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Soybean Row Spacing Trial

Trial ID: 2022-SRS03 – R.M. of Dauphin

Objective: Quantify the agronomic and economic impacts of different row spacings on soybean production.

Summary: There was a significant increase in yield with the 7.5" narrow rows compared to the 15" medium. Canopy closure was not significantly different within growth stages for any of the treatments.

Trial Information†

Treatment	7.5" vs 15"
Soil Texture	Clay
Previous Crop	Canola
Tillage	Conventional
Seeding Equipment	52 ft Disc Drill
Seeding Date	May 27
Variety	S001-D8X
Seeding Rate	181,000 seeds/ac
Harvest Date	October 3

Precipitation (mm)

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Rainfall	129.6	74.6	75.5	39.5	319.2
Normal	54.3	86.7	73.2	63.3	277.5
% Normal	239%	86%	103%	62%	115%

Plant Stand (plants/ac)

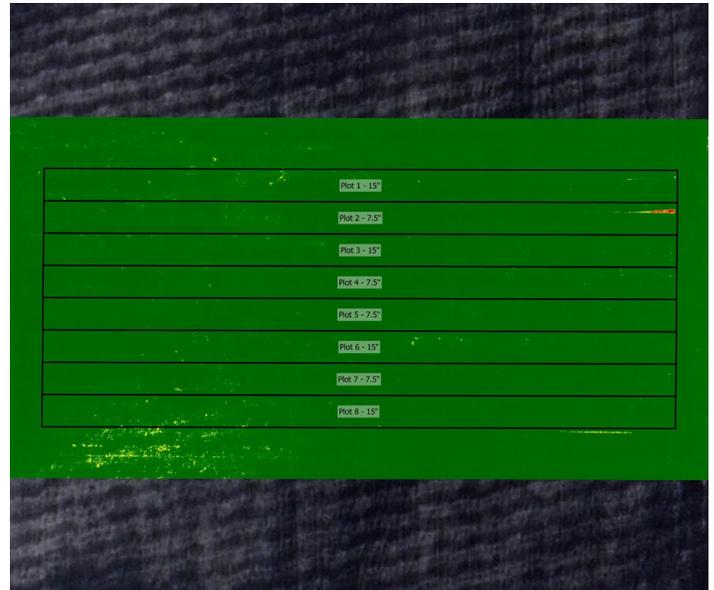
	V2	R8
7.5"	173,000	171,000
15"	171,000	169,000

Canopy Closure (%)‡

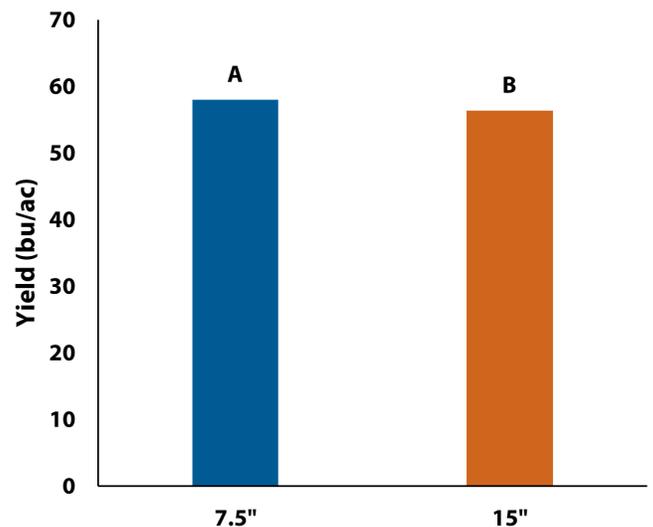
	R1	R3	R5
7.5"	37.8 A	76.8 A	97.8 A
15"	34.7 A	69.5 A	97.5 A

‡ Closure percentages in columns followed by different letters are significantly different from one another

NDVI Field Image August 18



Yield by Treatment





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Overall Yield & Economics

	Mean (bu/ac)	Change in Profit/ac [†]
7.5"	58	n/a
15"	56.4	n/a
Yield Difference	-1.6	
P-Value	0.0018	
CV	1.9%	
Significance	Yes	Economic n/a

[†] Does not account for any equipment or operating cost differences between spacings.