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# Soybean Production Issues



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# South Valley ND crop budgets, 2019

NDSU Crop Budget Regions



## Corn Grain

	Your Per Acre	Figures
Market Yield	150	_____
Market Price	3.30	_____
<b>MARKET INCOME</b>	<b>495.00</b>	_____
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>		
-Seed	93.13*	_____
-Herbicides	27.00	_____
-Fungicides	0.00	_____
-Insecticides	0.00	_____
-Fertilizer	110.11	_____
-Crop Insurance	11.90	_____
-Fuel & Lubrication	22.50	_____
-Repairs	28.49	_____
-Drying	27.00	_____
-Miscellaneous	8.00	_____
-Operating Interest	9.60	_____
<b>SUM OF LISTED DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>337.73</b>	=====
<b>INDIRECT (FIXED) COSTS</b>		
-Misc. Overhead	12.08	_____
-Machinery Depreciation	38.57	_____
-Machinery Investment	22.10	_____
-Land Charge	119.00	_____
<b>SUM OF LISTED INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>191.76</b>	=====
<b>SUM OF ALL LISTED COSTS</b>	<b>529.49</b>	=====
<b>RETURN TO LABOR &amp; MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>(34.49)</b>	_____
<b>LISTED COSTS PER BUDGET UNIT</b>	<b>(bu):</b>	
-Direct Costs	2.25	_____
-Indirect Costs	1.28	_____
-Total Costs	3.53	_____

## Soybeans

Your Per Acre	Figures
<b>38 bu/A</b>	_____
3.30	_____
<b>312.36</b>	_____
64.10*	_____
32.00	_____
0.00	_____
4.00**	_____
3.33	_____
6.00	_____
13.39	_____
19.42	_____
0.00	_____
1.50	_____
4.20	_____
<b>147.96</b>	=====
8.39	_____
22.92	_____
13.33	_____
119.00	_____
<b>163.65</b>	=====
<b>311.61</b>	=====
<b>\$0.75/A</b>	_____
0.75	_____
3.89	_____
4.31	_____
8.20	_____

Corn notes:

\*GM corn with herbicide tolerance and above ground insect control traits.

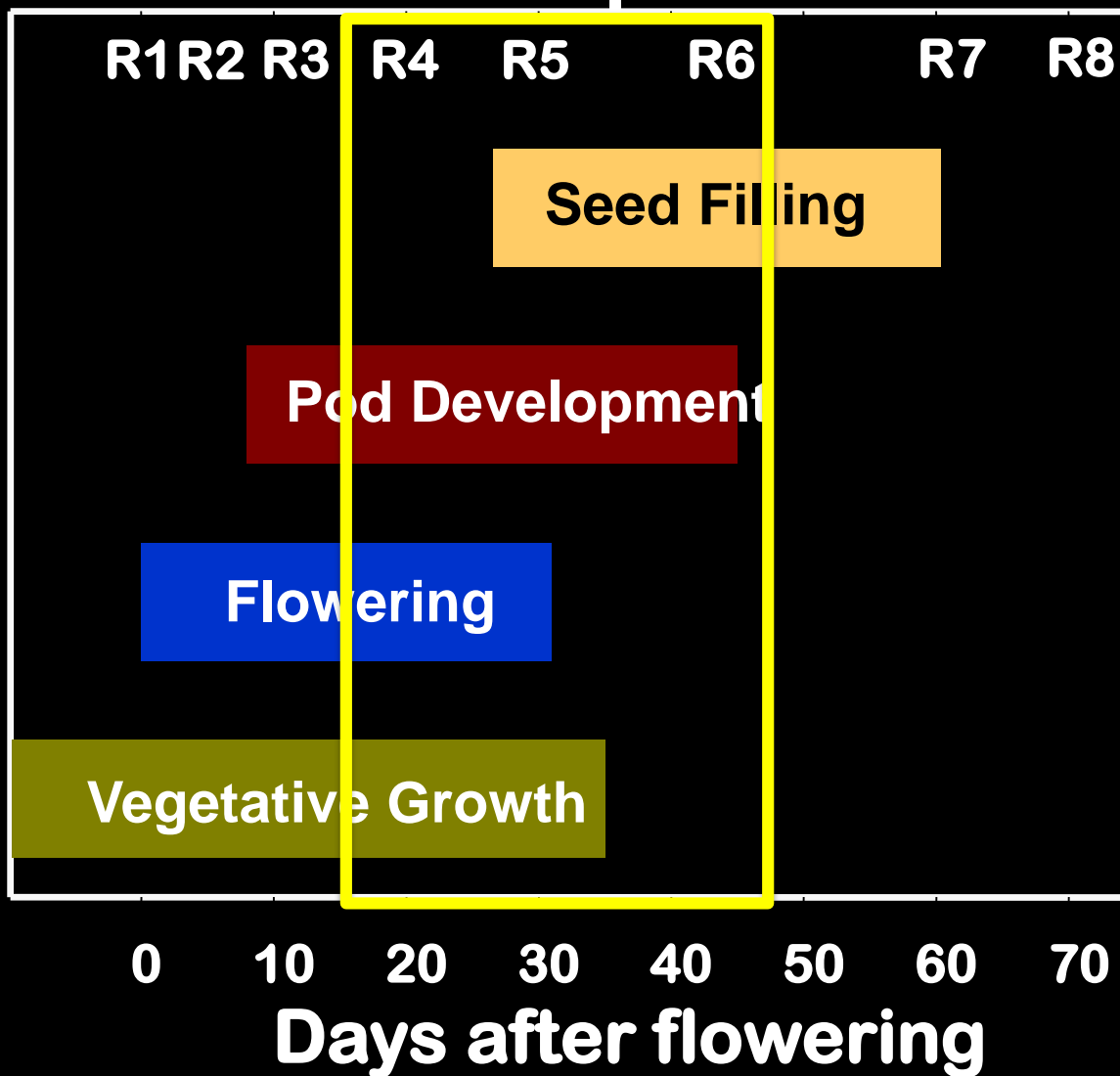
Soybean notes:

\*GM soybeans with herbicide tolerance. The cost includes \$8 for inculant and fungicide treatment in addition to seed expense.

\*\*Soybean aphid and/or spider mite insecticide.

- Start with high yield potential
  - **Variety selection**
  - **Plant establishment and nutrition**
- Protect yield potential
  - **Manage weeds, disease and insects**

# Soybean Reproductive Development



# Main Factors in Variety Selection

- **Yield**
- **Maturity**
- **Disease**
  - Root rot and SCN
- **Herbicide tolerance or conventional**
- **Iron Chlorosis**
- **Specialty markets**





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# North Dakota Soybean

## *Variety Trial Results for 2018 and Selection Guide*

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# RR and Xtend soybean variety trial results, southern RRV locations, 2018

Fairmount, Milnor and Grandin	
Varieties	44
Companies	15
Seed yield (bu/A)	
average	66.4
<b>range</b>	<b>56.1-71.1</b>

21%



## Iron Deficiency Chlorosis (IDC)

Symptoms occur usually in the newest leaves formed. The leaf looks yellow and the veins in the leaf stay green.



# IDC Remedies

1. tolerant varieties
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3. tolerant varieties
4. in-furrow ortho-ortho-EDDHA Fe chelate
  - e.g. 'SoyGreen'



# Plant establishment and nutrition



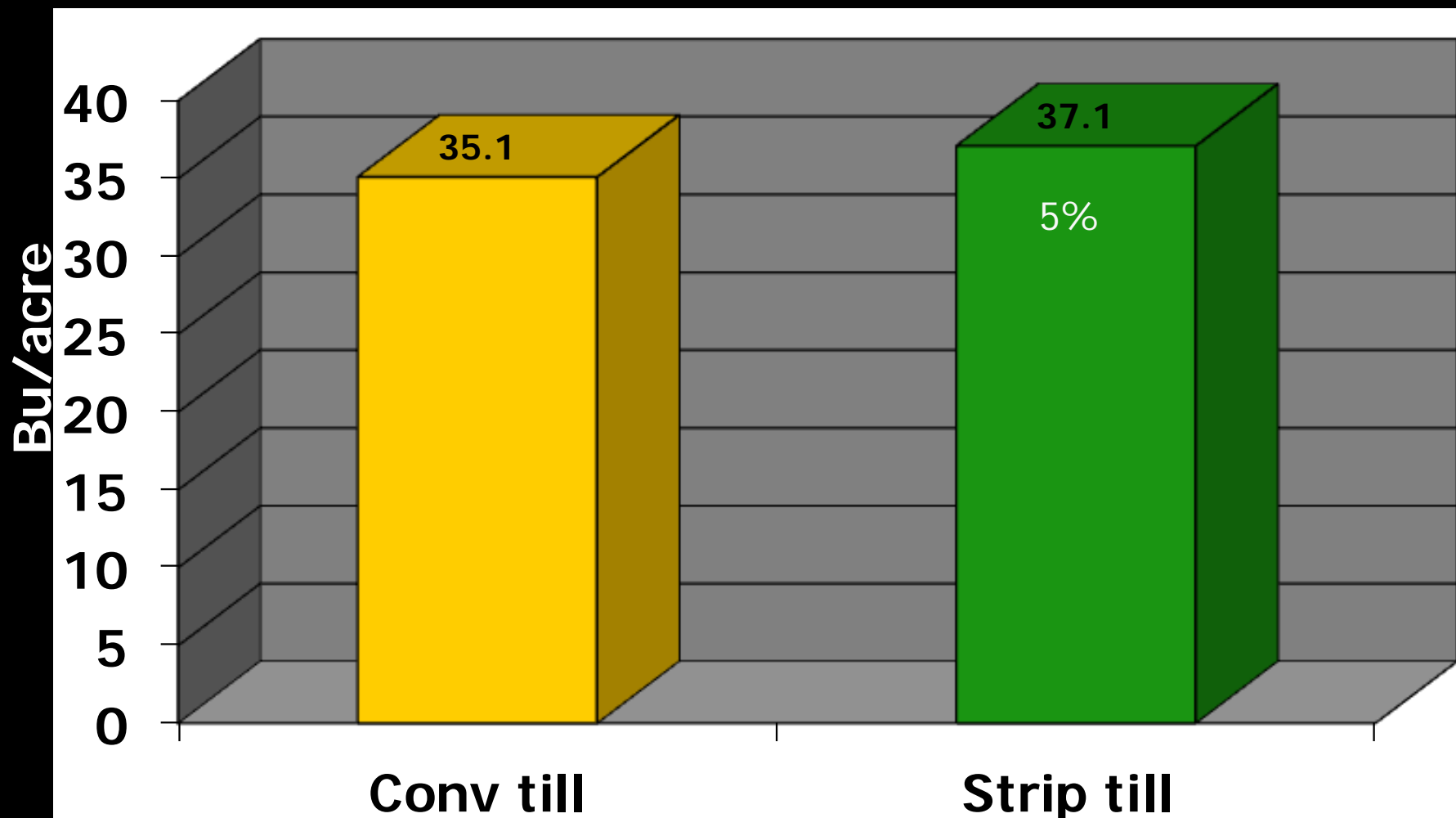
# NDSU Research Summary of Soybean Plant Establishment Factors (Dec. 2018)

Factor	Option A	A Yield > B (%)	Option B	NDSU trials (conducted during 1999-2018)
<b>Tillage system</b>	reduced till	4	conventional till	37
<b>Previous crop</b>	wheat	5	soybean	6
<b>Planting date</b>	≤ early May	8	mid May	9
<b>Planting rate (pls/A)</b>	150-175,000	6	100-130,000	44
<b>Row spacing (inches)</b>	14-21	4	28-30	24
<b>Seed fungicide</b>	yes	6	no	29
<b>Seed inoculation with soybean history</b>	yes	2	no	16
<b>P app at planting time</b>	broadcast	0.5	band (away from seed)	7
<b>Timing of initial weed control</b>	at planting	5	early POST (2- to 4-inch weeds)	8





# Conventional vs. strip till soybean yield, NDSU, 2005-10 (12 site-years)\*



\*Carrington, Prosper, Fargo and Moorhead, MN



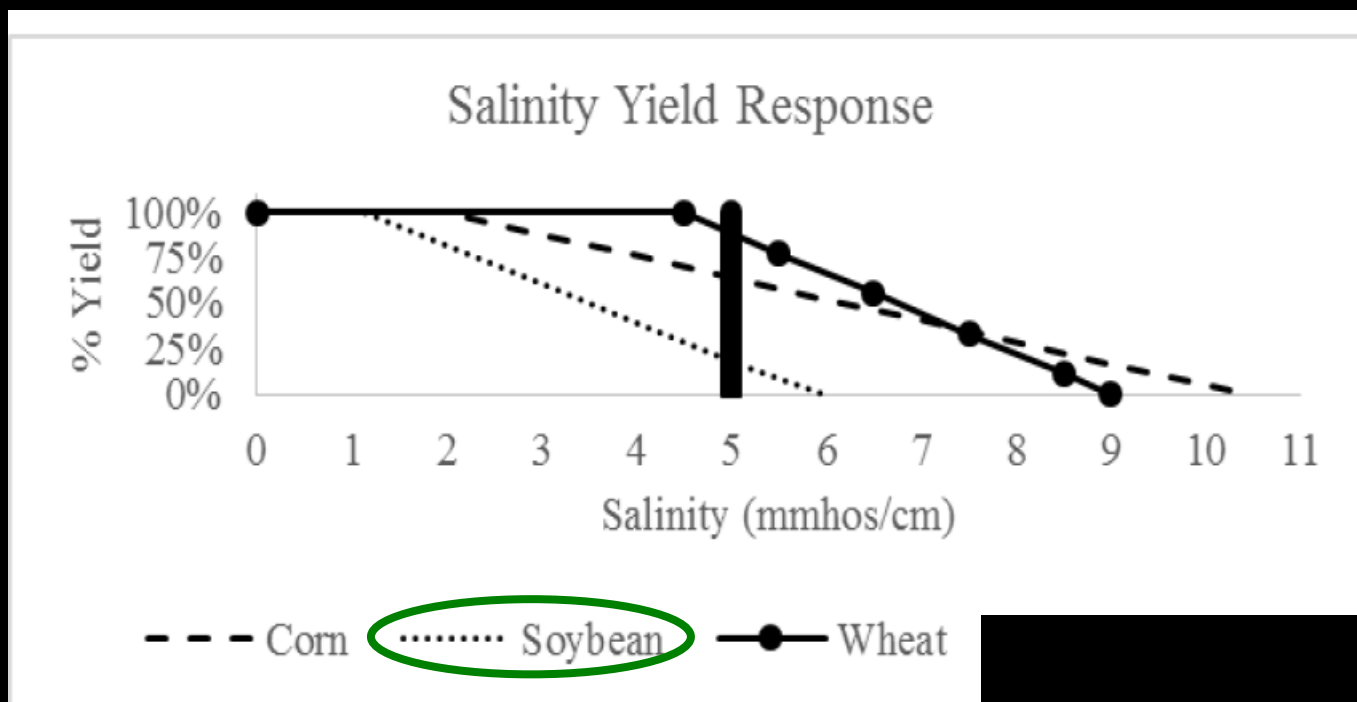
Expense (2019 South Valley soybean budget = \$148/A direct costs) with no return





# Soybean - soil EC threshold

	Previous Studies		NDSU Studies (2013-2016)	
	Threshold (mmhos/cm)	Slope (% decline)	Threshold (mmhos/cm)	Slope (% decline)
Corn	1.3	12	2.0	12
Soybean	1.9	20	1.1	21



What potential yield advantage exists with **early planted** soybean?

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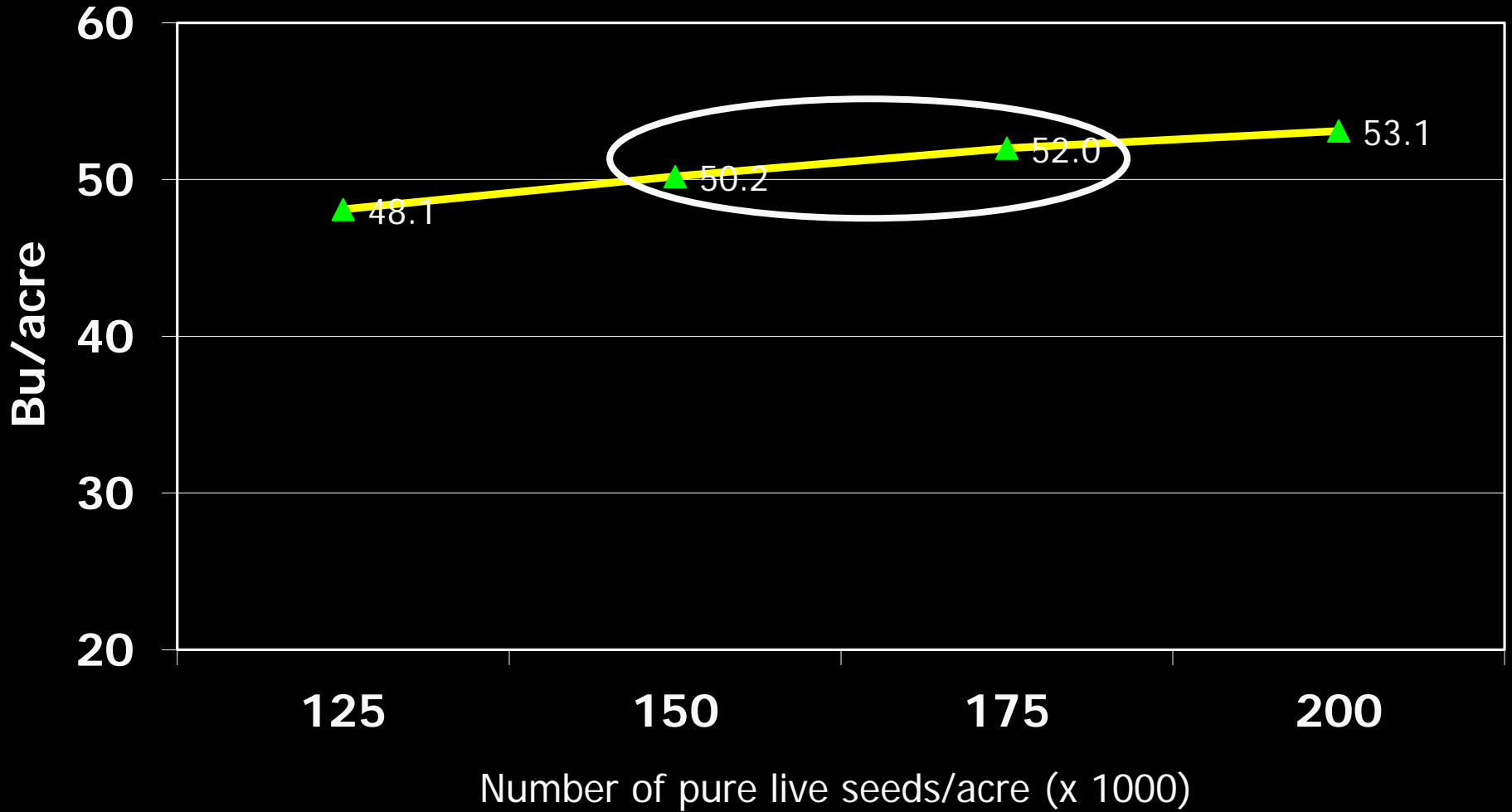
- NDSU research in south central/east ND indicates **9%** yield increase with first week of May (or earlier) planting vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May planting.
  - When soil tilth is adequate and soil temperature 1-2 days following planting is near 50 degrees.

**NDSU recommends an established soybean stand of 150,000 plants/acre for any row spacing.**

- Unlikely yield impact with variance of -10 to -12%

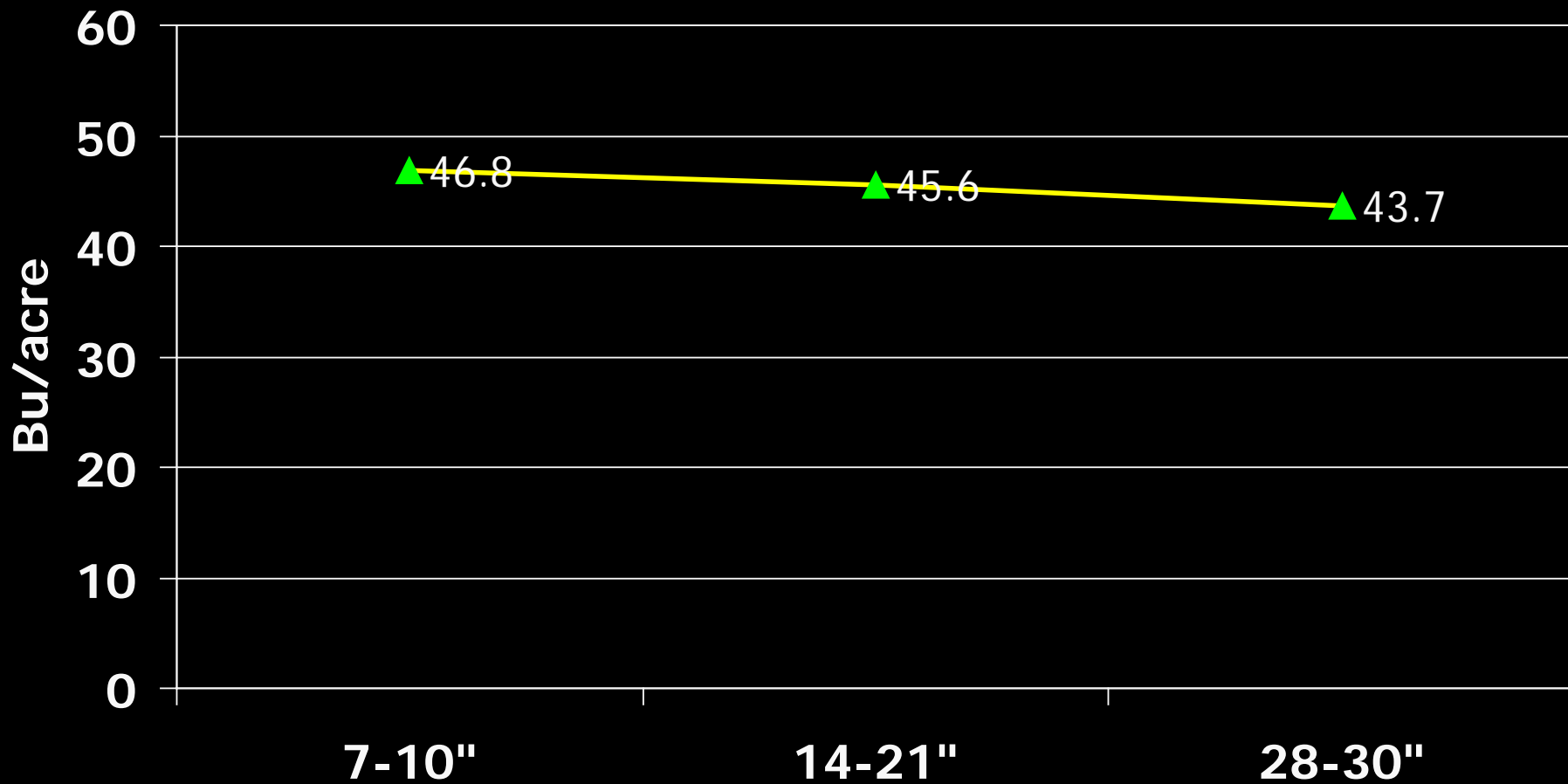


# Planting rate influence on soybean yield, Northeast ND, 2011-16 (8 site-years)\*



\*Cavalier, Lakota, Langdon, Park River, Pekin, Vesleyville, and Voss. Bryan Hanson, Langdon REC

# Row spacing influence on soybean yield, Carrington, Minot and Oakes, 1999-2016 (8 site-years)



# Soybean Plant Nutrition

- Do not apply **Nitrogen**
  - inoculate seed (*Bradyrhizobia japonicum*)
    - field with no soybean history = yes; history = yes?
- Apply **Phosphorus** with < medium-testing soils
  - yield response greater with broadcast vs band application
  - no fertilizer directly with the seed
- Apply Potassium if indicated by soil test
- Yield response unlikely with other secondary or micro nutrients



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Base yield	Yield increase at 2%	Max inoculant cost with \$8/bu soybean
bu/A	bu/A	\$/A
30	0.6	4.80
40	0.8	6.40

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# Soybean summary

- Do your homework on variety selection
- Use reduced tillage system and manage salt-affected soil areas
- Plant early and narrow at adequate rate
- Keep plant nutrition simple