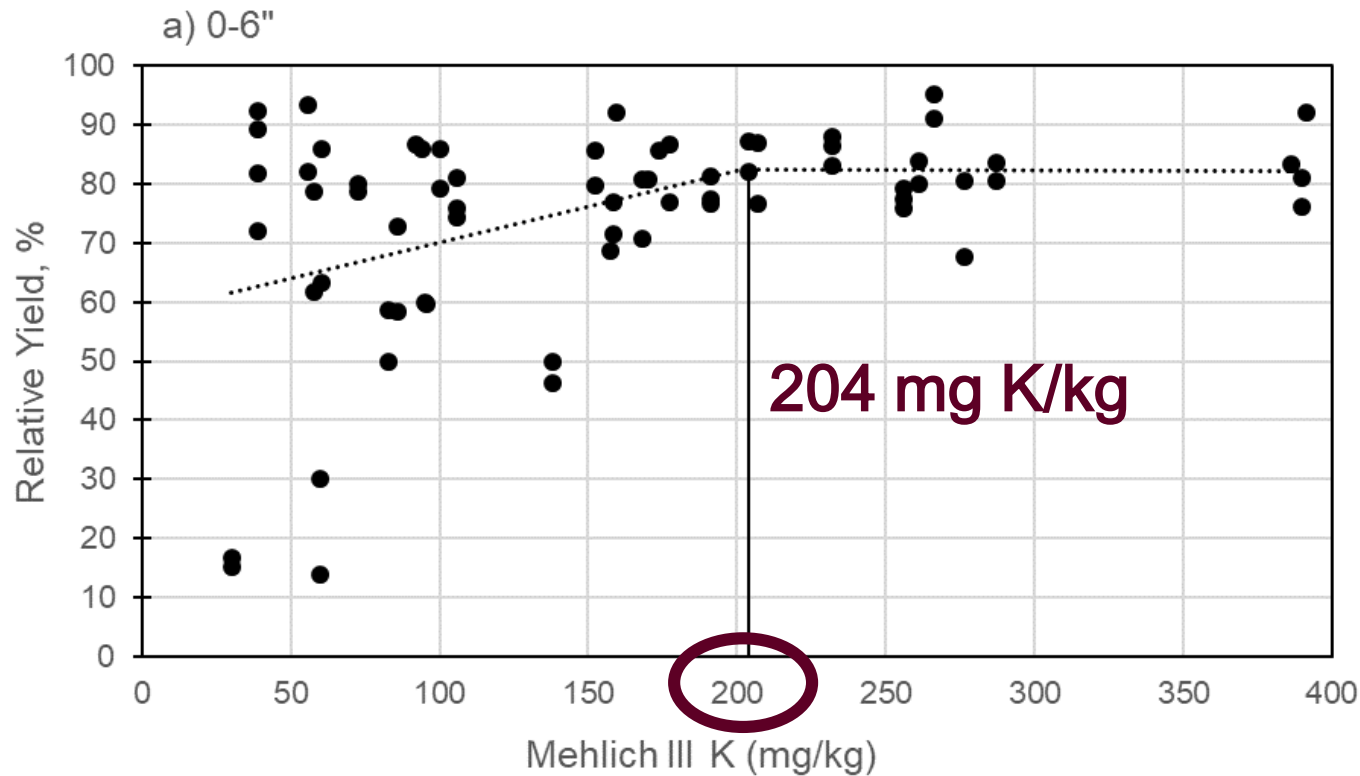
**Additional Texas site years added  
(2012 – 2014) including locations  
in Wharton and Williamson  
Counties – 10 sites years (68 total  
observations)**



Slaton et al. (2010)

# POTASSIUM SOIL TEST CORRELATION

*Mehlich III K critical level is currently 125 mg/kg*



Observations	Plateau	Joint	P-value
68	83%	204 mg/kg	0.001

Relative Yield = mean of check lint yield divided by highest numerical treatment lint yield; multiplied by 100.

# Fertility “Mis-Management” Impact on Quality

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Altus Long term, 25 years of Data.

Increasing K rate Increased Fiber Length

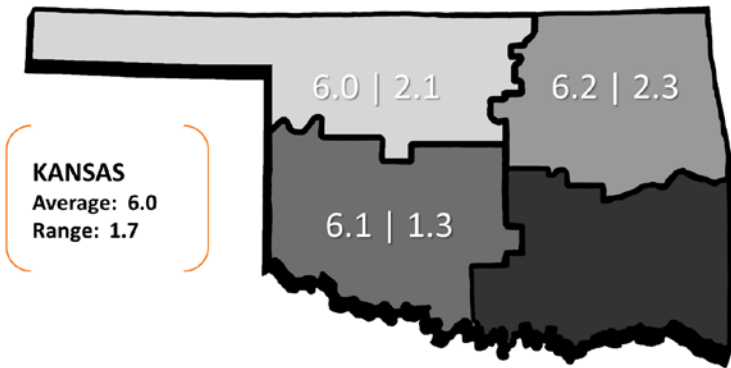
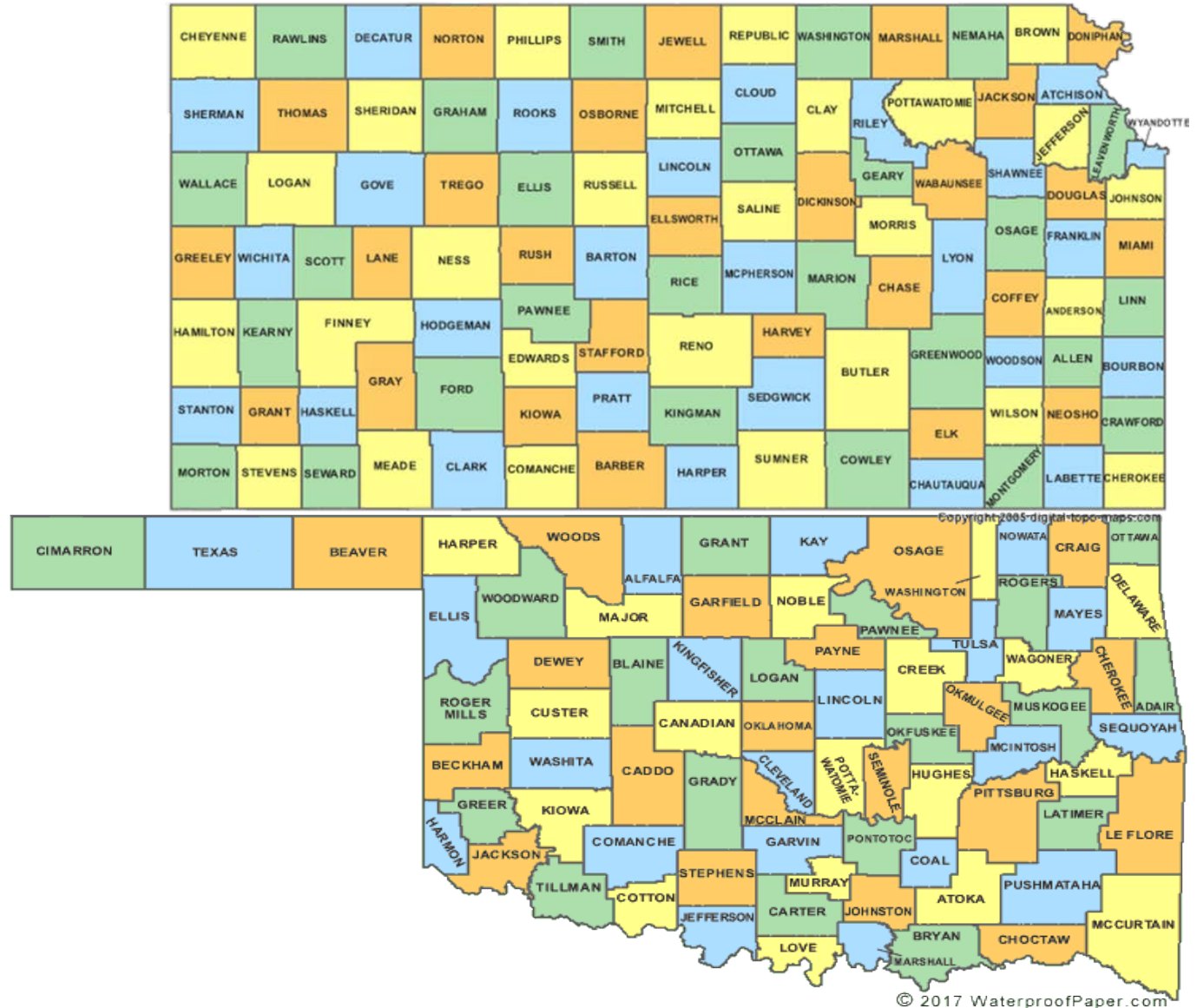
- Over application of N and under application of K Sig Decreased Length

When All over nutrients sufficient **Increasing N** above optimum Sig **Decreased Fiber Strength**

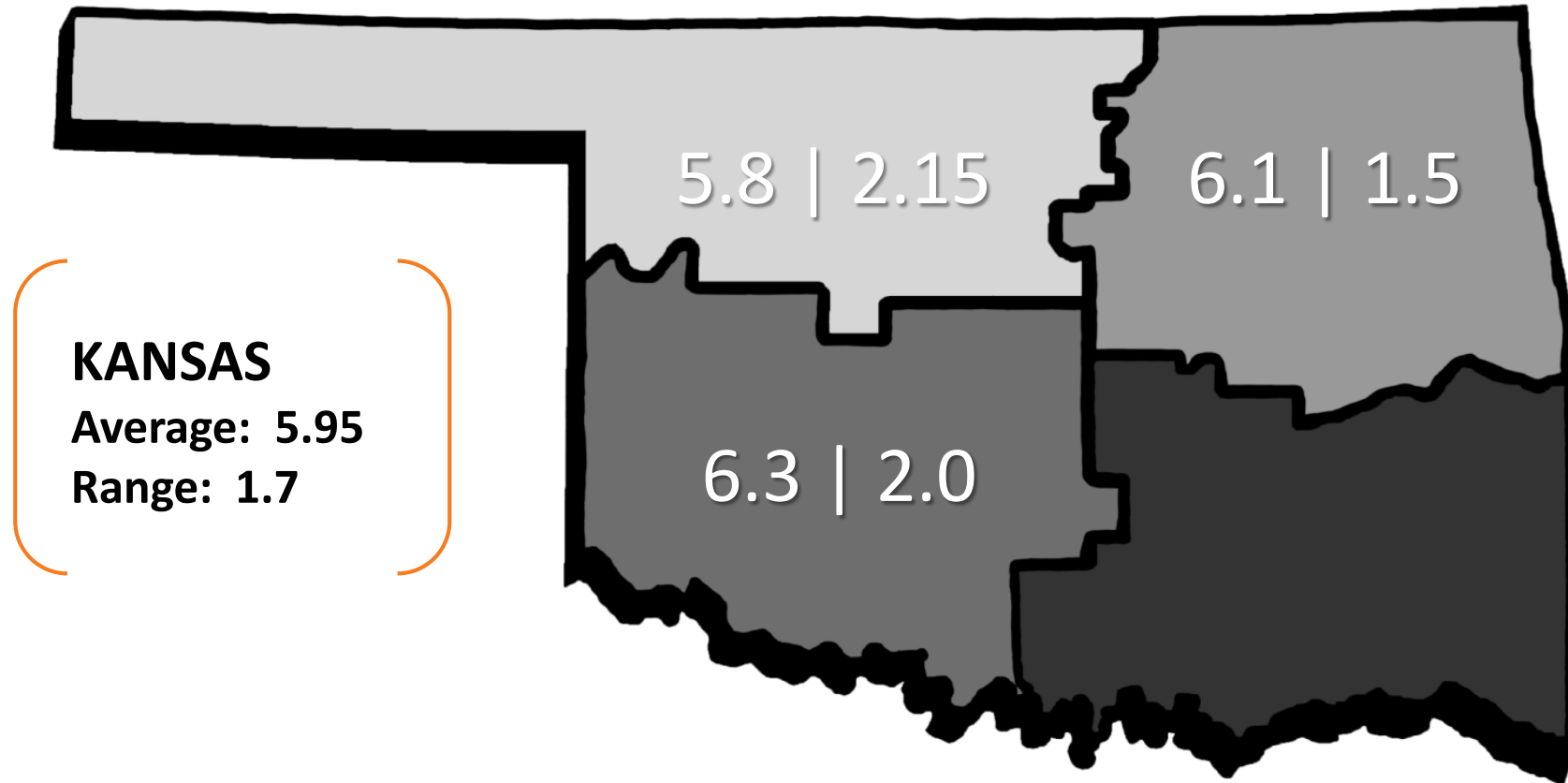


# Data by County

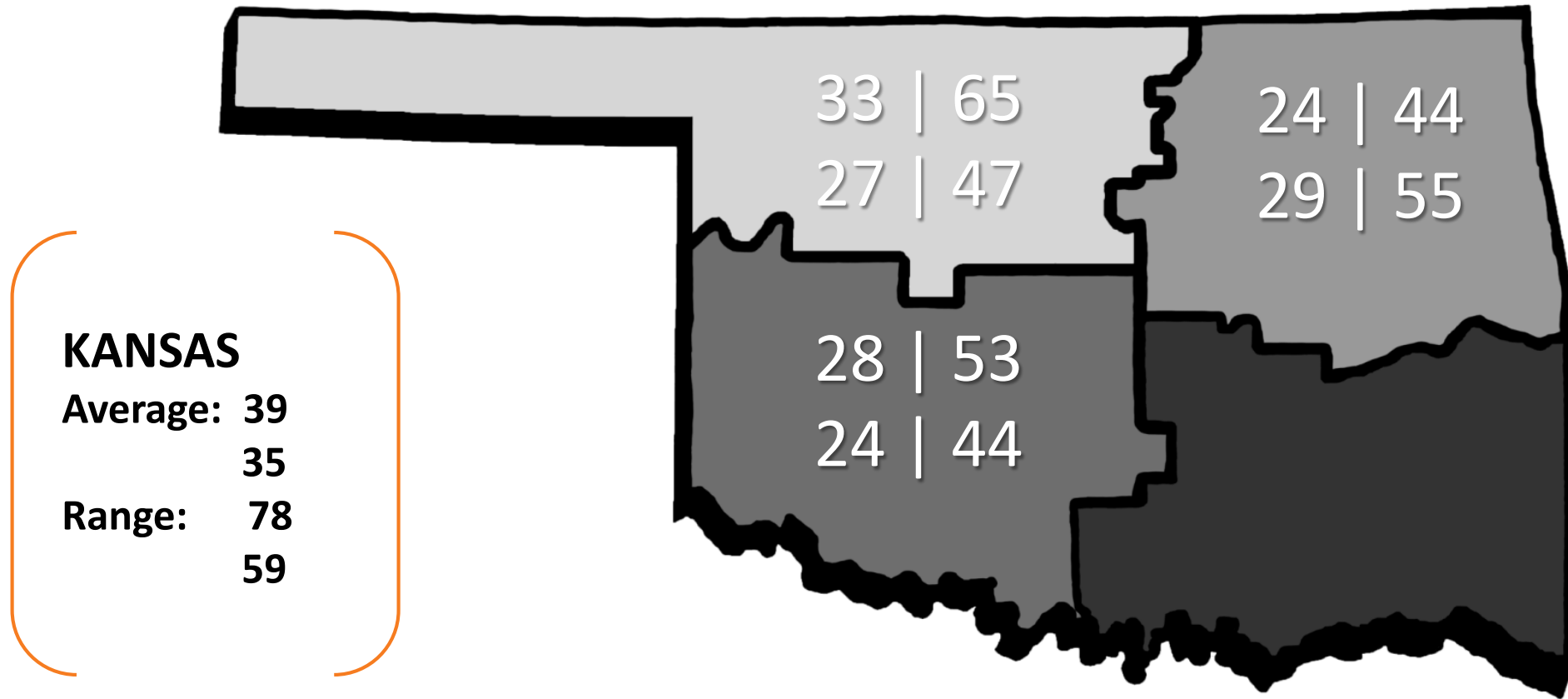
Region	Number of fields	# samples	# Samples /per field
NW	138	4673	34
NE	95	2420	25
SW	107	3087	29
KS	127	3745	29



# Grid Data Results Soil pH

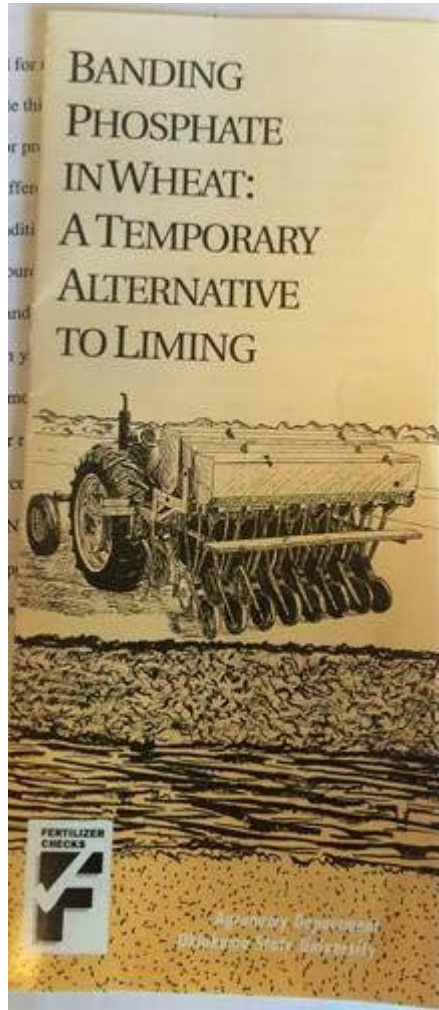


# Grid Data Results M3P and Bray P1 ppm





# OK and KS Has been dealing with Acidity



pH 4.0. Tolerant, Moderate and non-tolerant

# Soil pH and cotton

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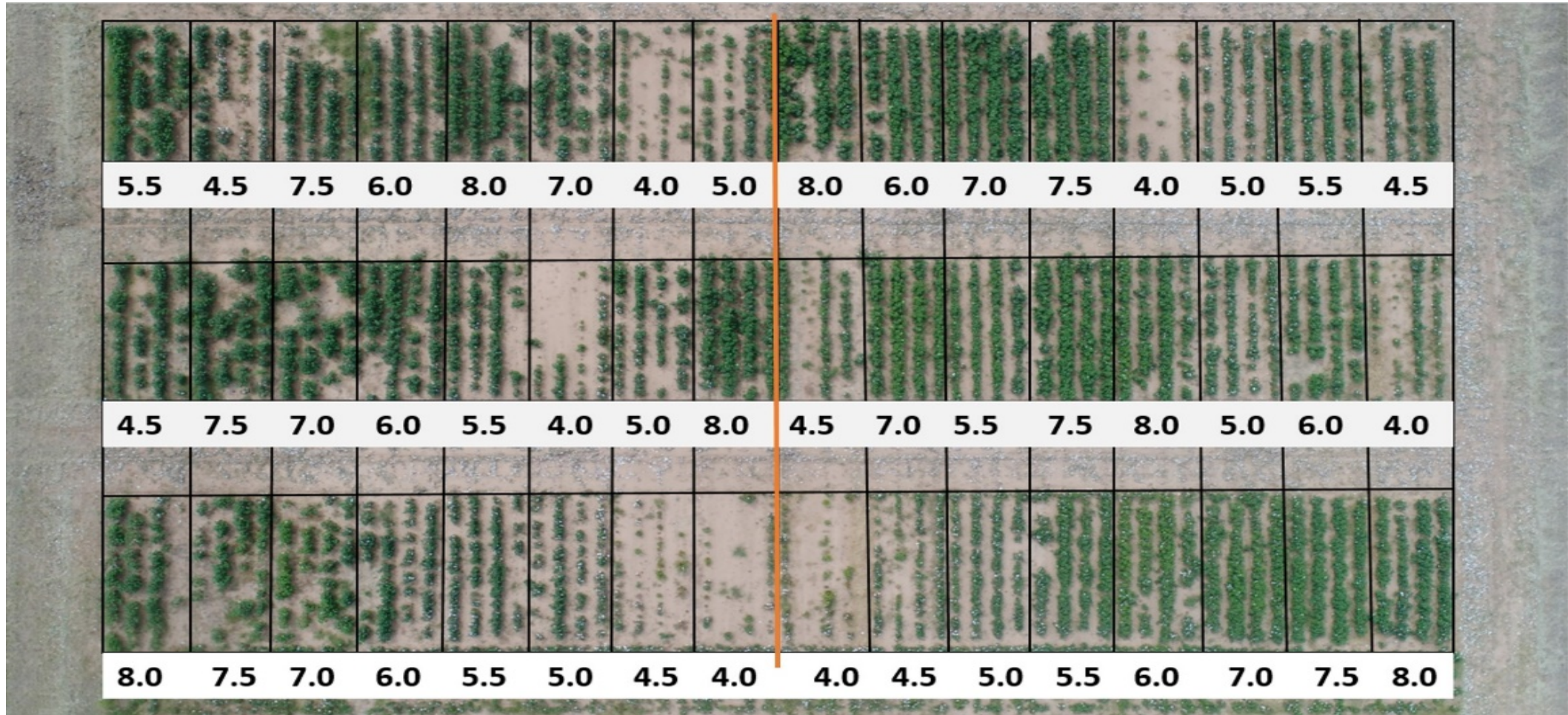
Trials initiated in 2009.

Created a range of soil pH from  
4.0 – 7.0

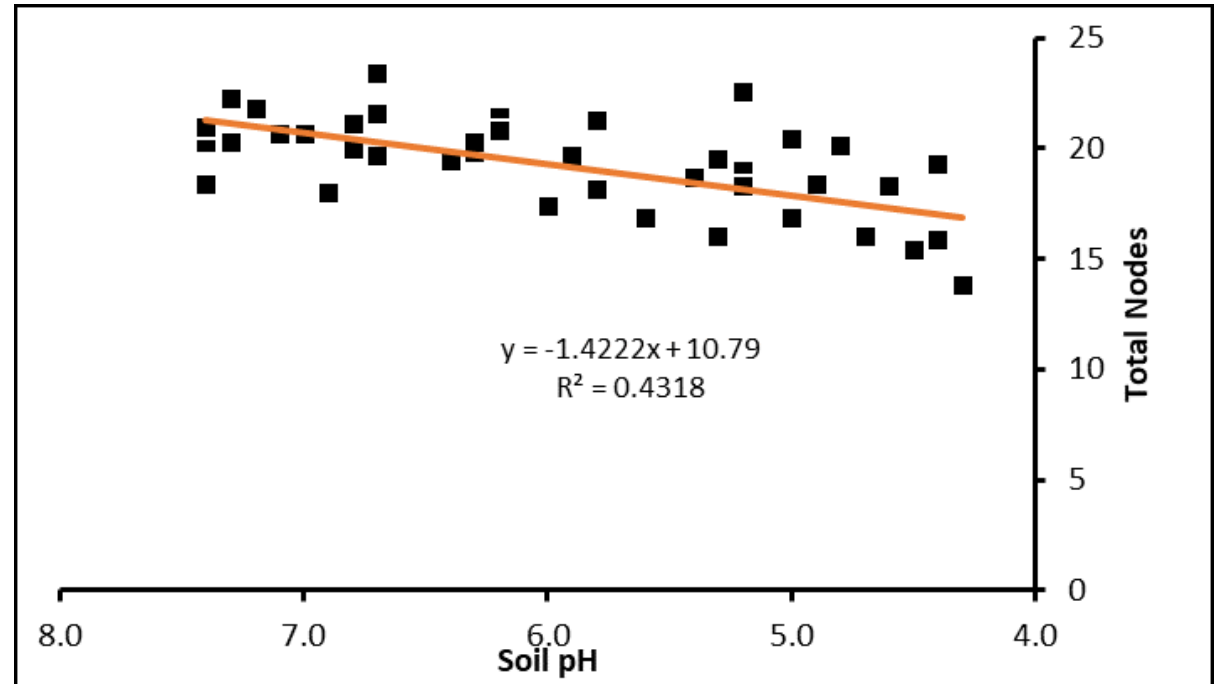
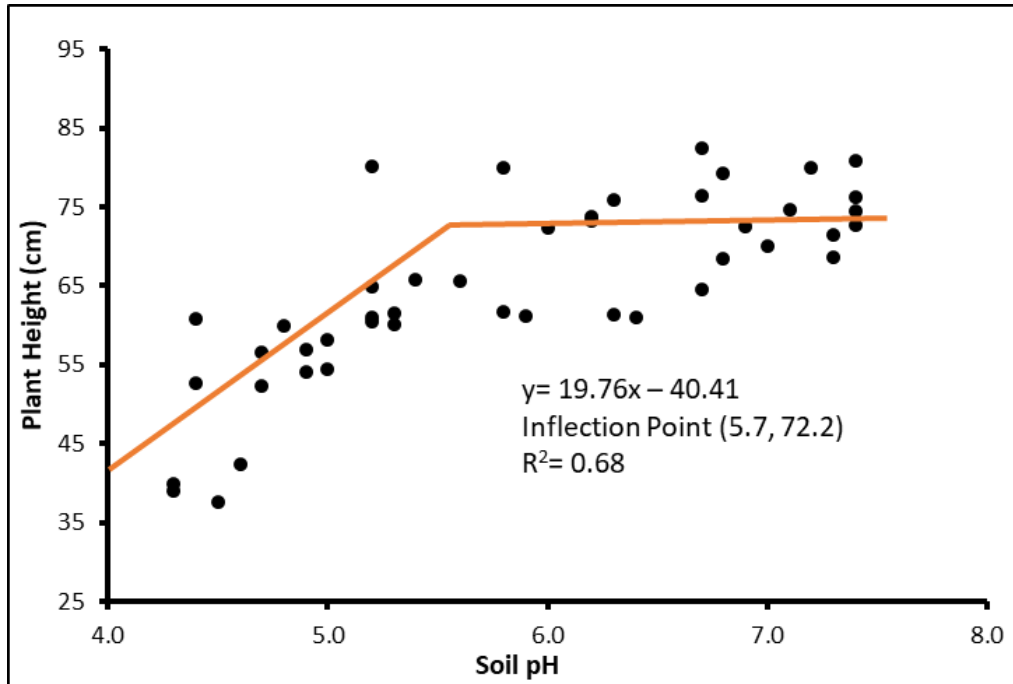
Add treatments of 7.5 and 8.0.



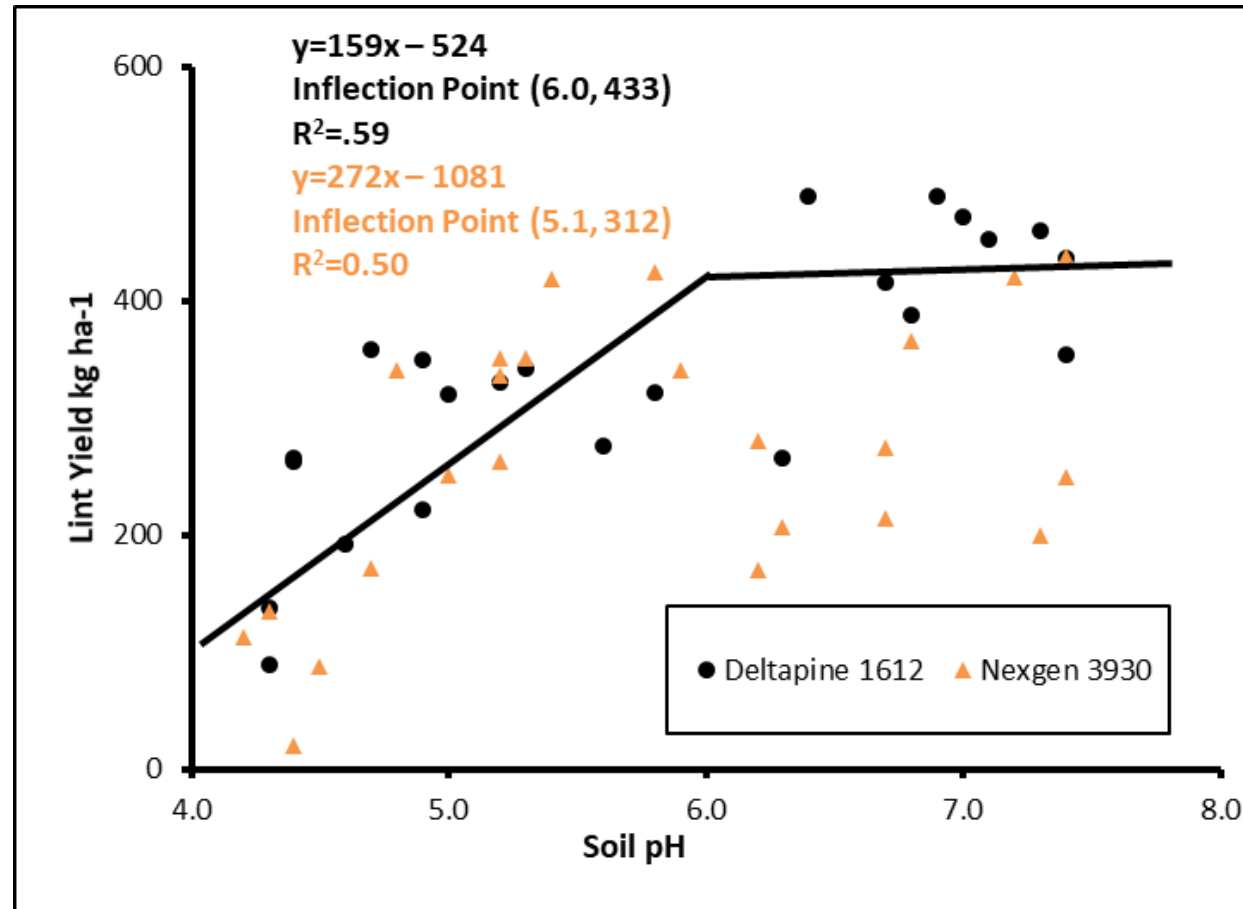
# Soil pH has an impact



# 1st year results




# Yield by Variety



# N-Rich/Zero N strip in Cotton

Been online since 2010

### Sensor-Based Nitrogen Rate Calculator

 Cotton in-season N Fertilization, Rainfed, North Central, Developed by Dr. Brian Arnall and Oklahoma State University

#### Inputs

Crop:

Cumulative GDD from planting (°F):

NDVI Farmer Practice (FP):

NDVI N-Rich-Strip (NRS):

Maximum Yield for Region, bales lint/ac:   
(This is generally 2 times the Average yield)

Expected Lint Price, \$/lb:

Fertilizer Cost, \$/lb:

English Units  Metric Units

#### Outputs

Response Index (RI):

Yield Potential YP0, bales lint/ac: (1)

Yield Potential YPN, bales lint/ac: (2)





N Rate Recommendation, lb/ac:

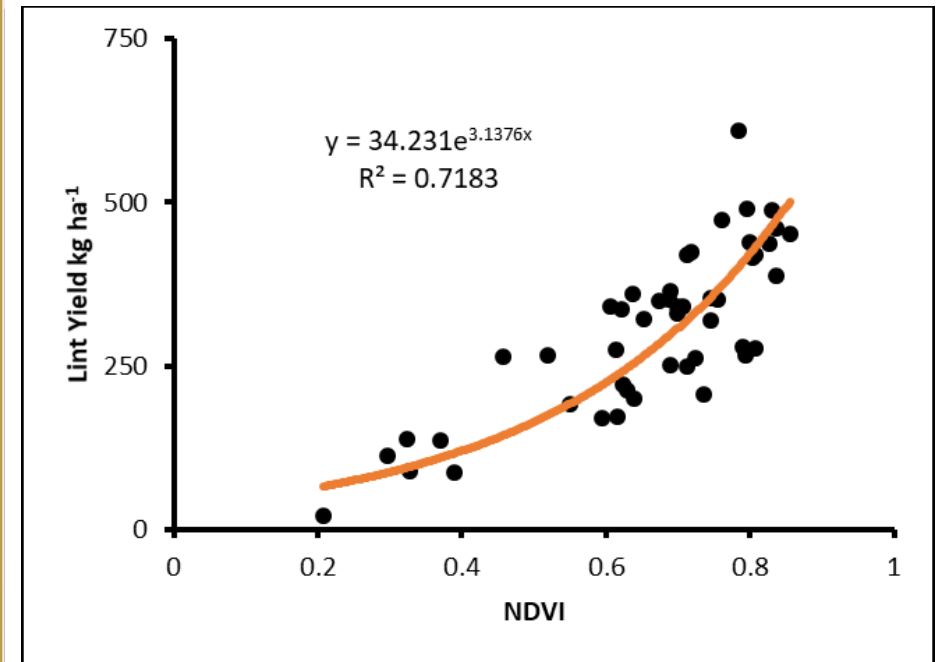
Gross Return (no N fertilizer), \$/ac:

Gross Return (using N Rec), \$/ac:   
(Cost of N fertilizer is already subtracted from this estimate)

(\*) Yield Prediction and N Fertilization Rates are Based on Sensor Measurements Collected between 50 and 80 days after planting Cumulative GDD, uses a lower threshold of 60F

(1) YP0: Yield Potential Achievable with no Added N Fertilization  
(2) YPN: Yield Potential Achievable with Added N Applied (using the rate recommended)  
(4) This is generally 2 times the average yield for a field





# 2019 Crop “On-Farm Testing”

## Grant County

Sample	# of Bolls (5')	Total Grams	Bolls per FT	Avg Grams/Boll	Seed Cotton lbs/ac	Lint lbs/ac (33%)	Lint lbs/ac (35%)
NCheck 1	118	412	23.6	3.492	3165.23	1044.52	1107.83
NCheck 2	113	424	22.6	3.752	3257.42	1074.95	1140.10
NCheck 3	112	400	22.4	3.571	3073.04	1014.10	1075.56
NCheck 4	112	398	22.4	3.554	3057.67	1009.03	1070.18
<b>Ncheck AVG's</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>408.5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3138.34</b>	<b>1035.65</b>	<b>1098.42</b>
FP 1	118	428	23.6	3.627	3288.15	1085.09	1150.85
FP 2	112	448	22.4	4.000	3441.80	1135.79	1204.63
FP 3	110	430	22	3.909	3303.51	1090.16	1156.23
FP 4	108	380	21.6	3.519	2919.38	963.40	1021.78
<b>FP AVG's</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>421.5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3238.21</b>	<b>1068.61</b>	<b>1133.37</b>

## QUALITY ANALYSIS

Sample ID	Turnout	Color	Mic	Length	Strength	Uniformity	Staple
NCHECK	47.56	21	4.95	1.23	34.7	83.7	39
FP	47.29	31	4.94	1.17	34.6	82.9	37

## PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS

Sample ID	Grade & Length	Strength	Mic	Uniformity	Net Prem (Points)	Loan Val (Cents/lb)
NCHECK	475	50	0	10	535	57.35
FP	420	50	0	5	475	56.75

# 2019 Crop “On-Farm Testing”

Sumner County								
Sample	# of Bolls (5')	Total Grams	Bolls per FT	Avg Grams/Boll	Seed Cotton lbs/ac	Lint lbs/ac (33%)	Lint lbs/ac (35%)	
NCheck 1	149	548	29.8	3.678	4210.06	1389.32	1473.52	
NCheck 2	144	578	28.8	4.014	4440.54	1465.38	1554.19	
NCheck 3	114	462	22.8	4.053	3549.36	1171.29	1242.27	
NCheck 4	113	452	22.6	4.000	3472.53	1145.94	1215.39	
<b>Ncheck AVG's</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3918.12</b>	<b>1292.98</b>	<b>1371.34</b>	
FP 1	124	418	24.8	3.371	3211.32	1059.74	1123.96	
FP 2	124	464	24.8	3.742	3564.72	1176.36	1247.65	
FP 3	119	452	23.8	3.798	3472.53	1145.94	1215.39	
FP 4	116	402	23.2	3.466	3088.40	1019.17	1080.94	
<b>FP AVG's</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3334.24</b>	<b>1100.30</b>	<b>1166.99</b>	

QUALITY ANALYSIS								
Sample ID	Turnout	Color	Mic	Length	Strength	Uniformity	Staple	
NCHECK	45.67	31	4.88	1.26	34.7	84.3	40	
FP	45.92	41	5.00	1.26	35.4	84.6	40	

PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS								
Sample ID	Grade & Length	Strength	Mic	Uniformity	Net Prem (Points)	Loan Val (Cents/lb)		
NCHECK	430	50	0	15	495	56.95		
FP	225	50	-230	15	60	52.6		



# Things at the wall

Why not Check/Reference Strips,  
On Farm testing.



# Thank you



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