

Soybean Single Inoculant Trial

Trial ID: 2022-S1IN01 - R.M. of Hanover

Objective: Quantify the agronomic and economic impacts of seed-applied inoculant (single inoculation) vs. no inoculant in soybean fields. This trial requires a minimum field history of three previous soybean crops.

Summary: Nodulation was very similar between treatments. There was no significant yield difference between soybeans with and without a single inoculant. Due to the lack of yield response, there was a decrease in profit/ac in the inoculated area of the trial, equivalent to the cost of the seed-applied inoculant.

Trial Information

Treatment	1x Nodulator (liquid on-seed)		
Last Soybean Crop	2018		
Soybean History	4-year history		
Soil Texture	Clay		
Previous Crop	Canola		
Tillage	Conventional		
Seeding Date	May 25		
Variety	RX Acron		
Seeding Rate	216,500 seeds/ac		
Row Spacing	10"		
Plant Stand @ V1	172,000 plants/ac		
Harvest Date	October 7		
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Precipitation (mm)

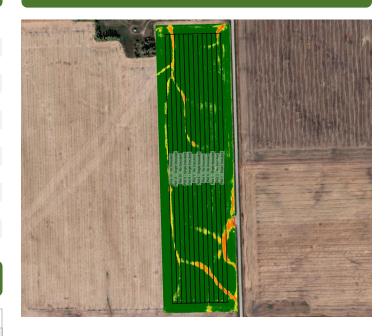
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Rainfall	136.5	77.9	93.9	51.3	359.6
Normal	58.1	91.3	80.1	66.1	295.6
% Normal	235%	85%	117%	78%	122%

Nodulation (R2)+

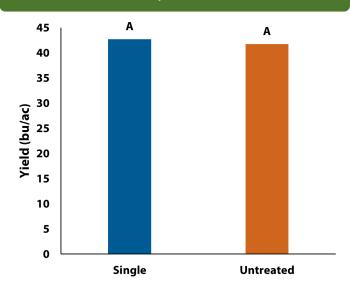
	Average nodulation rating		
Single	4.0		
None	4.0		

+ Nodulation is rated on a scale where 0 = no nodules, 1 = poor nodulation (<5/plant), 2 = fair nodulation (<10/plant), 3 = good nodulation (<20/plant) and 4 = excellent nodulation (>20/plant).

NDVI Field Image August 14



Yield by Treatment





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Overall Yield & Economics

	Mean (bu/ac)	Cost ⁺	Change in Profit/ac++
Single Inoculant	42.7	\$3/ac	-\$3ac
Untreated	41.8		
Yield Difference	0.9		
P-Value	0.5381		
CV	5.3%		
Significance	No	Economic	No

 $[\]ensuremath{^{\dagger}}$ Based on an estimated cost of \$3/ac for liquid inoculant; does not include application cost.

⁺⁺ Yields were not significantly different, therefore profit/ac decreased by the cost/ac of the single inoculation treatment.