

RESPONSE OF DEKALB® BRAND CORN PRODUCTS TO PLANTING MISTAKES

TRIAL OVERVIEW

- The purpose of this demonstration was to simulate planting errors that growers often encounter when planting corn. This demonstration is similar to the missing row plot that has been conducted at the Monsanto Learning Center at Scott, MS over the last few years.



Figure 1. Example of the uniformity and distribution of corn plants in twin-row planting.



Figure 2. Single-row (right) and twin-row (left) corn plantings.



Figure 3. Uniformly planted twin-row corn.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

- Measure the yield potential of corn products planted “correctly” at the appropriate populations
- Measure the ability of corn products to compensate or “flex” in response to missing rows or missing twins in a planter pass.
- Give another measure of the flex characteristics of DEKALB® brand corn products.

Location	Soil	Previous Crop	Tillage Type	Planting Date	Harvest Date	Potential Yield/Acre	Planting Rate/Acre
Scott, MS	Clay Loam	Soybeans	Conventional	03/28/2017	08/25/2017	250 bu/acre	Various

SITE NOTES:

- These were 4-row, twin-row passes planted with a Monosem planter
- Rows were 175 feet long
- All agronomic inputs were per local standards
- Nitrogen (N) was applied at a rate of 240 lb/acre
- DKC70-27 brand and DKC67-44 brand were planted at 32,000 kernels/acre in checks and 24,000 or 28,000 in treatments
- All others were at 36,000 kernels/acre in the check and 27,000 or 31,500 in treatments
- Solid planted at either 32,000 or 36,000 kernels/acre planted
- One full row unplanted – 1/4 of the pass missing
- Corn products planted at 32,000 kernels/acre would have a final population of 24,000 planted per acre
- Corn products planted at 36,000 kernels/acre would have a final population of 27,000 planted per acre
- One twin-row unplanted
- Corn products planted at 32,000 kernels/acre would have a final population of 28,000 planted per acre
- Corn products planted at 36,000 kernels/acre would have a final population of 31,500 planted per acre
- Two separated twins on two different rows left unplanted
- Corn products planted at 32,000 kernels/acre would have a final population of 24,000 planted per acre
- Corn products planted at 36,000 kernels/acre would have a final population of 27,000 planted per acre

UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS

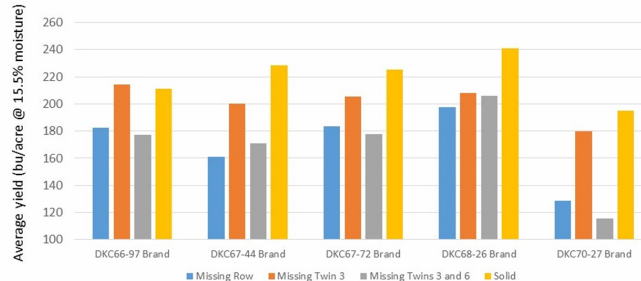


Figure 4. Response of DEKALB® brand corn products to planting errors at Scott, MS.

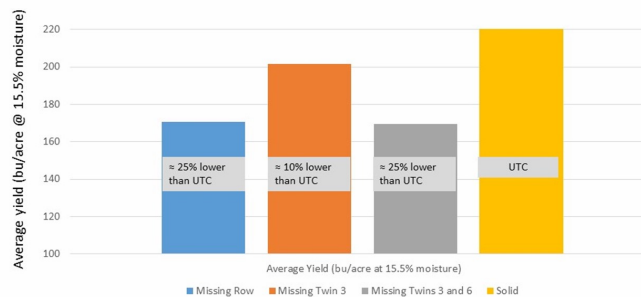


Figure 5. Response of DEKALB® brand corn products to planting errors at Scott, MS, when averaged across products.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR FARM?

- None of the corn products tested were able to compensate greatly for the missing plants in the field, although a range of compensation did appear to exist.
- DKC70-27 brand appeared to be the least compensatory and DKC68-26 brand was the most compensatory in this demonstration.
- The other corn products were intermediate in their ability to compensate.
- The populations tested may not be the appropriate ones for each corn product in every geography.
- This information points out the requirement for correct populations and uniformity in corn fields to optimize yield potential.
- Fields should be carefully evaluated for replanting after emergence and issues corrected at once if they exist.
- Data from this demonstration may help in defining the “flex” inherent to each corn product tested.

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