

**NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center**  
**2006**  
**Influence of Starter Fertilizer on Soybean Performance - Field #12**

\*\* The objective of this trial was to determine the influence of varied rates of starter fertilizer placed in the seed furrow on stand establishment.

\*\* The trials row spacing was 7 inches, trial was planted on May 22, and soil moisture conditions after planting were fair to good.

**Table 1. Soybean performance as influenced by starter fertilizer.**

\*\*\* Plant Establishment \*\*\*

\*\* Visual Stand Assessment \*\*

| Starter Fertilizer Salts | Equivalent 11-52-0 | Yield | Test Weight | Seed Protein | Seed Oil | Seeds / Pound | Days to PM | Pod Ht | *** Plant Establishment *** |                         |                         | Stand % of Check | ** Visual Stand Assessment ** |       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|----------|---------------|------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                          |                    |       |             |              |          |               |            |        | Initial                     | Interim                 | Final                   |                  | Initial                       | Final |
| lbs/acre                 | lbs/acre           | bu/ac | lb/bu       | %            | %        |               |            | cm     | plants ft <sup>-2</sup>     | plants ft <sup>-2</sup> | plants ft <sup>-2</sup> |                  | %                             | %     |
| 0                        | 0                  | 38.5  | 57.1        | 36.4         | 19.2     | 3145          | 109.0      | 6.1    | 1.2                         | 2.8                     | 2.7                     | 100              | 8                             | 68    |
| 5                        | 45                 | 35.7  | 57.2        | 36.2         | 19.2     | 3120          | 109.7      | 6.0    | 0.8                         | 2.3                     | 2.1                     | 78               | 3                             | 58    |
| 10                       | 91                 | 32.7  | 57.0        | 36.6         | 19.2     | 3119          | 109.4      | 5.5    | 0.8                         | 2.0                     | 1.8                     | 67               | 3                             | 58    |
| 15                       | 136                | 34.3  | 57.0        | 36.1         | 19.3     | 2980          | 110.8      | 6.0    | 0.7                         | 2.1                     | 1.6                     | 59               | 3                             | 61    |
| 12                       |                    |       |             |              |          |               |            |        |                             |                         |                         |                  |                               |       |
| LSD.05                   |                    | 4.0   | NS          | NS           | NS       | NS            | 0.8        | NS     | NS                          | 0.6                     | 0.5                     |                  | NS                            | NS    |
| LSD.01                   |                    | NS    | NS          | NS           | NS       | NS            | NS         | NS     | NS                          | NS                      | 0.7                     |                  | NS                            | NS    |

**Table 2. Soybean performance as influenced by variety.**

\*\*\* Plant Establishment \*\*\*

\*\* Visual Stand Assessment \*\*

| Variety             | Seed Size | Yield | Test Weight | Seed Protein | Seed Oil | Seeds / Pound | Days to PM | Pod Ht | *** Plant Establishment *** |                         |                         | Stand % of Check | ** Visual Stand Assessment ** |       |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------------|----------|---------------|------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                     |           |       |             |              |          |               |            |        | Initial                     | Interim                 | Final                   |                  | Initial                       | Final |
|                     |           | bu/ac | lb/bu       | %            | %        |               |            | cm     | plants ft <sup>-2</sup>     | plants ft <sup>-2</sup> | plants ft <sup>-2</sup> |                  | %                             | %     |
| Pioneer 90M60       | Large     | 36.1  | 57.0        | 37.1         | 18.8     | 2465          | 112.1      | 6.8    | 0.8                         | 2.3                     | 2.4                     |                  | 3                             | 59    |
| Dairyland Seed DSR- | Medium    | 38.8  | 57.4        | 35.8         | 19.2     | 3112          | 111.9      | 6.0    | 0.8                         | 2.3                     | 1.7                     |                  | 3                             | 62    |
| PSI PSI 95009RR     | Small     | 30.5  | 56.8        | 36.2         | 19.7     | 3703          | 105.1      | 4.9    | 1.0                         | 2.2                     | 2.2                     |                  | 6                             | 63    |
| 16                  |           |       |             |              |          |               |            |        |                             |                         |                         |                  |                               |       |
| LSD.05              |           | 3.5   | 0.26        | 0.37         | 0.2      | 206           | 0.7        | 0.9    | NS                          | NS                      | 0.46                    |                  | NS                            | NS    |
| LSD.01              |           | 4.7   | 0.35        | 0.5          | 0.3      | 277           | 0.9        | 1.2    | NS                          | NS                      | NS                      |                  | NS                            | NS    |

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**Table 3. Soybean performance as influenced by interaction of variety and starter fertilizer.**

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\*\* Visual Stand Assessment \*\*

| Variety             | Starter  | Yield | Test   | Seed    | Seed Oil | Seeds / | Days to | Pod Ht | *** Plant Establishment *** |                         |                         | Stand %  | ** Visual Stand Assessment ** |       |
|---------------------|----------|-------|--------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                     | Salts    |       | Weight | Protein |          | Pound   | PM      |        | Initial                     | Interim                 | Final                   | of Check | Initial                       | Final |
|                     | lbs/acre | bu/ac | lb/bu  | %       | %        |         |         | cm     | plants ft <sup>-2</sup>     | plants ft <sup>-2</sup> | plants ft <sup>-2</sup> |          | %                             | %     |
| Pioneer 90M60       | 0        | 42.4  | 57.4   | 37.3    | 18.7     | 2391    | 112.3   | 7.0    | 1.0                         | 2.9                     | 2.9                     | 100      | 3                             | 58    |
| 2395 seeds/lb       | 5        | 38.7  | 56.8   | 36.8    | 18.8     | 2392    | 111.8   | 7.0    | 0.7                         | 2.4                     | 2.6                     | 90       | 3                             | 58    |
|                     | 10       | 31.4  | 57.1   | 37.0    | 19.0     | 2698    | 111.5   | 6.5    | 0.9                         | 2.1                     | 1.9                     | 66       | 3                             | 64    |
|                     | 15       | 32.8  | 56.6   | 37.1    | 18.7     | 2325    | 113.0   | 6.7    | 0.6                         | 1.9                     | 2.1                     | 72       | 1                             | 53    |
| Dairyland Seed DSR- | 0        | 46.4  | 57.4   | 36.2    | 19.1     | 3099    | 111.3   | 7.0    | 1.0                         | 3.0                     | 1.9                     | 100      | 5                             | 69    |
| 3345 seeds/lb       | 5        | 38.6  | 57.6   | 35.8    | 19.1     | 3172    | 111.8   | 6.5    | 0.8                         | 2.1                     | 2.0                     | 105      | 3                             | 56    |
|                     | 10       | 35.2  | 57.5   | 36.2    | 19.1     | 3115    | 111.8   | 5.0    | 0.7                         | 2.0                     | 1.5                     | 79       | 2                             | 55    |
|                     | 15       | 35.1  | 57.3   | 35.1    | 19.5     | 3063    | 112.8   | 5.5    | 0.6                         | 2.2                     | 1.3                     | 68       | 4                             | 68    |
| PSI PSI 95009RR     | 0        | 27.8  | 56.7   | 35.8    | 19.8     | 3758    | 104.3   | 4.5    | 1.4                         | 2.6                     | 3.2                     | 100      | 12                            | 75    |
| 4286 seeds/lb       | 5        | 29.8  | 57.1   | 36.0    | 19.8     | 3797    | 105.5   | 4.5    | 0.9                         | 2.3                     | 1.7                     | 53       | 4                             | 61    |
|                     | 10       | 30.9  | 56.4   | 36.6    | 36.6     | 3684    | 105.0   | 5.0    | 0.8                         | 2.0                     | 2.0                     | 63       | 4                             | 54    |
|                     | 15       | 34.7  | 57.0   | 36.4    | 36.4     | 3524    | 106.0   | 6.0    | 1.0                         | 2.1                     | 1.5                     | 47       | 4                             | 60    |
| LSD.05              | 4        | #4    | 7.1    | 0.5     | NS       | NS      | NS      | NS     | NS                          | NS                      | NS                      | NS       | NS                            | NS    |

**Table 4. Analysis of variance for sources of variation and traits reported.**

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\*\* Visual Stand Assessment \*\*

| Source of Variation          | Yield | Test Weight | Seed Protein | Seed Oil | Seeds / Pound | Days to PM | Pod Ht | Initial | Interim | Final | Initial | Final |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|----------|---------------|------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Variety                      | **    | **          | **           | **       | **            | **         | **     | NS      | NS      | *     | NS      | NS    |
| Starter Fertilizer           | *     | NS          | NS           | NS       | NS            | *          | NS     | NS      | *       | **    | NS      | NS    |
| Variety * Starter Fertilizer | *     | *           | NS           | NS       | NS            | NS         | NS     | NS      | NS      | NS    | NS      | NS    |
| Mean                         | 35.3  | 57.1        | 36.3         | 19.2     | 3094          | 109.7      | 5.9    | 0.9     | 2.3     | 2.1   | 4       | 61    |
| C.V. %                       | 13.7  | 0.6         | 1.4          | 1.5      | 9.2           | 0.8        | 20.3   | 52.4    | 29.2    | 31.1  | 117     | 33.1  |