Influence of Ammonium Sulfate and Ammonium Sulfate Nitrate in a Rotation of Potatoes, Winter Wheat Double Cropped Soybeans, Notill & Striptill Corn and Single Crop Soybeans Ron Mulford, Retired University of Maryland Cooperating w/Honeywell & IPNI

## Summary of Study

Location of Study: University of Maryland Lower Eastern Shore Research & Education Center, Salisbury

Facility, near Salisbury, Maryland

Soil Type: Galestown Loamy Sand

Previous Crop: Single Crop Notill Soybeans

Potato Variety Used: Kennebec, B size potato stock was used for planting.

Spacing: 11"

Plot Size: 3 – 36" rows by 25 feet long.

Harvest Area: Center row of each plot by 15' long.

Replications: 4, in a randomized complete block design

Tillage: Chisel Plow/Disk

Soil Test, Fall 2009: Composite Sample of the experimental area.

P-314(VH), K-81(M), pH-6.0, OM-0.8% VL(ENR in lbs/a = 61), CEC-3.5, Zn-5.5(H), SO<sub>4</sub>S-9(VL)

## Potato Treatments and Yields for 2010

## Notill and Striptill Corn(Year 1), Single Crop Notill Soybeans(Year 2), Potatoes(Year 3)

	Fertilizer Materials Applied in Pounds/acre – Preplant and Sidedressing		Effect of	Potato Yields Reported in lbs/Acre				
	Pre Plant	Sidedress before Hilling	corn Tillage on Potato Yields	Rep 1	Rep 2	Rep 3	Rep 4	Ave.
1.	200 lbs/a Calcium Nitrate(15-0-0-19)	160 lbs/a Calcium Nitrate(15-0-0-19)	NT Corn	19,166	20,328	19,940	26,426	21,465
	217 lbs/a of Triple Super Phosphate 0-46-0 150 lbs/a of Muriate of Potash 0-0-60	50 lbs/a of Muriate of Potash(0-0-60)	ST Corn	17,424	15,585	17,980	16,359	16,837
2.	200 lbs/a Calcium Nitrate(15-0-0-19)	160 lbs/a Calcium Nitrate(15-0-0-19)	NT Corn	26,523	22,845	24,292	21,393	23,763
	7 lbs/a of Triple Super Phosphate (0-46-0)50 lbs/a of Murate of Potash(0-0-60)0 lbs/a of Murate of Potash (0-0-60)126 lbs/a of Urea(46-0-0)8 lbs/a of Urea(46-0-0)126 lbs/a of Urea(46-0-0)	ST Corn	29,427	23,716	24,878	21974	24,999	
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3.	200 lbs/a Calcium Nitrate(15-0-0-19)	160 lbs/a Calcium Nitrate(15-0-0-19)	NT Corn	32,412	29,524	28072	28,088	29,524
	<ul> <li>217 lbs/a of Triple Super Phosphate (0-46-0)</li> <li>150 lbs/a of Murate of Potash (0-0-60)</li> <li>154 lbs/a of Ammonium Sulfate(21-0-0-24)</li> <li>78 lbs/a of Urea</li> </ul>	50 lbs/a of Murate of Potash (0-0-60) 66 lbs/a of Urea(46-0-0) 131 lbs/a of Ammonium Sulfate(21-0-0-24)	ST Corn	25,612	25,515	24,297	28,540	25,991
4.	200 lbs/a Calcium Nitrate(15-0-0-19) 217 lbs/a of Triple Super Phosphate(0-46-0)	160 lbs/a Calcium Nitrate(15-0-0-19) 50 lbs/a of Murate of Potash (0-0-60)	NT Corn	28,556	28,169	29,895	28,088	28,677
	150 lbs/a of Murate of Potash(0-0-60) 153 lbs/a of Ammonium Sulfate(21-0-0-24) 106 lbs/a of Ammonium Nitrate(The AMS & AN equal 262 lbs/a of ASN(26-0-0-14)	131 lbs/a of Ammonium Sulfate(21-0-0-24) 91 lbs/a of Ammonium Nitrate(34-0-0) (The AMS & AN above equals 225 lbs/a of ASN)	ST Corn	25,652	23,426	26,426	26,233	25,434

Conclusions:

1. On average no till corn in the rotation increased potato yields by 2,542 lbs/a above strip till corn.

2. On average treatments 3 and 4 with ammonium sulfate increased potato yields by 3026 lbs/acre over treatment 2 with urea as the primary nitrogen source. There was no ammonium sulfate in treatment 2.

3. Treatments 3 and 4 on average yielded about the same, 27,758 and 27,056 respectively with treatment yielding slightly better than treatment 4 by 702 lbs/acre. The primary nitrogen source in treatment 3 was a blended of Urea and ammonium sulfate. The primary nitrogen source in treatment 4 was a blend of ammonium nitrate and ammonium sulfate. The blend of ammonium nitrate and ammonium sulfate was in a ratio to equal ammonium sulfate nitrate(26-0-0-14).