# Nutrient Management for the upcoming Crop Brian Arnall

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#### **Nutrient Uptake**



# Nutrients removed in harvested crop

Crop	Unit	Ν	P2O5	K2O
Soybean	lb/bu	4.00	.80	1.4
Corn	lb/bu	.75	.44	.29
Wheat	lb/bu	1.29	.50	.30
Canola	lb/bu	1.88	.91	.46

#### Nutrient uptake by plant

Crop	Unit	Ν	P2O5	К2О
Soybean	lb/bu	5.26	.96	3.4
Corn	lb/bu	1.33	.56	1.33
Wheat	lb/bu	2.076	.675	2.3
Canola	lb/bu	3.00	1.33	2.4

### **Oklhoma Soil Test Levels**

#### Phosphorus Levels

- 52%<40, 62%<50, 70%<60</li>
- STP 10 → 11% rec 50 lbs  $P_2O_5 ac^{-1}$ STP 20 → 15% rec 30 lbs  $P_2O_5 ac^{-1}$ STP 30 → 14% rec 30 lbs  $P_2O_5 ac^{-1}$
- Potassium Levels
  - 18%<160, 37%<240</p>
  - STK 0-80 → 3% STK 80-160 → 15% STK 160-240 → 17%

rec 100-70 lbs  $K_2O ac^{-1}$ rec 70-50 lbs  $K_2O ac^{-1}$ rec 50-0 lbs  $K_2O ac^{-1}$ 

## Phosphorus

Soil P Index	Percent Sufficiency	P2O5 lb/ac
0	40	70
10	60	50
20	80	30
40	95	20
>65	100	0

- \$8.50/bu \$0.36/ lb P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- STP 20 : 30 lbs lb P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>
- 50 bu Yield Potential : 10 Bu loss

- Spend \$10.8 plus application cost or lose \$85.00 in Yield
- STP 30: \$9.00 in fertilizer/ \$43.75 in Yield

#### Potassium

Soil K Index	Percent Sufficiency	K2O lb/ac
0	40	100
75	60	70
125	75	60
200	90	40
275	100	0
>350	100	0

STK 125 : 60 lbs lb K<sub>2</sub>O

50 bu Yield Potential : 12.5 Bu loss

- Spend \$28.8 plus application cost or lose \$106.25 in Yield
  - STK 200: \$19.20 in fertilizer/ \$42.50 in Yield







### Nitrogen

- The soybean a legume
  - In most cases N is not needed
    - If the field is well inoculated.
    - pH
- <60 bushels no N response in yield</p>
- Can Increase Plant Size
- > 60 can benefit from N is residual is low
  - It should be noted that soybeans are extremely sensitive to salt injury and any addition of with seed starter should be done with caution.
- Most N deficiencies in Oklahoma
  - not from exceptional yields

improper inoculation procedures or lack of inoculation.

## Sulfur

Sulfur is similar to N in non legumes.

Sulfur Ibs/ac
3
6
9
12
15
18

# S in Rainfall



#### **Other Nutrients**

- Molybdenum.
- Molybdenum (Mo) is sometimes deficient in highly acid soils. A seed treatment of 0.2–.04 ounce of Mo per acre may be applied.
- Liming will correct Mo deficiency.
- In Oklahoma test, liming has proven to be the best solution for Mo deficiency problems.
- Iron and Zinc
- Iron (Fe) and Zinc (Zn) deficiencies may occur on soybeans grown in calcareous (calcium and magnesium rich) and/or high pH (>7.5) soils.
- Foliar spraying of Fe is most effective but expensive.
  - Often fields that are only slightly deficient will grow out of the deficiency without a loss of yield.
- Zinc deficiencies can be corrected by the application of 2 to 4 pounds per acre of zinc in the form of a zinc sulfate or zinc chelate.
  - Normally Zn is applied with a starter fertilizer and may not need to be applied every year.



### **Fertility Issues**

#### Banding with seed

- Soybeans are very sensitive to N and K. Reduced stand.
- Urea (46-0-0) and DAP (18-46-0) should be avoided as they can release large amounts of free ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) that will damage seed and seedlings.

#### Broadcast application preplant or a 2x2 band

 Band application is recommended for soybeans, but broadcast application ahead of planting works well.

#### Historically

- Build the fertility levels on the crop previous to soybeans in the rotation, especially in double crop soybeans.
- Sufficient fertility must be carried over for the soybeans or additional fertilizer will have to be added for the soybean crop.
- P and K
  - total amount applied is less if the fertilizer is applied prior to the soybean crop as apposed to applying enough for the previous and soybean crop.



#### Thank you

