

Planter-Applied Sulfur Fertilizers in Corn (14-703)

Experiment Info:

Planted:	5/25/2014
Harvest:	10/30/2014
Yield Goal:	175 bu/A
Target Fert.:	193-100-43
Variety:	DKC 49-29 RIB
Population:	29,500
Row Width:	30"
Prev. Crop:	Soybeans
Plot Size:	15 x 265
Replications:	4
Sidedress:	6/30/2014

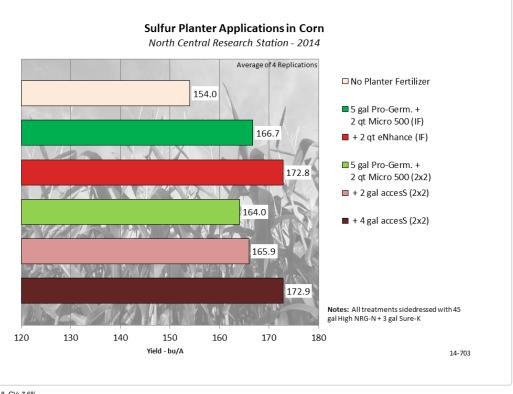
Soil Test Values (ppm):

pH:	6.4
CEC:	13.3
%OM:	2.3
Bray P1:	8
Bicarb P:	-
K:	123
S:	11
%K:	2.4
%Mg:	16.2
%Ca:	72.3
%H:	8.7
Zn:	1.3
Mn:	8
B:	0.5

Objective:

To evaluate to use of sulfur fertilizer additives, eNhance and accesS, to a corn planter program.

The addition of sulfur to fertilizer programs has become increasingly important in recent years. Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizers offers two sulfur products that can be added to a corn planter program. The first source, eNhance is a seed safe option and can be applied in-furrow up to 3 qt/A. This experiment compared 5 gal/A Pro-Germinator and 2 qt/A Micro 500 with and without the addition of 2 qt eNhance applied in-furrow. The other source, accesS is not for in-furrow and should be applied away from the seed in a 2x2 band. This was compared to the same planter rates of Pro-Germinator and Micro 500 but applied 2x2 with and without the addition of either 2 or 4 gal/A of accesS. Yield results appear on the table below.



LSD(0.2) 8.8, CV: 7.6% Conclusions:

• Both planter applied programs of Pro-Germinator and Micro 500 increased yield significantly over the no planter fertilizer check. There was a slight yield advantage, 2.7 bu/A, to applying Pro-Germinator + Micro 500 in-furrow compared to 2x2.

- The addition of 2 qt/A of eNhance to an in-furrow planter application increased corn yield by over 6 bu/A.
- Applications of accesS to a 2x2 planter fertilizer program increased corn yield nearly 2 bu/A when applied at 2 gal/A however, highest yield was achieved with the 4 gal/A rate with nearly 9 bu/A increase.
- Both eNhance and accesS are excellent sources of sulfur and can be easily added to a corn planter fertilizer program to provide the necessary sulfur a crop needs to achieve top yield.