Tillage and Cropping System Approaches to Improving Nutrient Efficiency in Corn

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Global Maize Project (2012 -?)



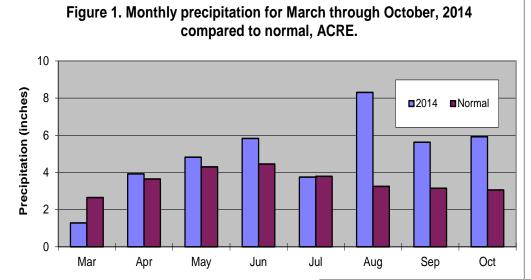
"Farmer Practice" = Normal Density of 30,000/acre and side-dress N rates of 0, 100 and 160 pounds N/acre (UAN alone)

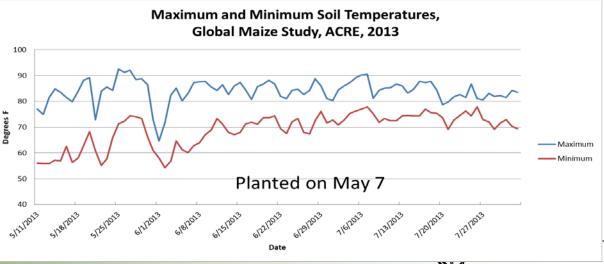
"Ecological Intensification" = High Density of 37,500/acre and

side-dress N rates of 0, 160 and 220 pounds N/acre (UAN plus Instinct plus Ammonium Sulfate applied with the first 160 pound application; 60 pounds applied at ~V8)

Note: Common Rotation and Tillage System: No-till soybean in 15" rows followed by Fall Strip-till for Corn in 30" rows.

Precipitation and Soil Temperatures in 2014 for Global Maize Study

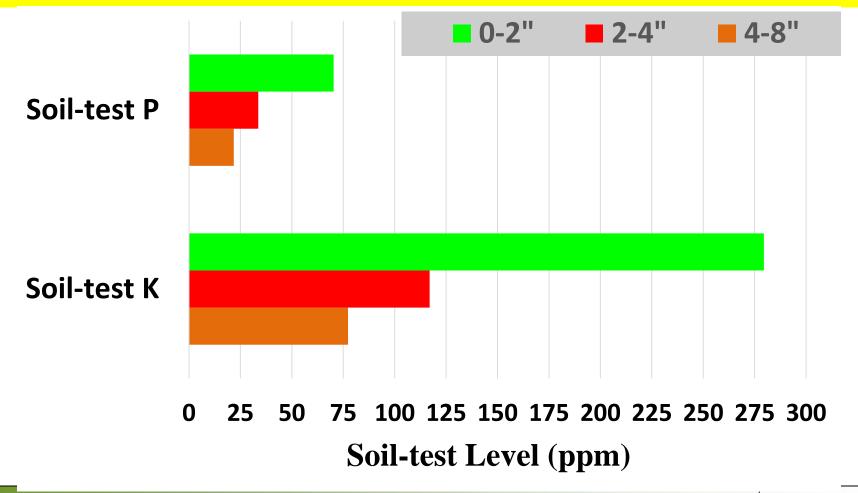




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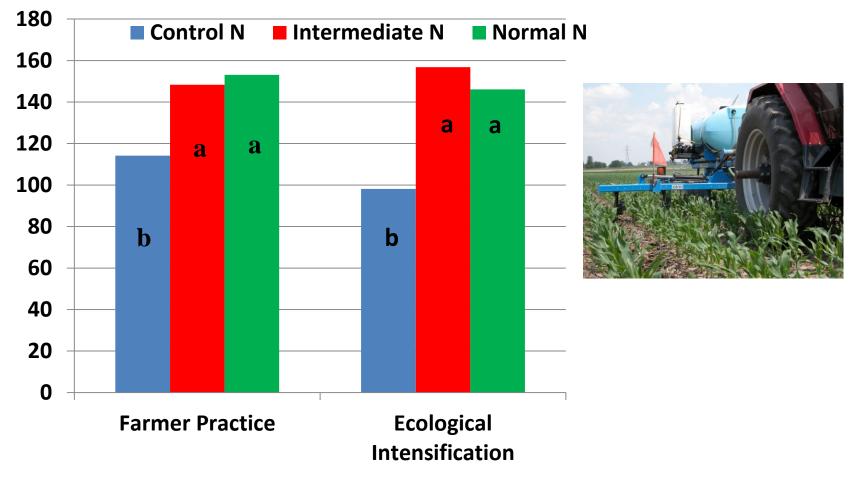
Stratification for P and K in Strip-till Corn and No-till Soybean Rotation with only Starter P (corn) and no Broadcast P or K in 4 Years



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Source: Global Maize Trial, West Lafayette, 2014

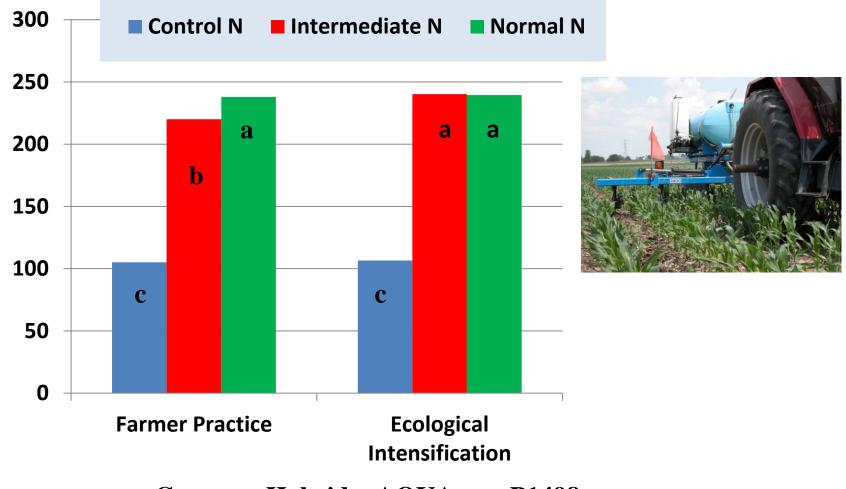
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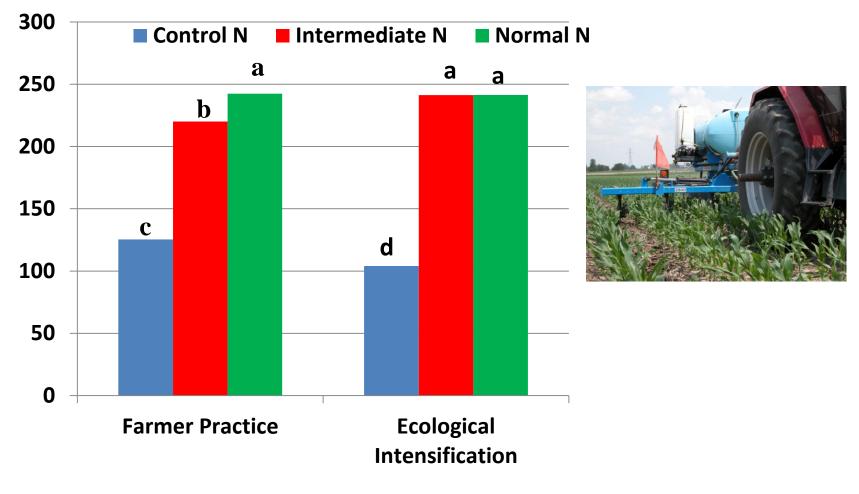
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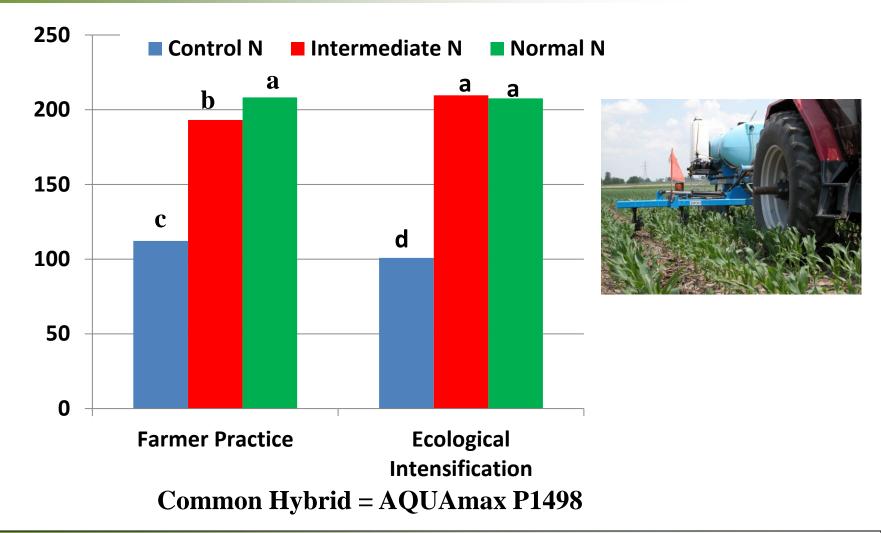
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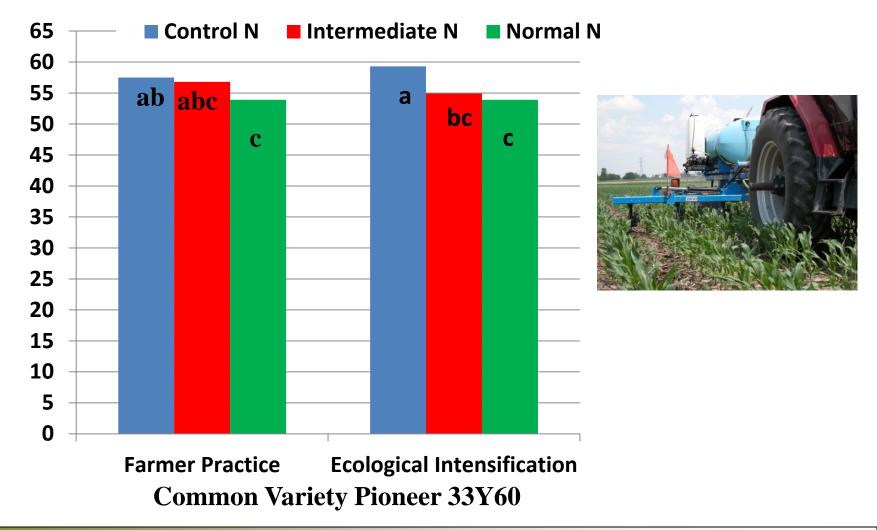
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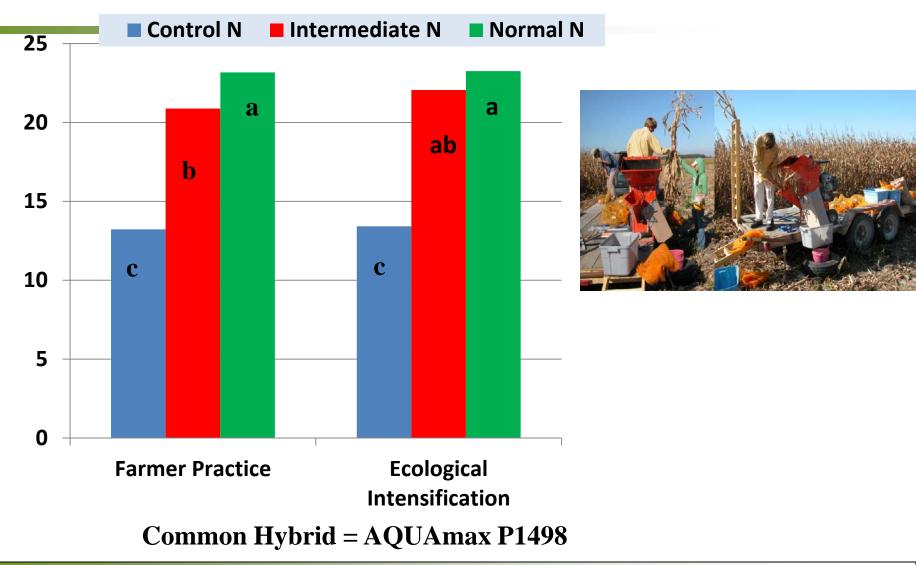
Soybean Yield Results 2014







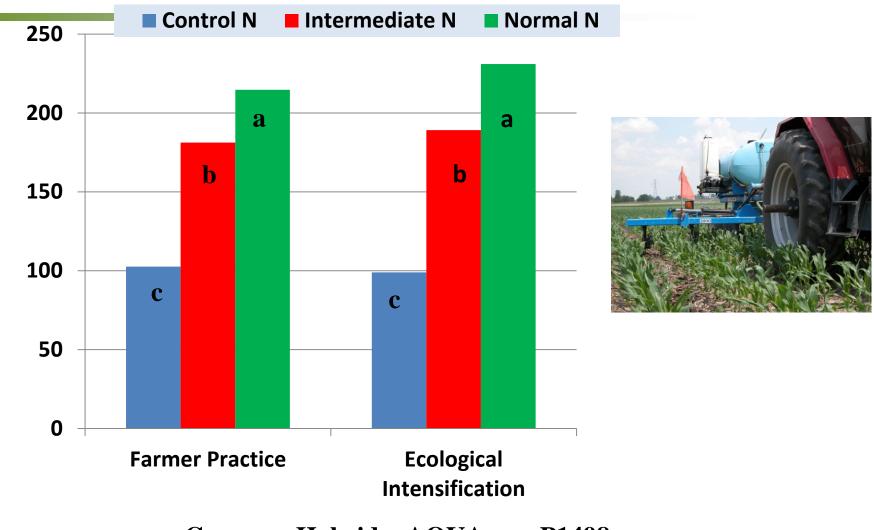
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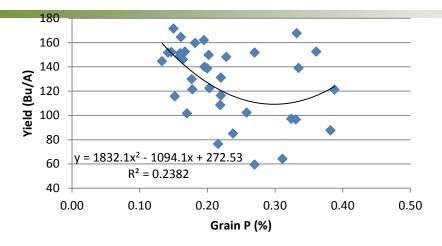
Corn Total Plant N Content (kg/ha) at R6, 2013



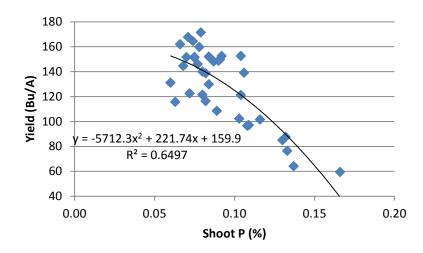


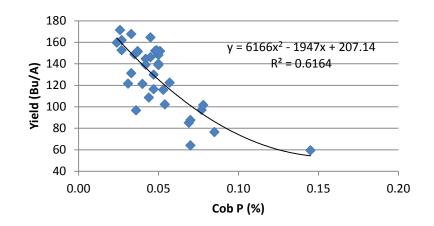


Grain Yield and Plant P Concentrations at Maturity





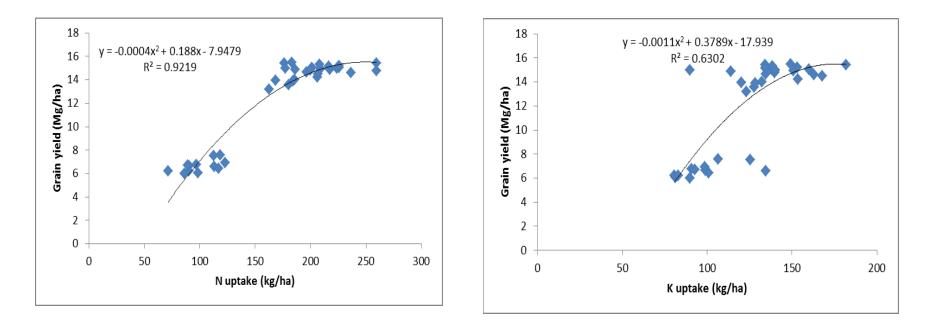








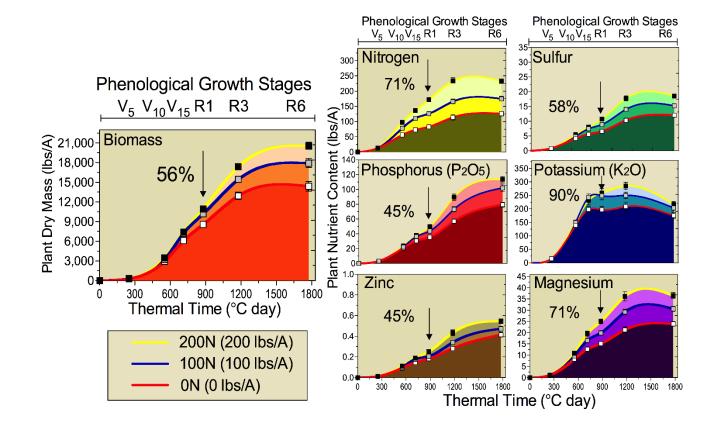
Grain Yield Relationships to Whole-plant Nutrient Uptake in 2013







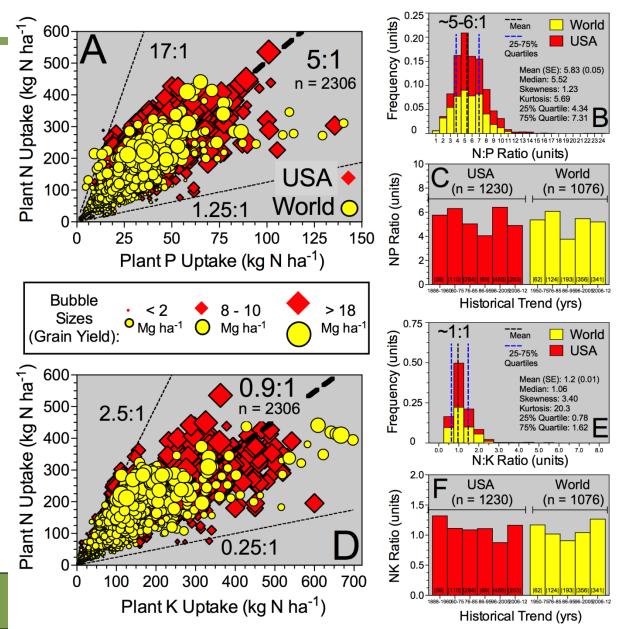
Biomass and nutrient accumulation at three N rates for a population of 32,000 plants/acre





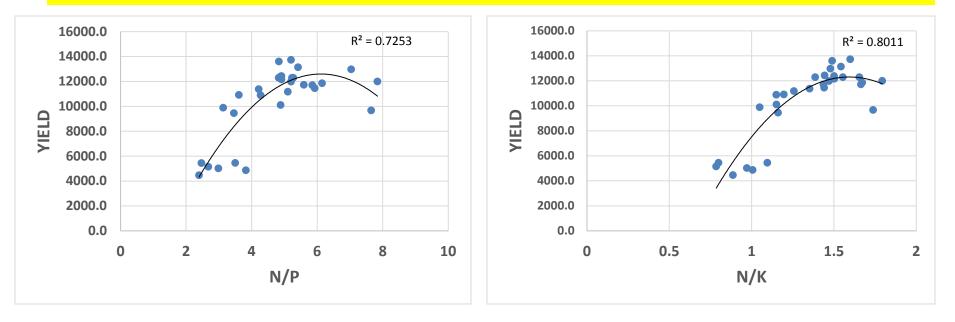


Importance of N/P and N/K ratios?





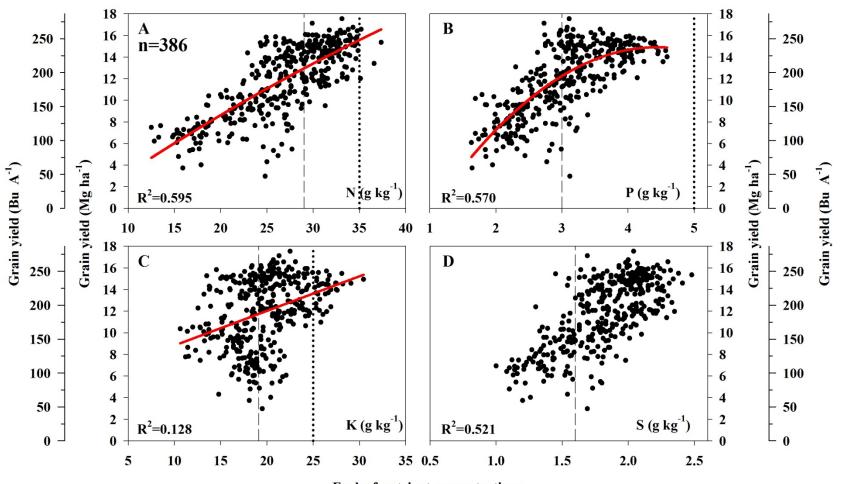
Relationship of final grain yield to whole-plant nutrient ratios at maturity? (e.g. 2013)







Recent Corn Yields Relative to Ear-leaf Sufficiency Levels for N, P, K, and S (West Lafayette, IN, 2010-2014)



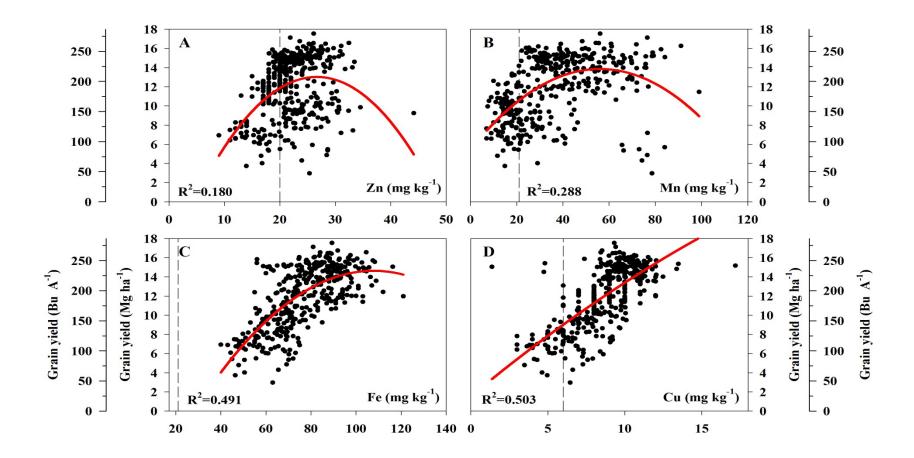
Earleaf nutrient concentrations



Source: P. Kovacs, M. Winters and T.J. Vyn



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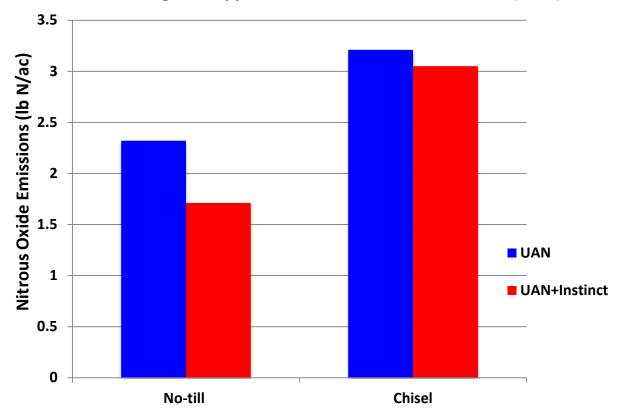




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Tillage and Nitrification Inhibitor Effects on N₂O Emissions (West Lafayette, 2013)

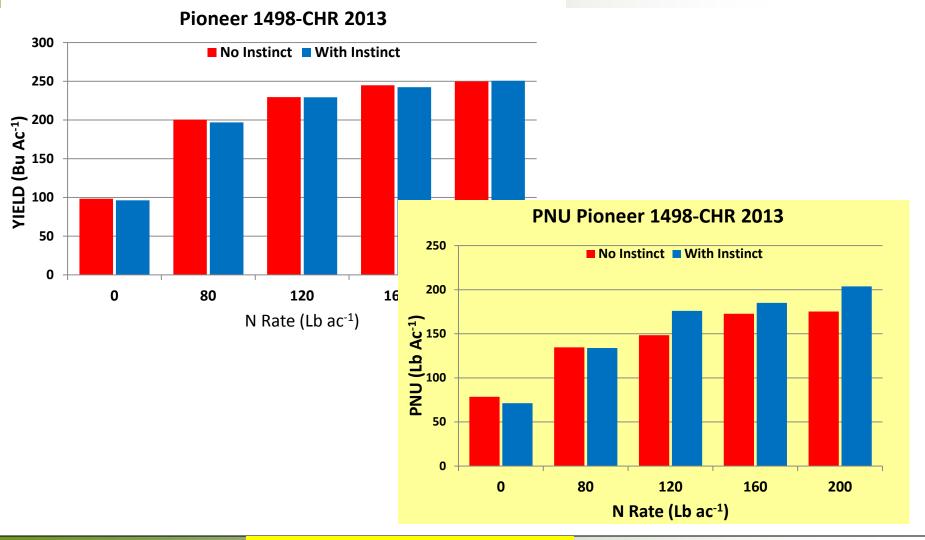
Season's Nitrous Oxide Emisssions Under Different Tillage Systems Following UAN Application With and Without Instinct (2013)







Example of Grain Yield versus Total Plant N Uptake Response to N Rate and Nitrification Inhibitor (2013)

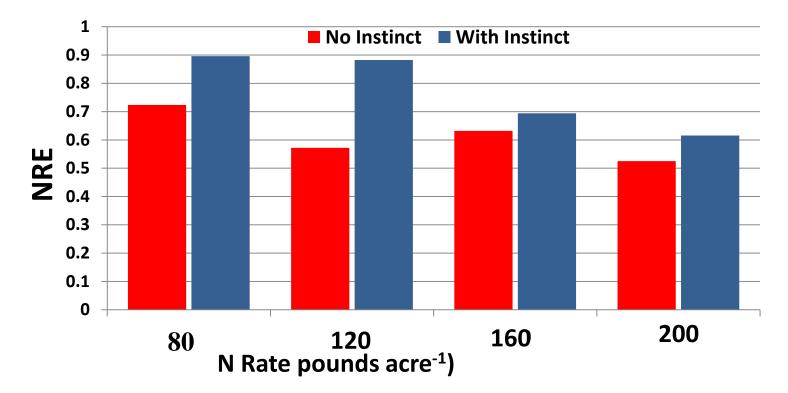


Source: Bielich and Vyn, 2013



Nitrogen Rate and Nitrification Inhibitor Impact on NRE (West Lafayette, IN, 2013)

NRE Pioneer 1498-CHR 2013







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