

# 2020 RESEARCH TRIALS





The Andersons works to ensure our products provide excellent and consistent performance on the farm as well as deliver a positive return on investment to growers. To ensure this, we perform numerous field trials each year to evaluate differing factors including effectiveness, rates, timing, and more.

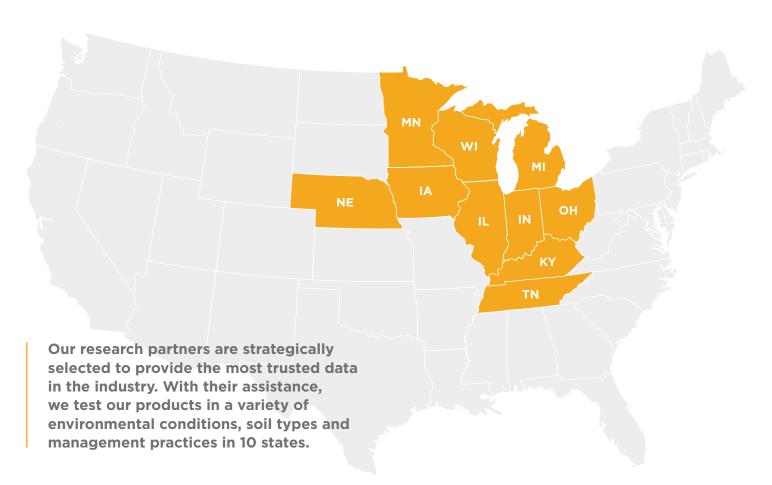
Our research trials are conducted in various geographies across the midwestern United States. Locations are selected to learn how product performance is impacted in diverse geographies, soil types and growing conditions. Our goal is to replicate precisely how products will perform on the farm, so we replicate standard growing practices for the area.

We manage research trials through multiple channels. First, third-party research sites are carefully selected, trusted to provide unbiased and reliable results. Second, on-farm trials are conducted through our Retail Farm Center locations as well as independent dealers and distributors. Third, several of our products are submitted to Beck's each year to participate in their Practical Farm Research (PFR)® trials. From the trials, our products can earn the PFR Proven™ endorsement.

This guide provides the highlights of our 2020 research trials. We hope this tool helps inform decisions on your farm for the upcoming growing season.

- The Andersons Agronomy Team

# **RESEARCH PARTNERS**





# **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

OUR PRODUCTS6-7	
BECK'S PFR PROVEN™ PRODUCTS8-9	
CORN IN-FURROW STARTER AND ADDITIVES 11-14 Season Pass® with MicroCarb® MicroCarb® Bio Pass®	
CORN 2x2 STARTER ADDITIVES	
CORN ORGANIC IN-FURROW STARTER17 Humic DG™	
CORN PRE-PLANT HERBICIDE STUDY	
CORN SIDEDRESS PLACEMENT STUDY	







# **OUR PRODUCTS**



PureGrade® Liquid Fertilizers



MicroSolutions® Micronutrients



Select Nutrients



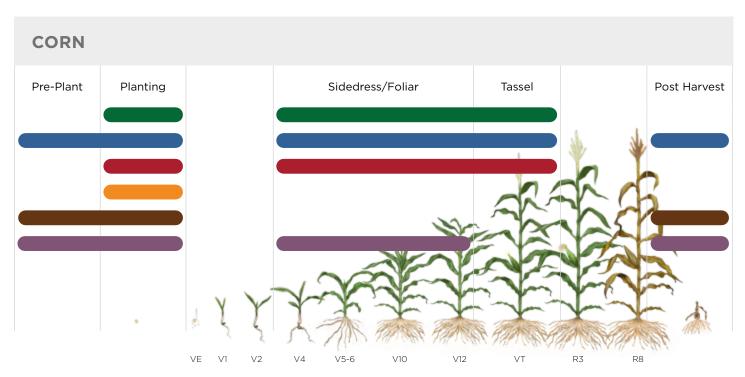
Enhanced Efficiency Products



Soil Amendments



Organic Nutrients

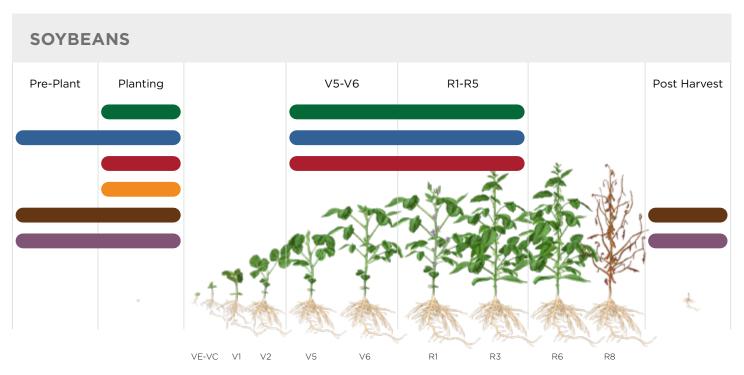


# **OUR PRODUCTS**

Our agronomy team identifies what crops require throughout the growing season and select products to meet nutritional needs and maximize benefit. We use this information to provide recommendations backed by research.

Visit AndersonsPlantNutrient.com/Agriculture for additional information on the products highlighted in this guide.

**HIGH YIELD PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE.** Plan a season-long approach with our High Yield Programs for many row and specialty crops. Download today at **AndersonsPlantNutrient.com/HighYield**.



# E P D D D V E N

BECK'S

**DIAMOND 6-24-6** 

MICR CARB MICR BLITZ



PHOSFIX

# THE ANDERSONS PFR PROVEN PRODUCTS

	PUREGRADE® DIAMOND 6-24-6	MICROCARB®	FIRST PASS® WITH MICROCARB®	MICROBLITZ*	PHOSFIX*
Crop	Corn	Corn	Soybeans	Soybeans	Corn
Average Return on Investment*	\$12.78	\$11.44	\$9.19	\$16.70	\$5.45
Average Yield Increase	8.2 bu/ac	4.0 bu/ac	2.7 bu/ac	1.9 bu/ac	2.8 bu/ac
Application	5 gal in-furrow	1 qt in-furrow	2 gal in-furrow	1 qt at R1	1 pt at V4



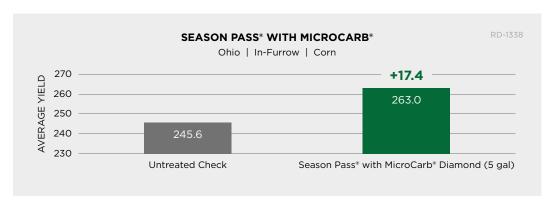
"For a product or practice to become PFR Proven, it needs to have been tested for a minimum of three years at multiple locations, it must provide a positive yield gain each year, and it must average a positive return on investment over the three-year period."

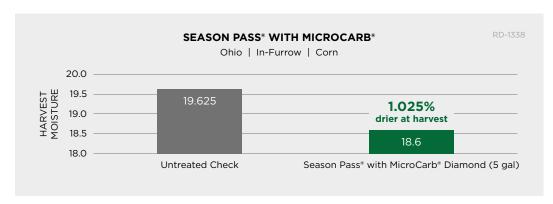
- Beck's PFR Book 2020, page 11

Average Return on Investment was calculated using the methods highlighted in the Beck's 2020 PFR Book (page 9). Corn: \$3.72/bu. Soybeans: \$9.13/bu. Return on Investment = Bu/A difference x commodity price/bu - treatment cost.









# **PLOT INFORMATION**

#### LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

### **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

Season Pass® with

MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

# PLANTING DATE

May 13, 2020

#### HYBRID

P1197AMXT

#### PLANT POPULATION

32,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

#### **HERBICIDES**

Weedmaster® (32 oz)
Metribuzin (6 oz)
Acuron® (3 qt)
Atrazine (1 qt)

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

MAP (150 lbs) & potash (100 lbs) applied in fall

28% UAN (42 gal) applied on June 12

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

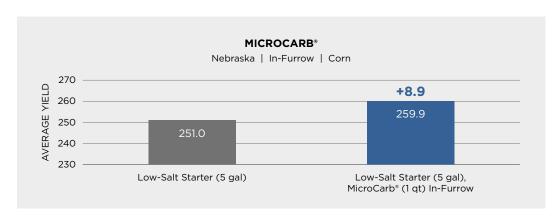
# **TILLAGE TYPE**

Conventional

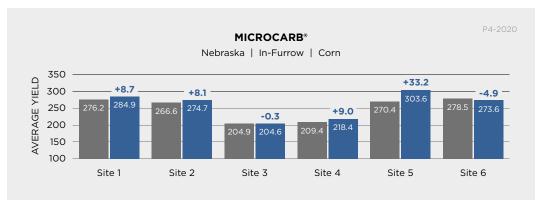
# SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH 6.1 CEC 15.8 % OM 3.4 P ppm 35 K ppm 157 Mg ppm 450 Ca ppm 1600

# MICR CARB

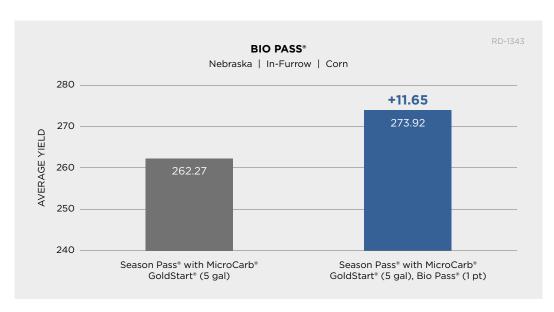


MicroCarb delivers boron, manganese and zinc to the crop, as well as 4% fulvic acid. The application of MicroCarb enhances the utilization of nutrients when applied with a starter. In this trial, MicroCarb was applied in-furrow and increased yield by 8.9 bu/A average across 6 sites.





Adding Bio Pass to an application of Season Pass with MicroCarb GoldStart helped jumpstart early season growth, resulting in a higher yield at harvest. The specialized blend of bacteria in Bio Pass worked with the starter to improve nutrient delivery into the plant and helped build a healthy biome around the root zone.



# **PLOT INFORMATION**

#### LOCATION

Aurora. Nebraska

#### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

Season Pass® with MicroCarb® GoldStart® (5 gal)

Bio Pass® (1 pt)

# TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

# PLANTING DATE

May 6, 2020

#### HYBRID

DKC60-69RIB

# PLANT POPULATION

34.000

# ROW SPACING

30 inches

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

200 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant

### PREVIOUS CROP

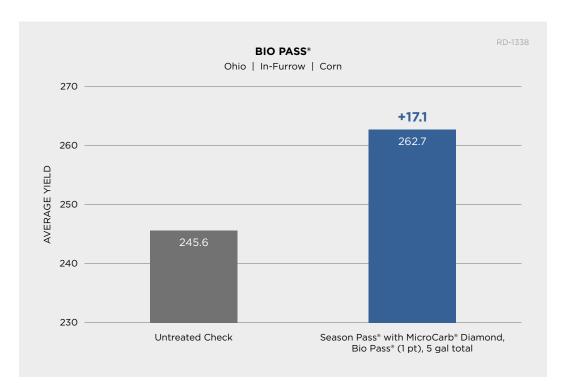
Soybeans

# TILLAGE TYPE

Minimum-till

# IRRIGATION





# **PLOT INFORMATION**

### LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

### **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

Season Pass® with

MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

Bio Pass® (1 pt)

### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

# PLANTING DATE

May 13, 2020

# HYBRID

P1197AMXT

# PLANT POPULATION

32.000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

# **HERBICIDES**

Weedmaster® (32 oz) Metribuzin (6 oz) Acuron® (3 qt)

Atrazine (1 qt)

### **BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM**

MAP (150 lbs) & potash (100 lbs) applied in fall

28% UAN (42 gal) applied on June 12

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

# **TILLAGE TYPE**

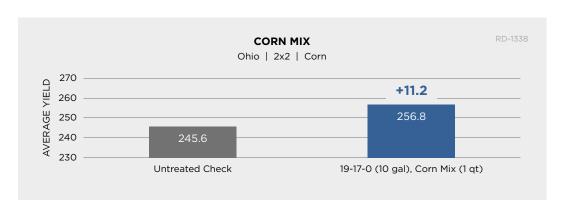
Conventional

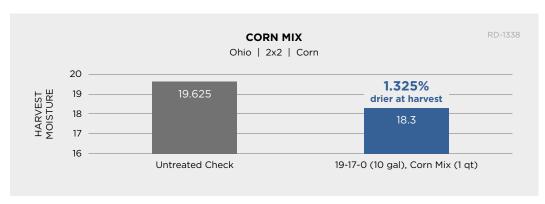
# SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH 6.1 CEC 15.8 % OM 3.4 P ppm 35 K ppm 157 Mg ppm 450 Ca ppm 1600

# **CORN** 2x2 STARTER ADDITIVES

# **CORN MIX**





# PLOT INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

# **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

19-17-0 (10 gal)

Corn Mix (1 qt)

### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

# PLANTING DATE

May 13, 2020

# HYBRID

P1197AMXT

# PLANT POPULATION

32,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

### **HERBICIDES**

Weedmaster\* (32 oz) Metribuzin (6 oz) Acuron\* (3 qt) Atrazine (1 qt)

# **BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM**

MAP (150 lbs) & potash (100 lbs) applied in fall

28% UAN (42 gal) applied on June 12

### SOIL TEST INFORMATION

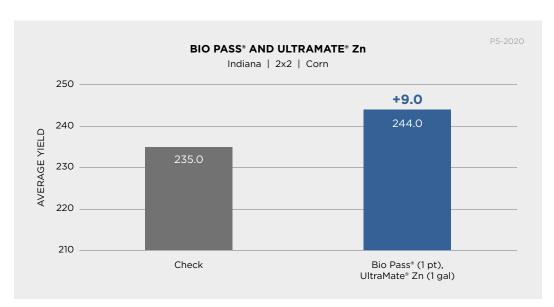
pH 6.1 CEC 15.8 % OM 3.4 P ppm 35 K ppm 157 Mg ppm 450 Ca ppm 1600

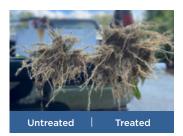
# **CORN 2x2 STARTER ADDITIVES**



# **Ultra**Mate **Zn**

In this trial, Bio Pass and UltraMate Zn worked in combination to deliver a 9 bu/A yield advantage at harvest. These products helped develop a larger root system, assisting the crop to pull essential nutrients from the soil. This root system supported the crop through harvest by defending against drought and heat stress.



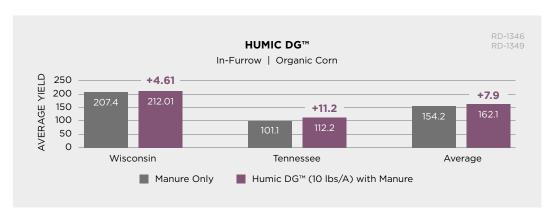


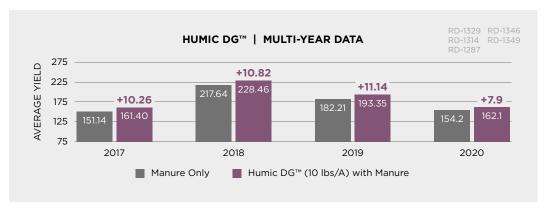




# CORN ORGANIC IN-FURROW STARTER

# Humic DG<sup>TM</sup>





# PLOT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

Whitewater, Wisconsin

#### **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

Humic DG™ (10 lbs)

#### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

# PLANTING DATE

May 7, 2020

#### **HYBRID**

Non-GMO Organic Corn 108RM

# PLANT POPULATION

35,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

#### SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH 6.8 CEC 20.3 % OM 3.4

### PLOT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

Memphis, Tennessee

# **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

Humic DG™ (10 lbs)

# TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

#### PLANTING DATE

May 20, 2020

#### HYBRID

Blue River 62G22

# PLANT POPULATION

34,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

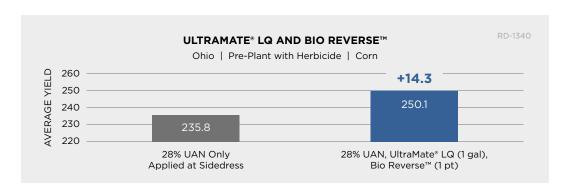
#### SOIL TEST INFORMATION

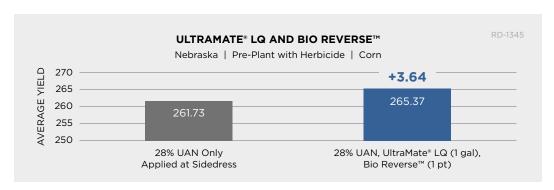
pH 7.3CEC 6.8% OM 1.3

# CORN PRE-PLANT HERBICIDE STUDY

# **Ultra**Mate LQ







# **PLOT INFORMATION**

LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

**DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT** 

28% UAN (75 lbs) Bio Reverse™ (1 pt) UltraMate® LQ (1 gal)

TREATMENT TIMING
Pre-plant with herbicide

PLANTING DATE May 13, 2020

HYBRID

P1197AMXT

PLANT POPULATION 32.000

ROW SPACING 30 inches

JO IIICHES

HERBICIDES

Weedmaster® (32 oz) Metribuzin (6 oz) Acuron® (3 qt) Atrazine (1 qt)

PREVIOUS CROP Sovbeans

TILLAGE TYPE
Conventional

#### PLOT INFORMATION

LOCATION

Aurora, Nebraska

DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

28% UAN (75 lbs) Bio Reverse™ (1 pt) UltraMate® LQ (1 gal)

TREATMENT TIMING
Pre-plant with herbicide

PLANTING DATE May 6, 2020

HYBRID

DEKALB® DKC60-69RIB

PLANT POPULATION 34.000

ROW SPACING

30 inches

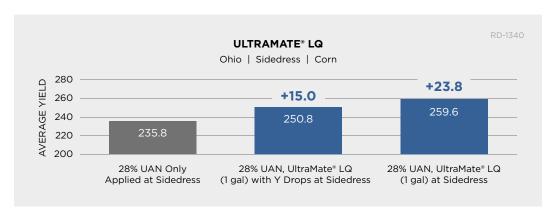
PREVIOUS CROP Corn

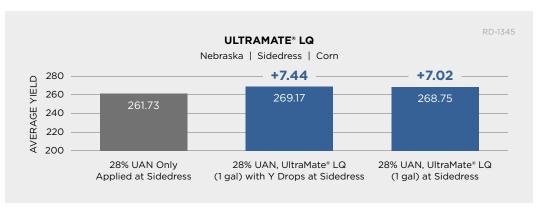
TILLAGE TYPE Minimum till

IRRIGATION Pivot

# CORN SIDEDRESS PLACEMENT STUDY

# **Ultra**Mate LQ





# **PLOT INFORMATION**

LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

UltraMate® LQ (1 gal) 28% UAN (69 lbs)

TREATMENT TIMING
Sidedress at V5

PLANTING DATE May 13, 2020

HYBRID

P1197AMXT

PII9/AMX I

PLANT POPULATION 32,000

**ROW SPACING** 

30 inches

PREVIOUS CROP Corn

TILLAGE TYPE Conventional

**IRRIGATION** No

# **PLOT INFORMATION**

LOCATION

Aurora, Nebraska

DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT UltraMate® LQ (1 gal) 28% UAN (69 lbs)

TREATMENT TIMING
Sidedress at V5

PLANTING DATE

May 6, 2020

HYBRID

DEKALB® DKC60-69RIB

PLANT POPULATION 34.000

ROW SPACING
30 inches

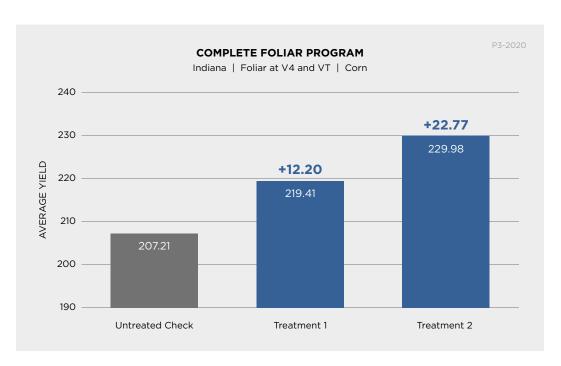
PREVIOUS CROP Corn

TILLAGE TYPE Minimum till

IRRIGATION Pivot

# **COMPLETE FOLIAR PROGRAM**

When a combination of products were used in a complete foliar program with applications at the V5 and VT growth stages, stress was kept at a minimum and the nutrient needs of the crop were met. The addition of a fungicide kept disease under control, allowing the crop to thrive and produce maximum yield at harvest.



# **PLOT INFORMATION**

# LOCATION

Walton, Indiana

### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

#### TREATMENT 1

FOLIAR AT V5

Phosfix® (1 pt)

MicroNourish® (1 qt)

### FOLIAR AT VT

Over Pass® 22-0-2 (1 gal) Trivapro® (13.7 oz)

Lambda-T 2 (1.6 oz)

#### TREATMENT 2

#### FOLIAR AT V5

Phosfix® (1 pt)
MicroNourish® (1 qt)
Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)
Sweet 'N Eezy® (1 pt)

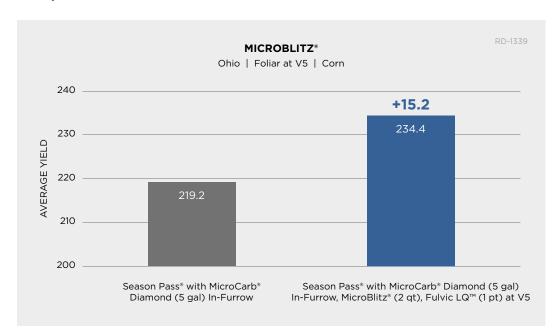
-----

# FOLIAR AT VT

Over Pass® 22-0-2 (1 gal) Sweet 'N Eezy® (1 pt) Trivapro® (13.7 oz) Lambda-T 2 (1.6 oz)

# MICR BLITZ

The V5 growth stage is when a corn crop determines the number of rows around the ear. Minimizing stress at this point in the season is necessary to maximize yield at harvest. By applying MicroBlitz at this growth stage, the crop is receiving essential nutrients, keeping plant stress at bay. The addition of Fulvic LQ increased nutrient absorption into the leaf.



# PLOT INFORMATION

# LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

#### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

#### IN-FURROW

Season Pass® with MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

#### FOLIAR AT V5

MicroBlitz® (2 qt)

Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

# PLANTING DATE

May 13, 2020

#### HYBRID

P1197AMXT

#### PLANT POPULATION

32.000

# ROW SPACING

30 inches

#### HERBICIDES

Weedmaster® (32 oz) Metribuzin (6 oz) Acuron® (3 qt)

# Atrazine (1 qt

BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM MAP (150 lbs) & potash (100 lbs) applied in fall

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

# TILLAGE TYPE

Conventional

# IRRIGATION

No

# SOIL TEST INFORMATION

 pH
 6.1
 K ppm
 157

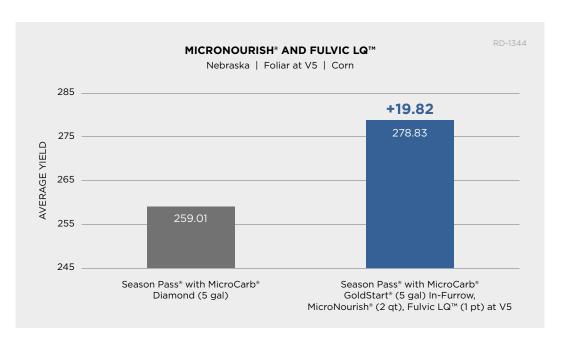
 CEC
 15.8
 Mg ppm
 450

 % OM
 3.4
 Ca ppm
 1600

 P ppm
 35



In this trial, the addition of Fulvic LQ increased the availability and uptake of MicroNourish. This combination was applied at V5 with a goal of minimizing stress at this yield-determining growth stage. At harvest, this treatment resulted in a 19.82 bu/A yield advantage compared to low-salt starter alone.



# PLOT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

Aurora, Nebraska

### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

#### IN-FURROW

Season Pass® with MicroCarb® GoldStart® (5 gal)

# FOLIAR AT V5

MicroNourish® (2 qt) Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

#### PLANTING DATE

May 6, 2020

#### **HYBRID**

DEKALB® DKC60-69RIB

# PLANT POPULATION

34,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

# BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

200 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant

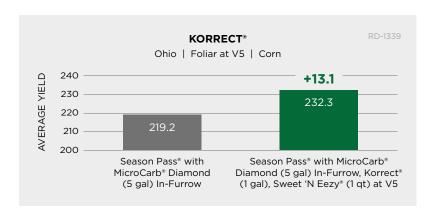
# PREVIOUS CROP

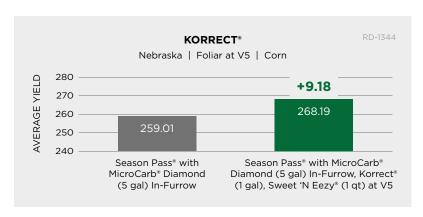
Soybeans

# **TILLAGE TYPE**

Minimum-till

# **KORRECT®**





# PLOT INFORMATION

# LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

# DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

**IN-FURROW** 

Season Pass® with MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

# **FOLIAR AT V5**

Korrect® (1 gal)

Sweet 'N Eezy® (1 qt)

# PLANTING DATE

May 13, 2020

# HYBRID P1197AMXT

PLANT POPULATION

32,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

# BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

MAP (150 lbs) & potash (100 lbs) applied in fall

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

# TILLAGE TYPE

Conventional

# IRRIGATION

No

# **PLOT INFORMATION**

# LOCATION

Aurora, Nebraska

# **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

IN-FURROW

Season Pass® with

MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

# FOLIAR AT V5

Korrect® (1 gal)

Sweet 'N Eezy® (1 qt)

# PLANTING DATE

May 2, 2020

#### HYBRID

DEKALB® DKC60-69RIB

# PLANT POPULATION

34.000

#### **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

200 lbs of nitrogen applied

pre-plant

# PREVIOUS CROP

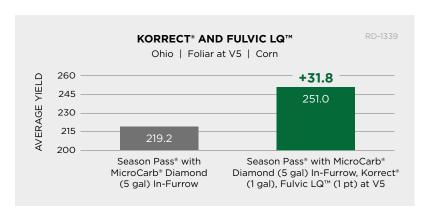
Soybeans

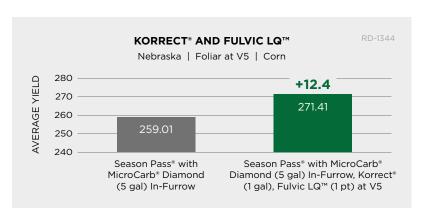
# TILLAGE TYPE

Minimum till

# IRRIGATION

# KORRECT® Fulvic LQ





# **PLOT INFORMATION**

# LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

# DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

**IN-FURROW** 

Season Pass® with MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

# **FOLIAR AT V5**

Korrect® (1 gal) Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

# PLANTING DATE

May 13, 2020

# HYBRID

P1197AMXT

# PLANT POPULATION

32.000

# ROW SPACING

30 inches

# BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

MAP (150 lbs) & potash (100 lbs) applied in fall

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

# **TILLAGE TYPE**

Conventional

# IRRIGATION

No

# **PLOT INFORMATION**

# LOCATION

Aurora, Nebraska

# **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

IN-FURROW

Season Pass® with

MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

# FOLIAR AT V5

Korrect® (1 gal)

Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

# PLANTING DATE

May 2, 2020

#### HYBRID

DEKALB® DKC60-69RIB

# PLANT POPULATION

34.000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

200 lbs of nitrogen applied

# pre-plant

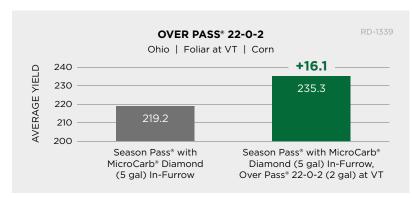
PREVIOUS CROP Soybeans

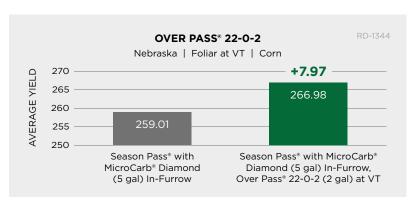
# TILLAGE TYPE

Minimum till

# IRRIGATION







# PLOT INFORMATION

**LOCATION** Trov. Ohio

# DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT IN-FURROW

Season Pass® with MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

# FOLIAR AT VT

Over Pass® 22-0-2 (2 gal)

# PLANTING DATE

May 13, 2020

# HYBRID

P1197AMXT

# PLANT POPULATION 32,000

# ROW SPACING

30 inches

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

MAP (150 lbs) & potash (100 lbs) applied in fall

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

# TILLAGE TYPE

Conventional

# IRRIGATION

No

# **PLOT INFORMATION**

#### LOCATION

Aurora, Nebraska

# **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

### IN-FURROW

Season Pass® with

MicroCarb® Diamond (5 gal)

# FOLIAR AT VT

Over Pass® 22-0-2 (2 gal)

# PLANTING DATE

May 2, 2020

### **HYBRID**

DEKALB® DKC60-69RIB

#### PLANT POPULATION

34,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

200 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

# TILLAGE TYPE

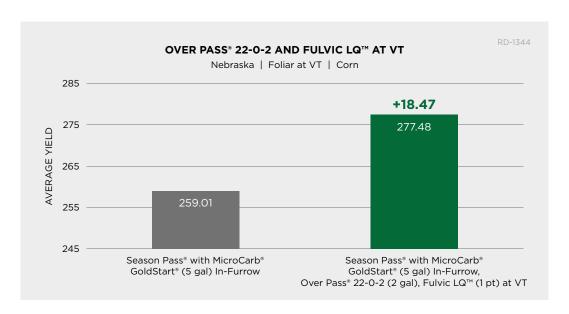
Minimum till

#### IRRIGATION



# Fulvic **LQ**

At the VT growth stage, when the crop is beginning pollination, minimizing stress is essential to ensure all viable kernels become pollinated and produce maximum yield. The application of Over Pass 22-0-2 and Fulvic LQ provided essential nutrients to the crop, allowing the crop to focus on filling out the ear. At harvest, this treatment yielded an 18.47 bu/A advantage.



# **PLOT INFORMATION**

#### LOCATION

Aurora, Nebraska

#### **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

#### IN-FURROW

Season Pass® with MicroCarb® GoldStart® (5 gal)

### FOLIAR AT V5

Over Pass® 22-0-2 (2 gal) Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

#### PLANTING DATE

May 6, 2020

#### **HYBRID**

DEKALB® DKC60-69RIB

# PLANT POPULATION

34,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

# BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

200 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

# **TILLAGE TYPE**

Minimum-till





The reproductive stages in a soybean crop are when yield is determined. Crop stress during the reproductive stages will have a negative impact on yield at harvest. By supplementing nutrients with the application of Over Pass 10-2-10, crop stress was managed, and a yield increase was observed.



# **PLOT INFORMATION**

### LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

#### **DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

#### IN-FURROW

First Pass® (3 gal)

# FOLIAR AT R3

Over Pass® 10-2-10 (2 gal) Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

# PLANTING DATE

May 13, 2020

#### HYBRID

P1197AMXT

#### PLANT POPULATION

32,000

#### **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

#### **HERBICIDES**

Weedmaster® (32 oz) Metribuzin (6 oz) Acuron® (3 qt)

Acuron (3 qt) Atrazine (1 qt)

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

MAP (150 lbs) & potash (100 lbs) applied in fall

# PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

# **TILLAGE TYPE**

Conventional

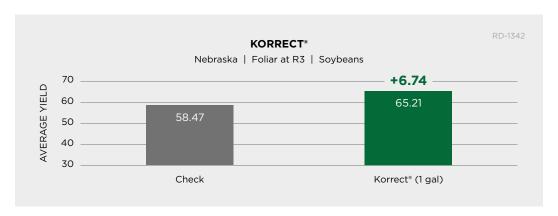
# IRRIGATION

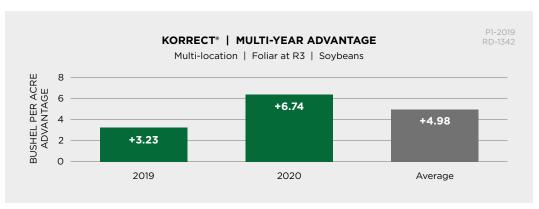
No

# SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH 6.1 CEC 15.8 % OM 3.4 P ppm 35 K ppm 157 Mg ppm 450 Ca ppm 1600

# **KORRECT®**





# **PLOT INFORMATION**

### LOCATION

Blue Hill, Nebraska

# DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

Korrect® (1 gal)

# TREATMENT TIMING

Foliar at R3

# PLANTING DATE

May 29, 2020

# HYBRID

PV2419X

# PLANT POPULATION

140,000

# **ROW SPACING**

30 inches

# PREVIOUS CROP

Corn

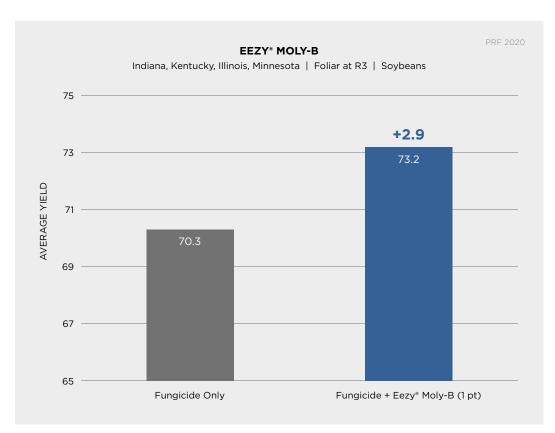
# TILLAGE TYPE

Conventional

# IRRIGATION

Yes

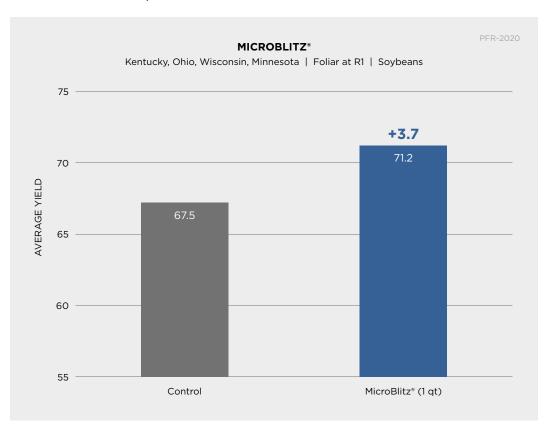
# **EEZY® MOLY-B**



"As soybean yield levels increase, it is not surprising to see responses to supplemental fertility. Our two-year averages show a strong response to a few of the products that provide additional boron."

- Beck's PFR Book 2020, page 160

# MICR BLITZ



# EPROVEN

BECK'S

"When faced with a thin stand of soybeans, our first-year data indicates that it still pays to invest in the crop, whether that incudes a fungicide pass or foliar nutrition application."

- Beck's PFR Book 2020, page 150

