




# **2019** RESEARCH TRIALS





The Andersons works to ensure our products deliver a positive return on investment and provide value to growers. It is essential that our products provide excellent and consistent performance on the farm. 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.

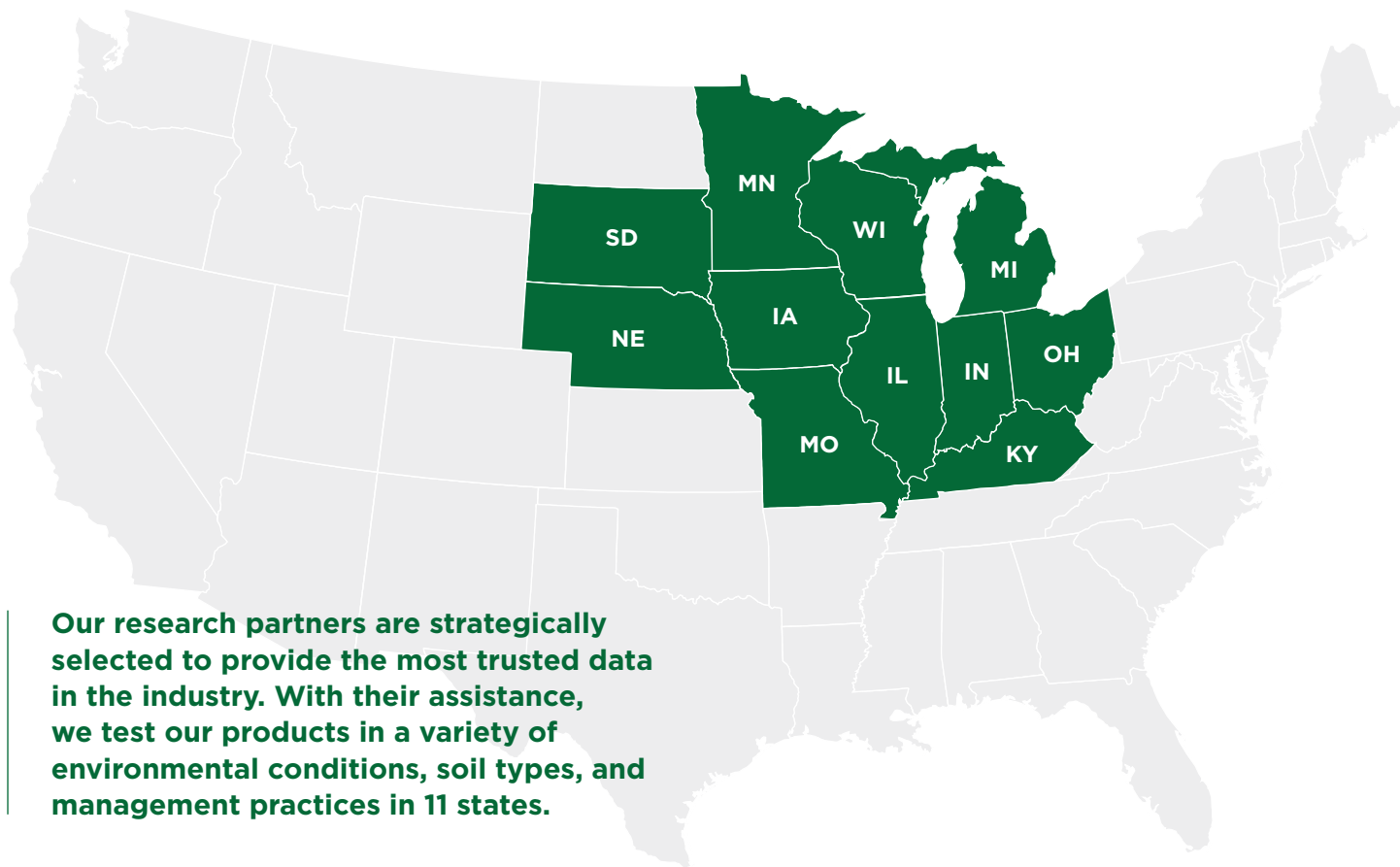
We manage research trials through multiple channels. First, third-party research sites are carefully selected, trusted to provide unbiased and reliable results. Second, on-farm trials are conducted through our Retail

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)<sup>®</sup> trials. From the trials, our products can earn the PFR Proven<sup>™</sup> endorsement. "For a product or practice to become PFR Proven, it needs to have been tested for a minimum of three years and, over those three years, it must provide a positive yield gain each year and average a positive ROI over the three-year period" (Beck's PFR Book 2019).

Even in a year like 2019, where farmers faced unprecedented weather challenges, our trials provided valuable insight. This guide provides the highlights of our 2019 research trials. We hope this tool helps inform decisions on your farm for the upcoming growing season.

*- The Andersons Agronomy Team*

## RESEARCH PARTNERS



**Our research partners are strategically selected to provide the most trusted data in the industry. With their assistance, we test our products in a variety of environmental conditions, soil types, and management practices in 11 states.**





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# OUR PRODUCTS



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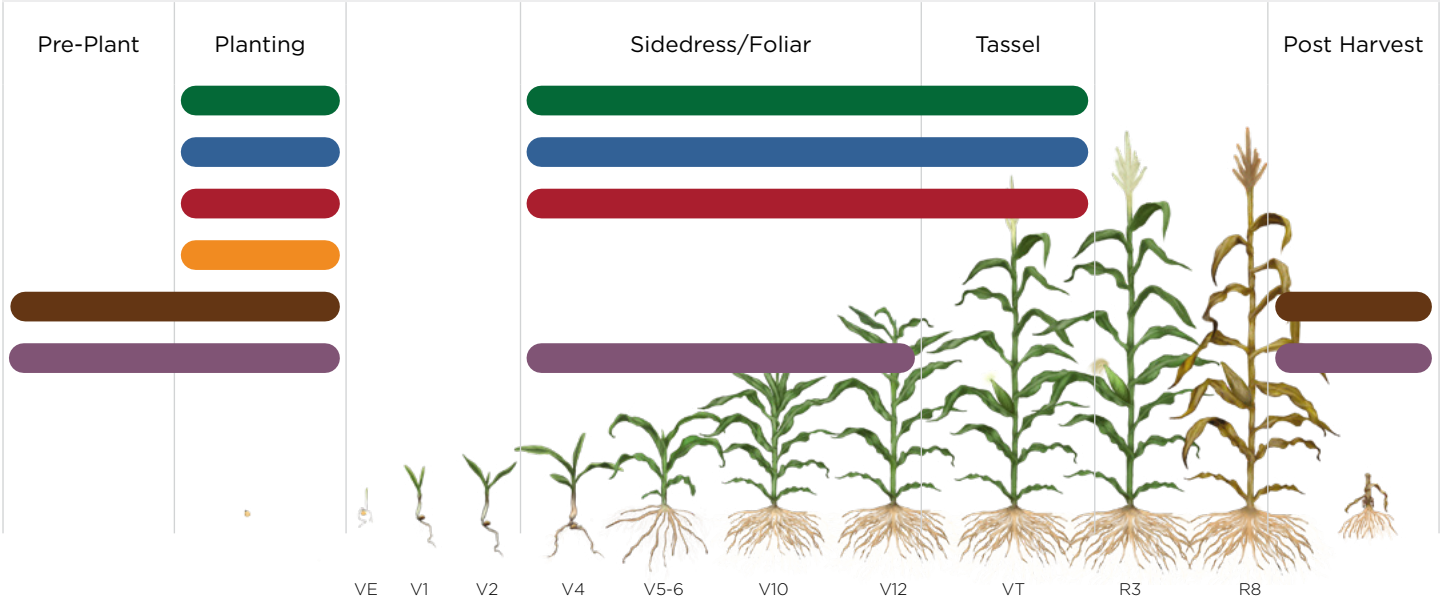


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Organic  
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## CORN

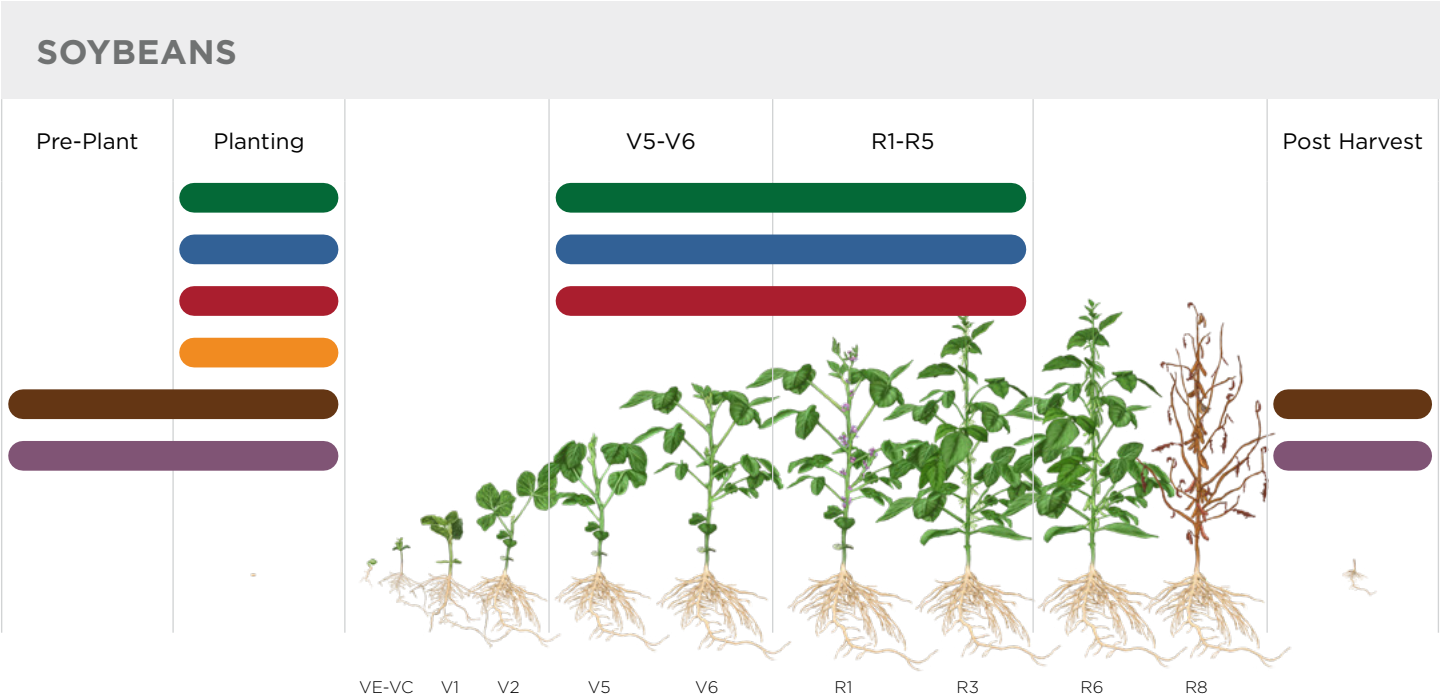




# OUR PRODUCTS

As the agronomy team, we look at what the crop needs during certain time periods throughout the growing season and select products to meet crop needs and maximize benefit. We use this information to provide recommendations backed by research.

Visit [AndersonsPlantNutrient.com/Agriculture](https://www.andersonsplantnutrient.com/Agriculture) for additional information on the products highlighted in this guide.

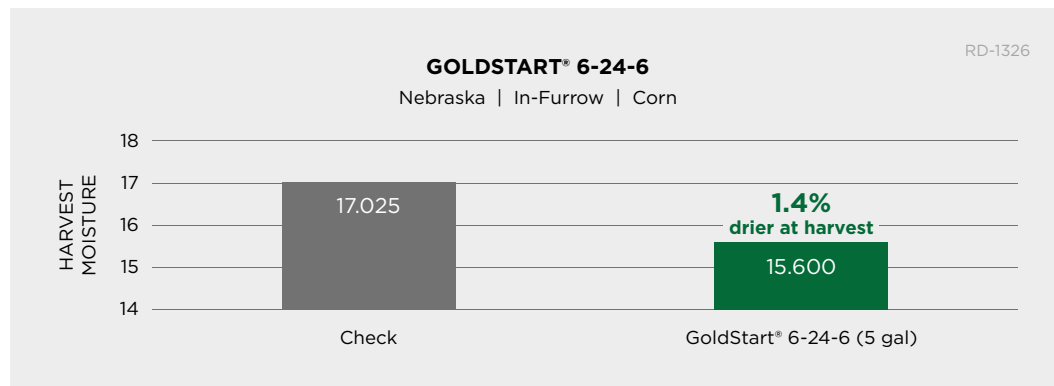
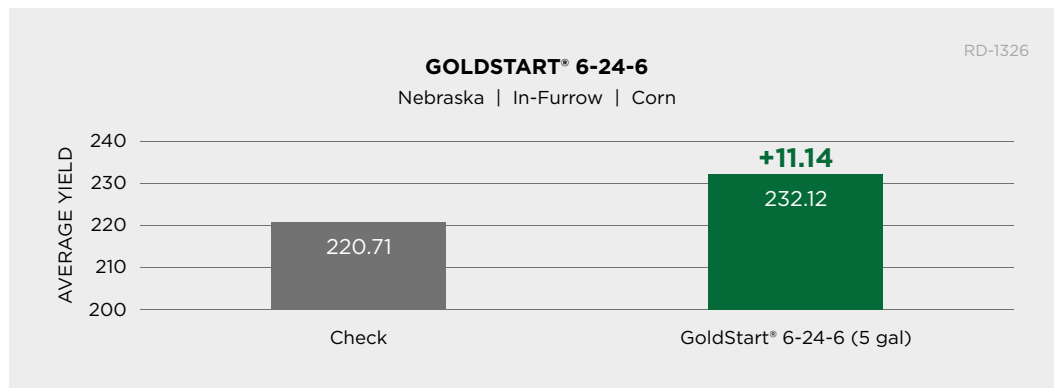


**CORN** RESEARCH



## CORN IN-FURROW STARTER AND ADDITIVES

# GOLDSTART® 6-24-6



### PLOT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

Blue Hill, Nebraska

#### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

GoldStart® 6-24-6 (5 gal)

#### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

#### PLANTING DATE

May 14, 2019

#### HYBRID

NK0821-3120

#### PLANT POPULATION

34,000

#### ROW SPACING

30 inches

#### HERBICIDES

SureStart®

#### INSECTICIDES

Counter®

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

250 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant

#### PREVIOUS CROP

Soybeans

#### TILLAGE TYPE

Conventional

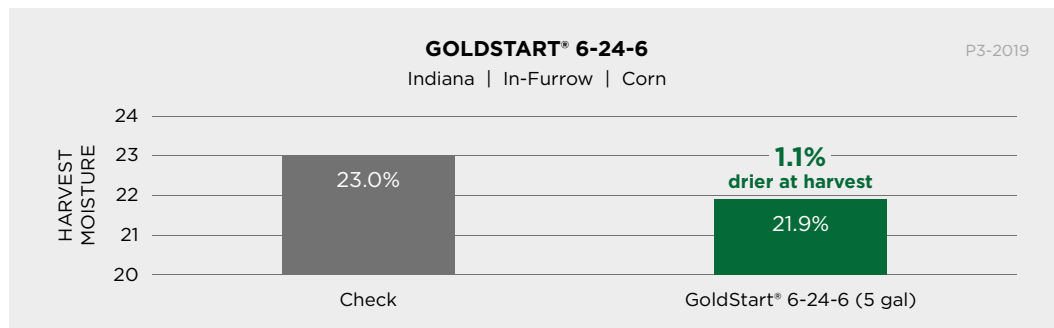
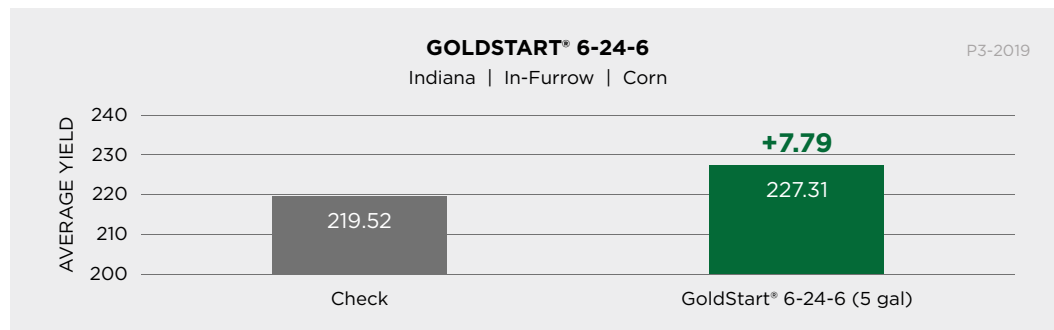
#### IRRIGATION

Pivot

## CORN IN-FURROW STARTER AND ADDITIVES

# GOLDSTART® 6-24-6

Applying a high quality, low-salt starter is crucial if high quality and high yields are your goals. Year after year we see crops that have starter applied during planting emerge faster, pollinate 7-10 days sooner, and finish 1-3 points drier in the fall.



### PLOT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

Walton, Indiana

#### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

GoldStart® 6-24-6 (5 gal)

#### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

#### PLANTING DATE

June 8, 2019

#### HYBRID

P1197

#### PLANT POPULATION

32,000

#### ROW SPACING

30 inches

#### HERBICIDES

Acuron® (1 qt)

Atrazine (1 qt)

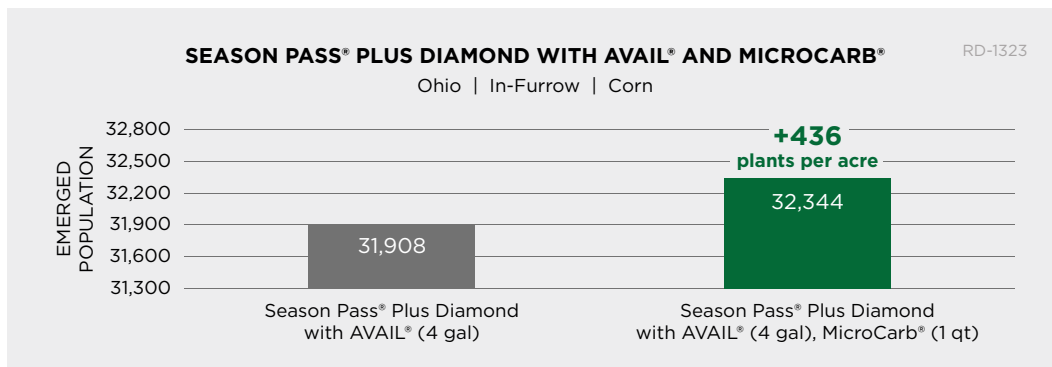
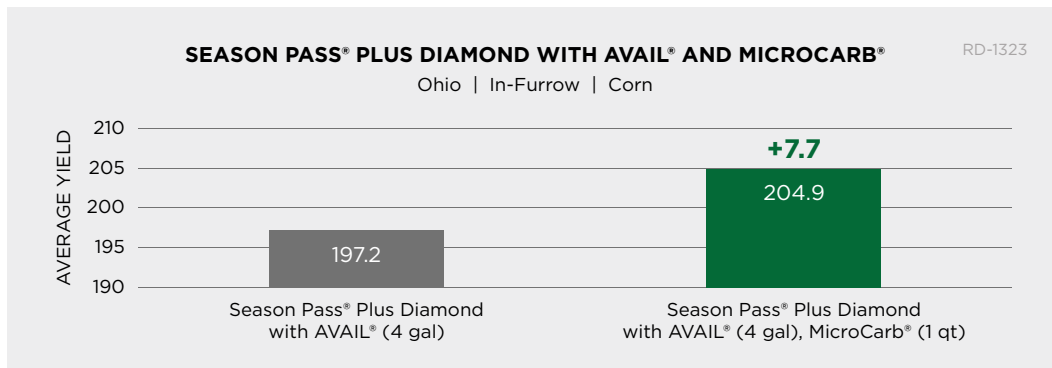
#### FUNGICIDES

Trivapro (13.7 oz)

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

Variable rate technology (VRT) according to Tri-State recommendations

# CORN IN-FURROW STARTER AND ADDITIVES



## PLOT INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

Season Pass® Plus Diamond with AVAIL® (4 gal)

MicroCarb® (1 qt)

### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

### PLANTING DATE

June 3, 2019

### HYBRID

XL® 5828AM™

### PLANT POPULATION

32,000

### ROW SPACING

30 inches

### HERBICIDES

Acuron® (3 qt)

Atrazine (1 qt)

Glyphosate (32 fl oz)

### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

28% UAN (25 gal) applied on June 7

28% UAN (60 gal) with Nutrisphere-N®/ 0.5% v/v applied on June 25

### SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH 6.5

CEC 13.7

% OM 3.90

P ppm 58

K ppm 153

Mg ppm 345

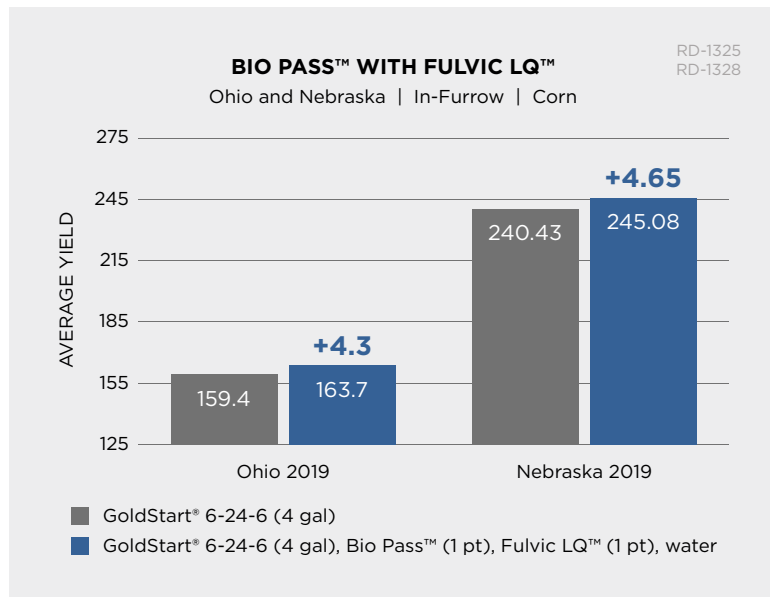
Ca ppm 1850



## CORN IN-FURROW STARTER AND ADDITIVES



Pairing Bio Pass with a carbon source, such as Fulvic LQ, provides microorganisms with an immediate food source and provides an environment for success.



### PLOT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

#### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

GoldStart® 6-24-6 (4 gal)

Bio Pass™ (1 pt)

Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

#### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

#### PLANTING DATE

June 4, 2019

#### HYBRID

XL® 5828AM™

#### PLANT POPULATION

32,000

#### ROW SPACING

30 inches

#### HERBICIDES

Acuron® (3 qt)

Atrazine (1 qt)

Glyphosate (32 fl oz)

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

28% UAN (25 gal) applied on June 7

28% UAN (60 gal) with Nutrisphere-N®/ 0.5% v/v applied on June 25

### PLOT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

Blue Hill, Nebraska

#### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

GoldStart® 6-24-6 (4 gal)

Bio Pass™ (1 pt)

Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

#### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

#### PLANTING DATE

May 14, 2019

#### HYBRID

NK0821-3120

#### PLANT POPULATION

34,000

#### ROW SPACING

30 inches

#### HERBICIDES

SureStart®

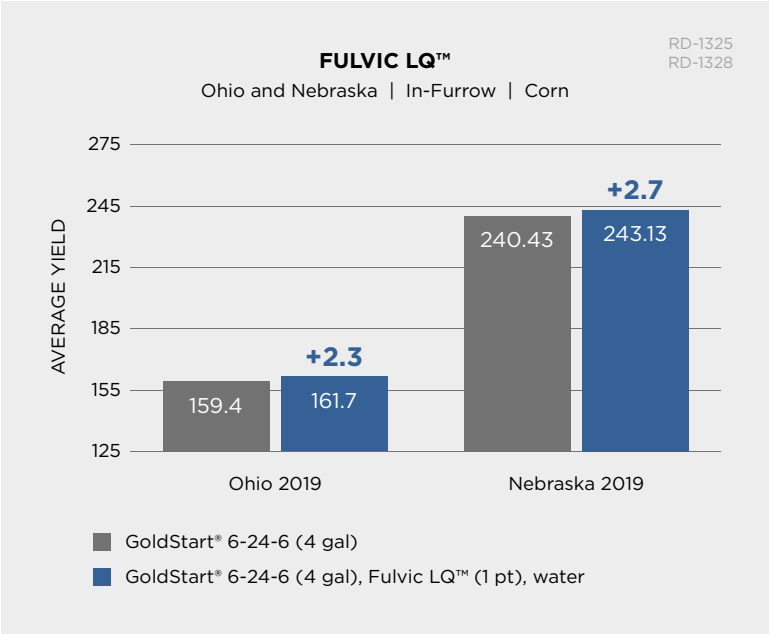
#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

250 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant

CORN IN-FURROW STARTER AND ADDITIVES

Fulvic LQ™

The high CEC of the carbon in Fulvic LQ maximizes nutrient delivery into the plant. In these two trials, Fulvic LQ aided in plant uptake of applied nutrients, resulting in an additional yield increase compared to applying starter alone.



PLOT INFORMATION

LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

GoldStart® 6-24-6 (4 gal)

Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

PLANTING DATE

June 4, 2019

HYBRID

XL® 5828AM™

PLANT POPULATION

32,000

ROW SPACING

30 inches

HERBICIDES

Acuron® (3 qt)

Atrazine (1 qt)

Glyphosate (32 fl oz)

BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

28% UAN (25 gal) applied on June 7

28% UAN (60 gal) with Nutrisphere-N®/ 0.5% v/v applied on June 25

PLOT INFORMATION

LOCATION

Blue Hill, Nebraska

DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

GoldStart® 6-24-6 (4 gal)

Fulvic LQ™ (1 pt)

TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

PLANTING DATE

May 14, 2019

HYBRID

NK0821-3120

PLANT POPULATION

34,000

ROW SPACING

30 inches

HERBICIDES

SureStart®

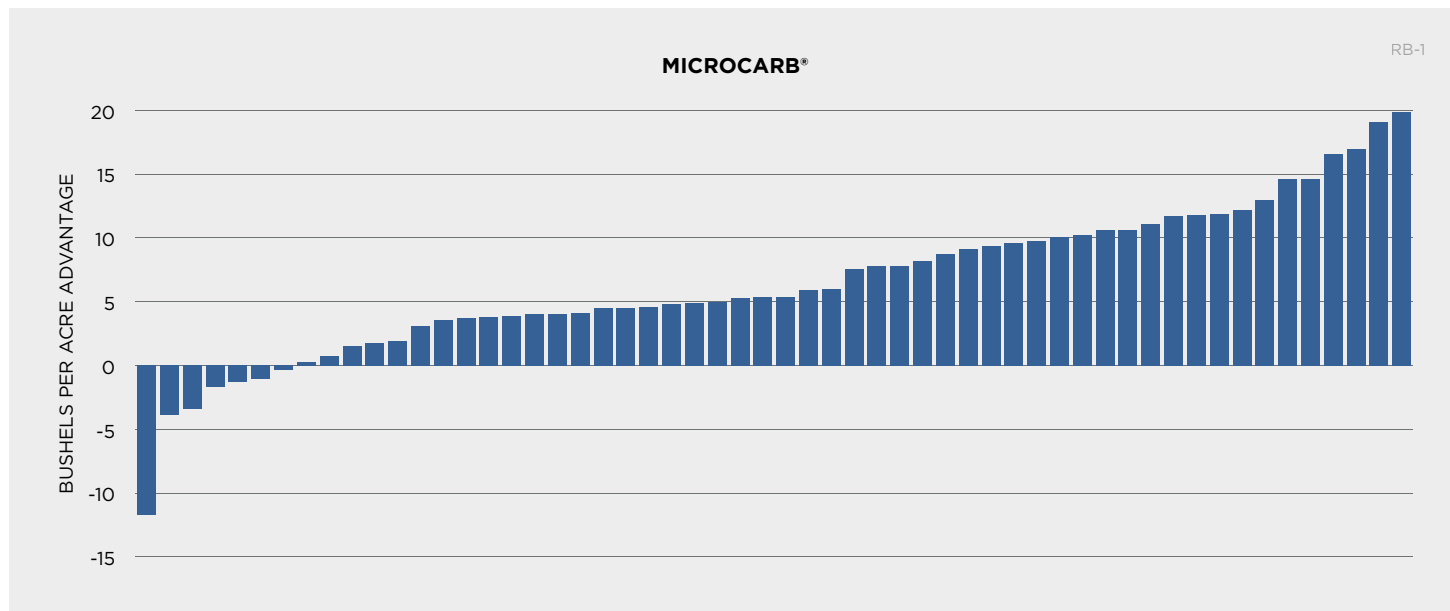
BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

250 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant

## CORN IN-FURROW STARTER AND ADDITIVES



**Over the course of 57 trials with MicroCarb in corn, a positive yield advantage was observed 88% of the time over the untreated control.**



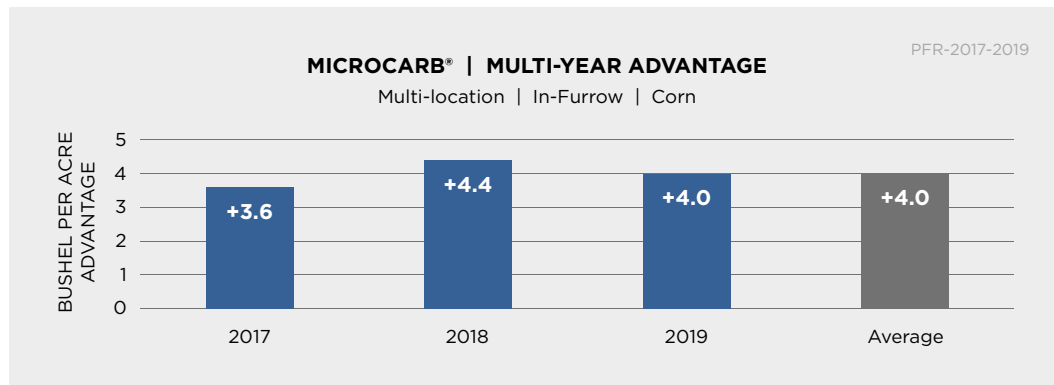
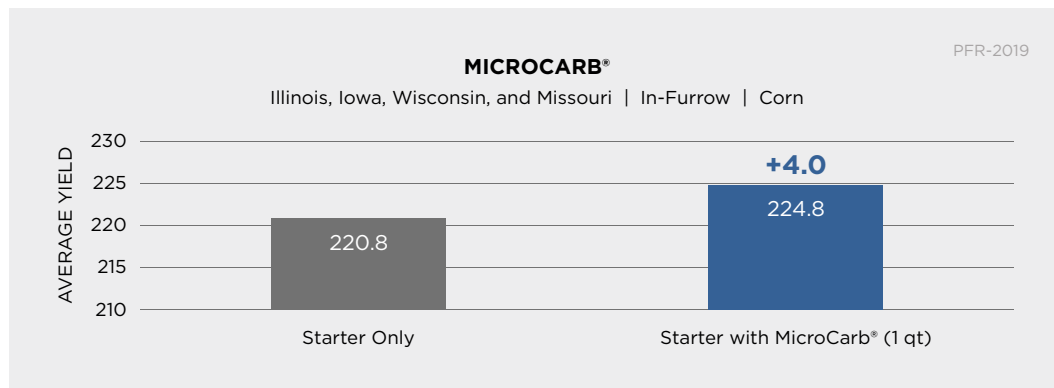
The above graph is a compilation of all corn trials, both starter and foliar, involving MicroCarb from years 2014-2019.

Test locations include: CO, IA, IL, MN, NE, OH and WI



## CORN IN-FURROW STARTER AND ADDITIVES

# MICROCARB®



## PFR PROVEN™

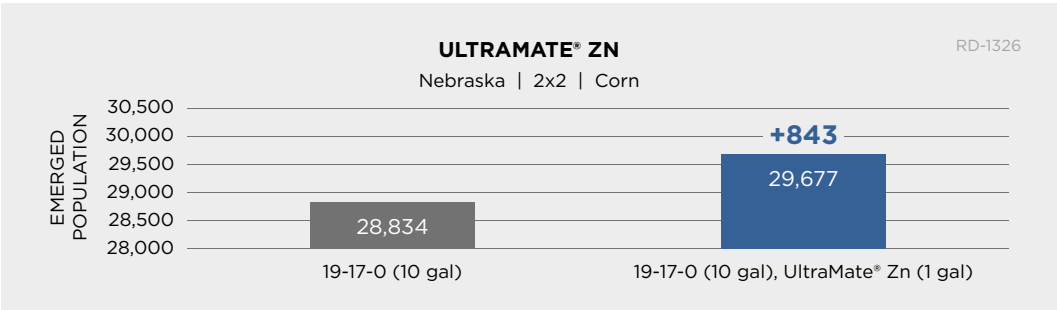
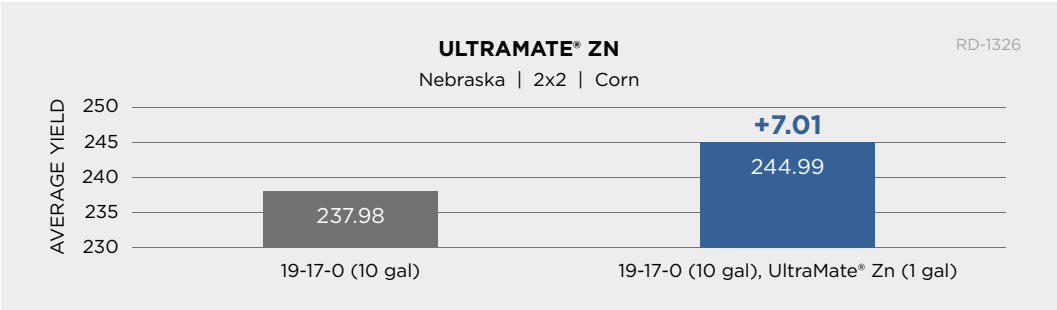
**BECK'S**

MicroCarb is one of the most researched products in our product portfolio, having 88% trials providing a positive yield benefit. This year is the third year MicroCarb was tested with the Beck's PFR trials, earning the PFR Proven™ endorsement.

CORN 2x2 STARTER ADDITIVES

# UltraMate<sup>®</sup> Zn

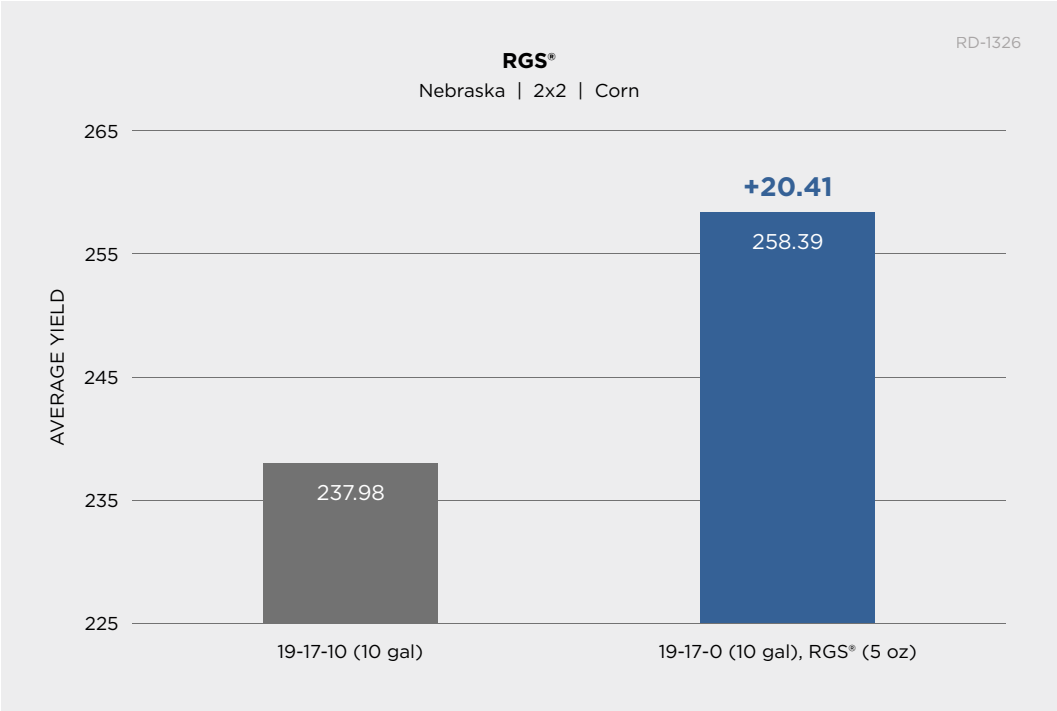
UltraMate Zn is a premix of humic acid, fulvic acid, and Nulex 15% Zinc. Humic acid is great at protecting the nitrogen that is in the starter from leaving the root zone. The fulvic acid component helps efficiently move nutrients up and into the plant. Zinc is responsible for leaf sizing and nitrogen efficacy in the plant.



**PLOT INFORMATION**

- LOCATION**  
Blue Hill, Nebraska
- DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**  
19-17-0 (10 gal)  
UltraMate<sup>®</sup> Zn (1 gal)
- TREATMENT TIMING**  
At planting, 2x2
- PLANTING DATE**  
May 14, 2019
- HYBRID**  
NK0821-3120
- PLANT POPULATION**  
34,000
- ROW SPACING**  
30 inches
- HERBICIDES**  
SureStart<sup>®</sup>
- INSECTICIDES**  
Counter<sup>®</sup>
- BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM**  
250 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant
- PREVIOUS CROP**  
Soybeans
- TILLAGE TYPE**  
Conventional
- IRRIGATION**  
Pivot

# RGS® (ROOT GROWTH STIMULATOR)



**PLOT INFORMATION**

**LOCATION**

Blue Hill, Nebraska

**DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

19-17-0 (10 gal)

RGS® (5 oz)

**TREATMENT TIMING**

At planting, 2x2

**PLANTING DATE**

May 14, 2019

**HYBRID**

NK0821-3120

**PLANT POPULATION**

34,000

**ROW SPACING**

30 inches

**HERBICIDES**

SureStart®

**INSECTICIDES**

Counter®

**BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM**

250 lbs of nitrogen applied pre-plant

**PREVIOUS CROP**

Soybeans

**TILLAGE TYPE**

Conventional

**IRRIGATION**

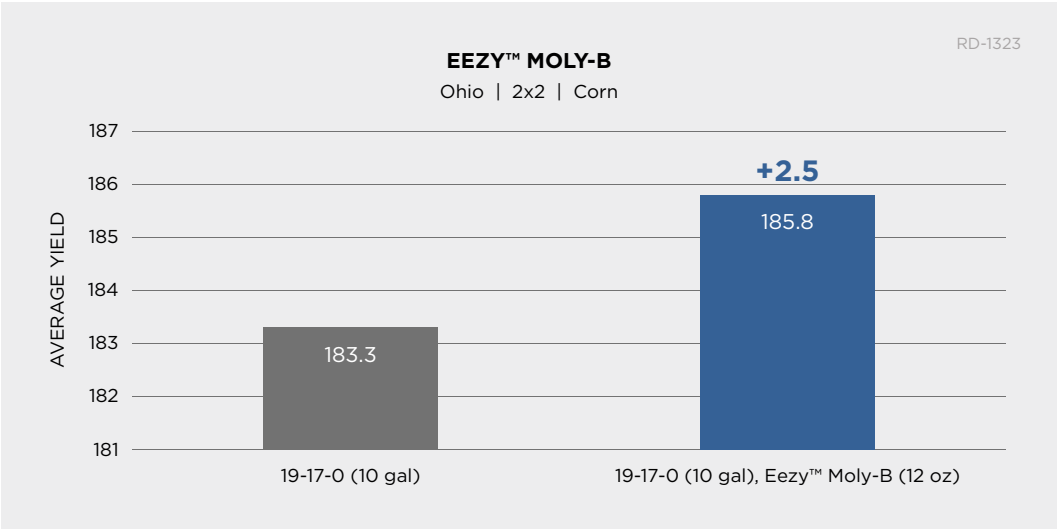
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CORN 2x2 STARTER ADDITIVES

EEZY™ MOLY-B

Eezy Moly-B is an available source of molybdenum and boron. These two elements are often found deficient in soils, thereby limiting yield potential. Supplementing molybdenum and boron in small amounts results in increased overall yield potential. These elements need to be applied in small amounts to avoid being toxic to the plant. Molybdenum is an essential component in two enzymes that convert nitrate to ammonia. It is also needed by symbiotic nitrogen fixing bacteria in legumes to fix atmospheric nitrogen. Boron plays an import role in cell division in this early stage in the corn life cycle.



PLOT INFORMATION

LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

19-17-O (10 gal)

Eezy™ Moly-B (12 oz)

TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, 2x2

PLANTING DATE

June 3, 2019

HYBRID

XL® 5828AM™

PLANT POPULATION

32,000

ROW SPACING

30 inches

HERBICIDES

Acuron® (3 qt)

Atrazine (1 qt)

Glyphosate (32 fl oz)

BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

28% UAN (25 gal) applied on June 7

28% UAN (60 gal) with Nutrisphere-N®/ 0.5% v/v applied on June 25

SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH 6.5

CEC 13.7

% OM 3.90

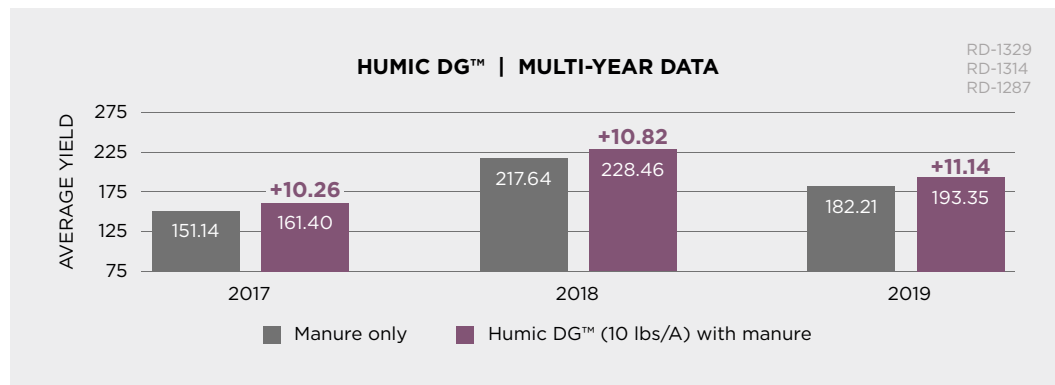
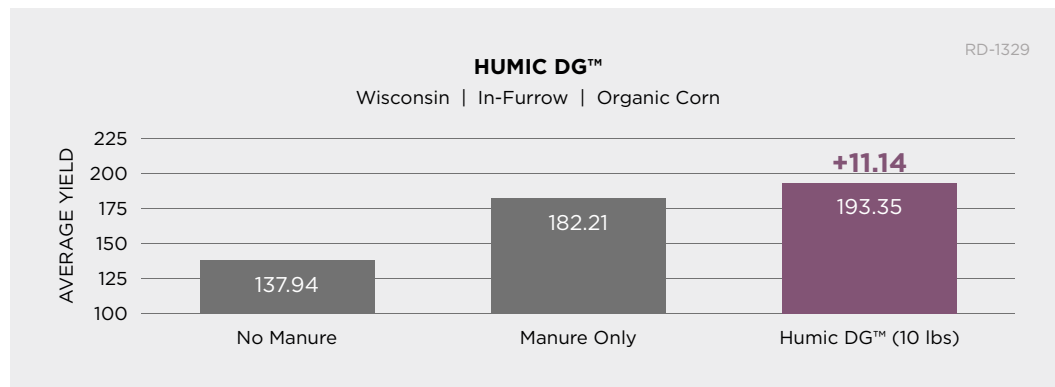
P ppm 58

K ppm 153

Mg ppm 345

Ca ppm 1850

## CORN ORGANIC IN-FURROW STARTER



### PLOT INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

Whitewater, Wisconsin

#### DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

Humic DG™ (10 lbs)

#### TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

#### PLANTING DATE

May 17, 2019

#### HYBRID

Non-GMO Organic Corn  
108RM

#### PLANT POPULATION

35,000

#### ROW SPACING

30 inches

#### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

160 units of N through  
manure

#### SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH	6.8
CEC	16.2
% OM	2.2
P ppm	37
K ppm	144
S ppm	1.9
Zn ppm	3.2
Mg ppm	241
Ca ppm	1316

**CORN** IN-FURROW STARTER, ADDITIVES AND FOLIAR

# FULL SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

## IN-FURROW

Season Pass® Plus Diamond  
with AVAIL® (5 gal)

Sweet 'N Eezy™ (2 qts)

MicroCarb® (1 qt)

## FOLIAR AT V4

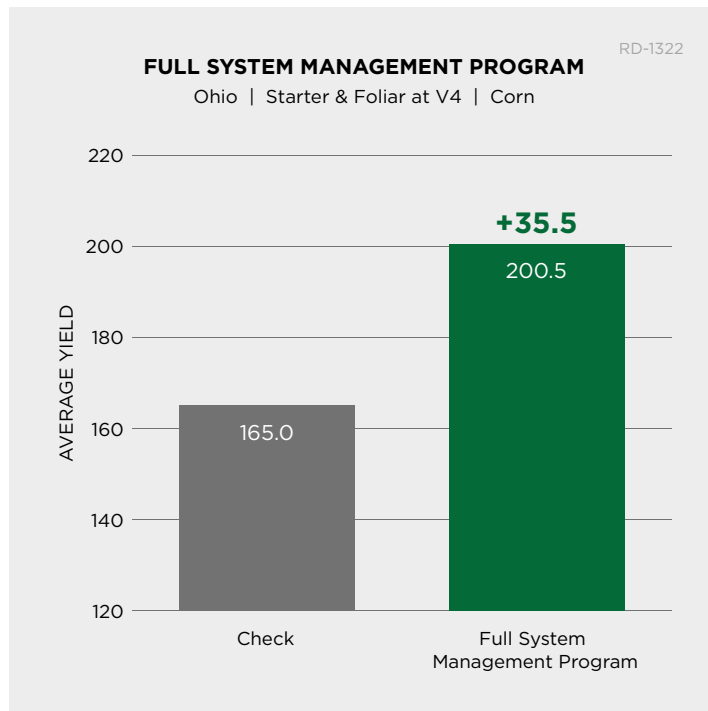
Korrect™ (2 gal)

Over Pass® CF (2 gal)

Phosfix® (1 pt)

MicroNourish® (1 qt)

Sweet 'N Eezy™ (1 pt)



## PLOT INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Troy, Ohio

### PLANTING DATE

June 3, 2019

### HYBRID

XL® 5828AM™

### PLANT POPULATION

32,000

### ROW SPACING

30 inches

### HERBICIDES

Acuron® (3 qt)

Atrazine (1 qt)

Glyphosate (32 fl oz)

### BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

28% UAN (25 gal) applied on  
June 7

28% UAN (60 gal) with  
Nutrisphere-N®/ 0.5% v/v  
applied on June 25

### SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH 6.5

CEC 13.7

% OM 3.90

P ppm 58

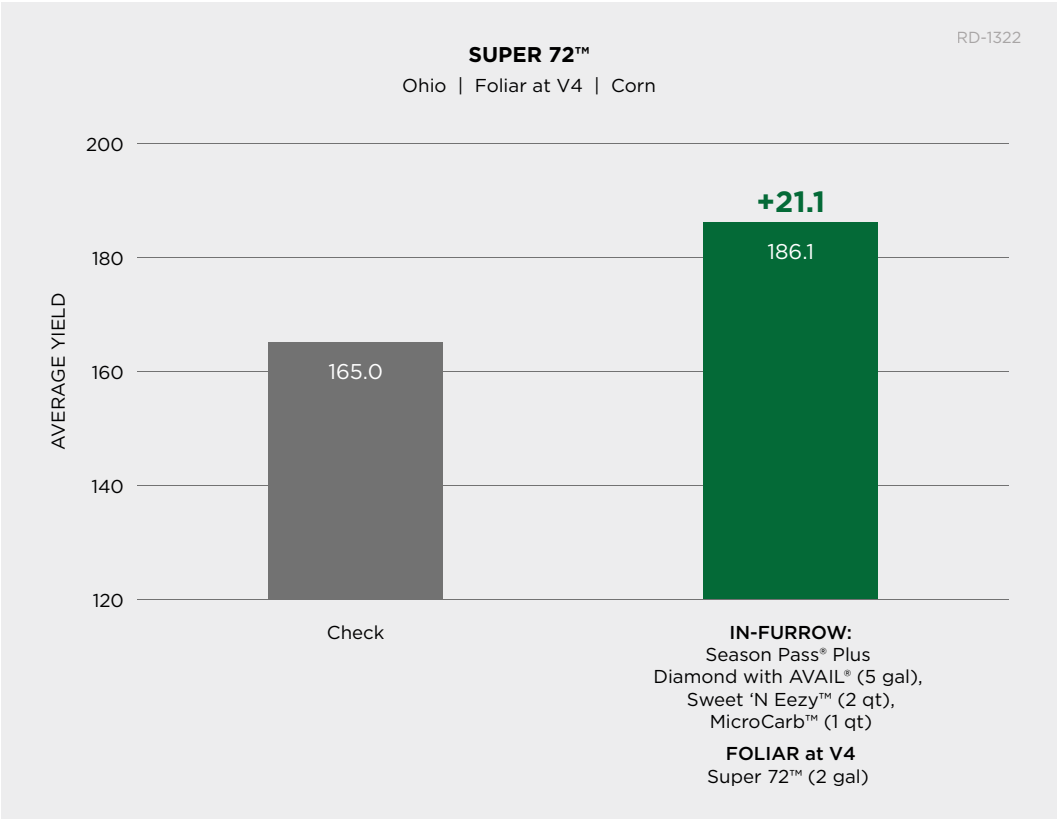
K ppm 153

Mg ppm 345

Ca ppm 1850

CORN IN-FURROW STARTER, ADDITIVES AND FOLIAR

SUPER 72™



PLOT INFORMATION

LOCATION  
Troy, Ohio

PLANTING DATE  
June 3, 2019

HYBRID  
XL® 5828AM™

PLANT POPULATION  
32,000

ROW SPACING  
30 inches

HERBICIDES  
Acuron® (3 qt)  
Atrazine (1 qt)  
Glyphosate (32 fl oz)

BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM  
28% UAN (25 gal) applied on  
June 7

28% UAN (60 gal) with  
Nutrisphere-N®/ 0.5% v/v  
applied on June 25

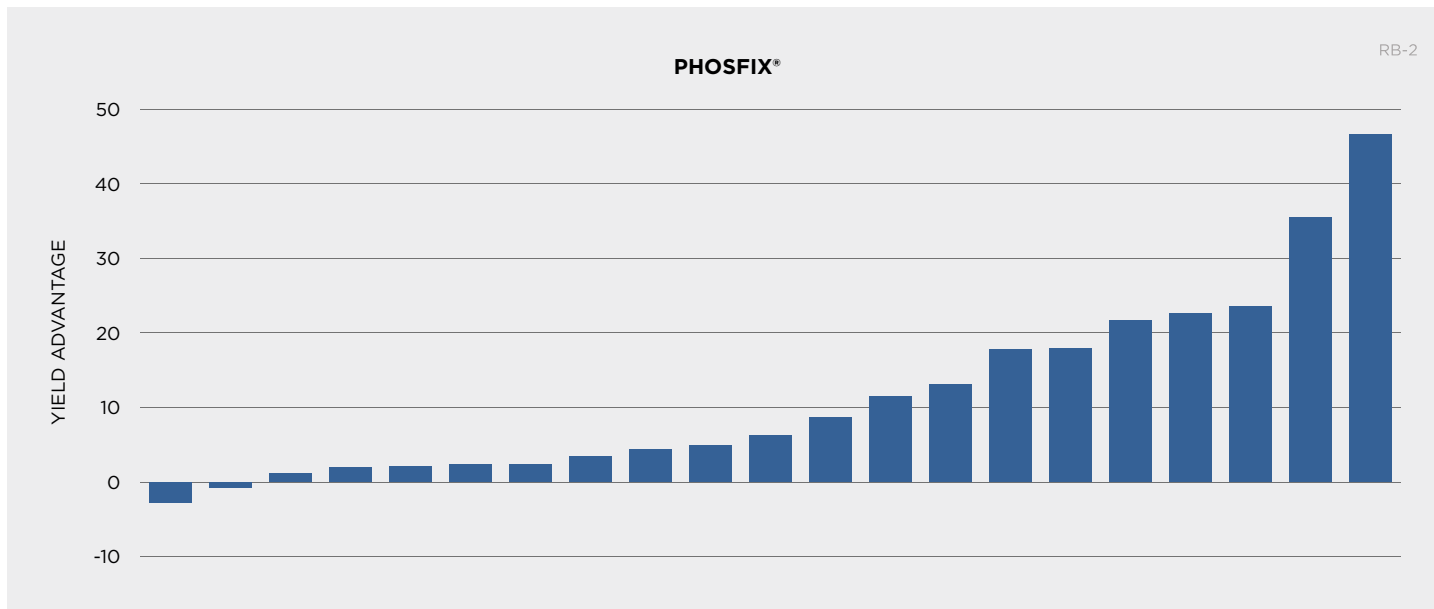
SOIL TEST INFORMATION

pH	6.5
CEC	13.7
% OM	3.90
P ppm	58
K ppm	153
Mg ppm	345
Ca ppm	1850

CORN FOLIAR



Over the course of 21 trials with Phosfix on corn, a positive yield advantage was observed 90% of the time over the untreated control.

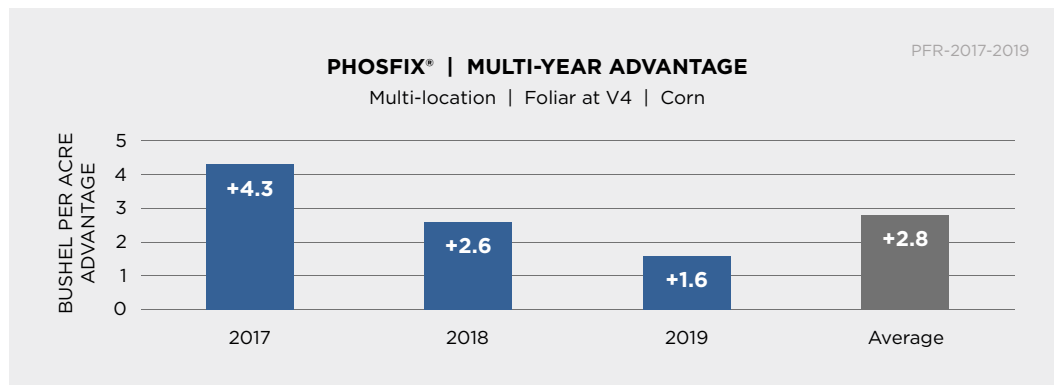
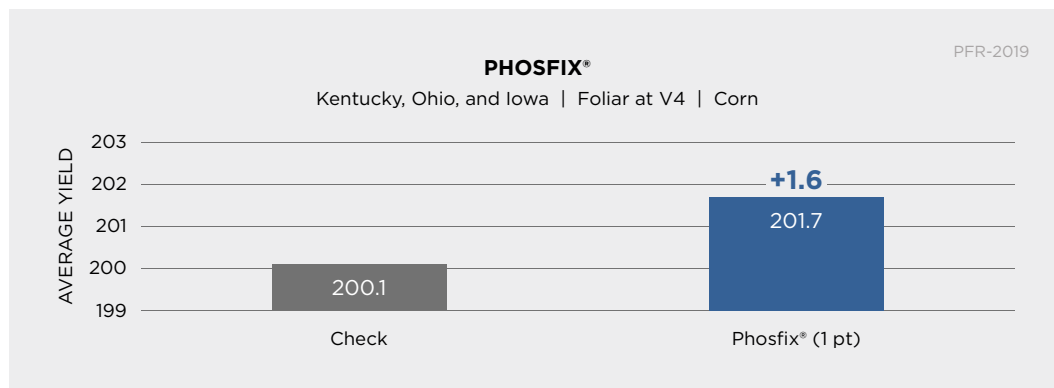


The above graph is a compilation of all foliar corn trials involving Phosfix from years 2014-2019.

Test locations include: OH, IN, IL, CO and KY

CORN FOLIAR

PHOSFIX®



**PFR PROVEN™**



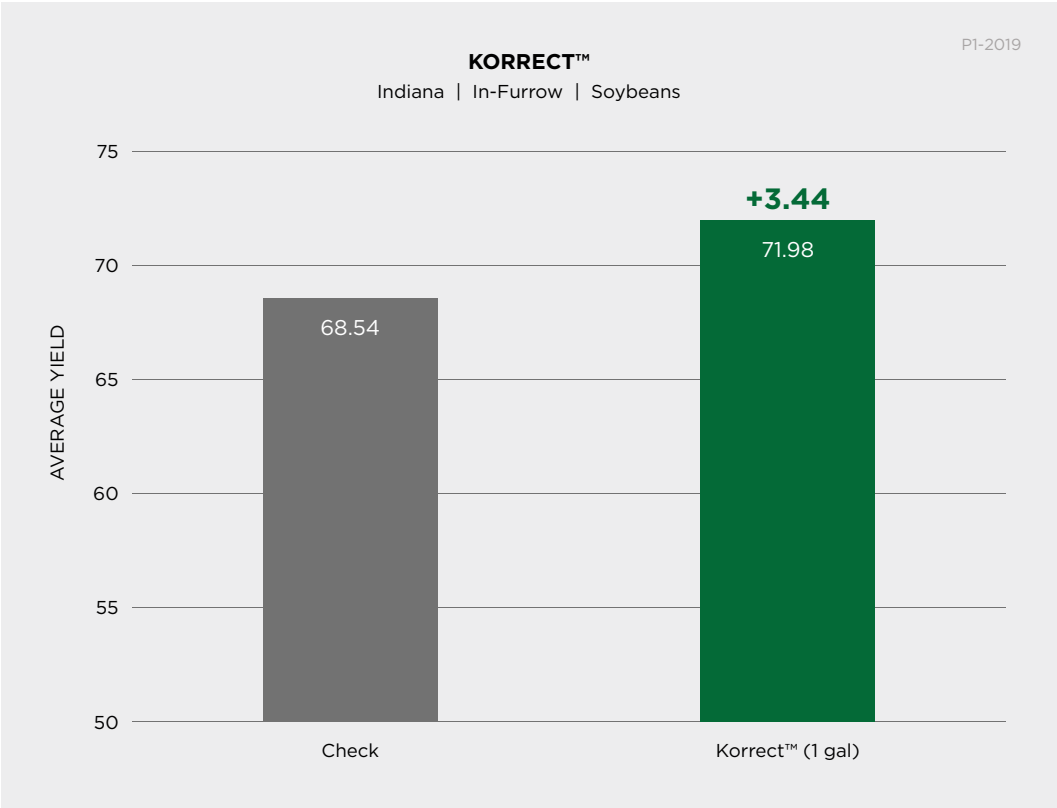
Phosfix is a dynamic product that helps relieve plant stress during critical periods of the growing season. During the V5 growth stage corn is determining the number of kernels around the ear, making this an essential time to minimize stress to maximize yield. Year over year this proves true, and the application of Phosfix results in increased yield. This year, Phosfix has earned the title of PFR Proven™ by providing a positive ROI in the Beck's PFR trials for three consecutive years.





SOYBEAN IN-FURROW STARTER

KORRECT™



PLOT INFORMATION

LOCATION

Walton, Indiana

DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT

Korrect™ (1 gal)

TREATMENT TIMING

At planting, in-furrow

PLANTING DATE

June 14, 2019

HYBRID

P31A22X

PLANT POPULATION

140,000

ROW SPACING

30 inches

HERBICIDES

Durango® (24 oz) applied pre-emergence

Durango® (24 oz) applied post-emergence

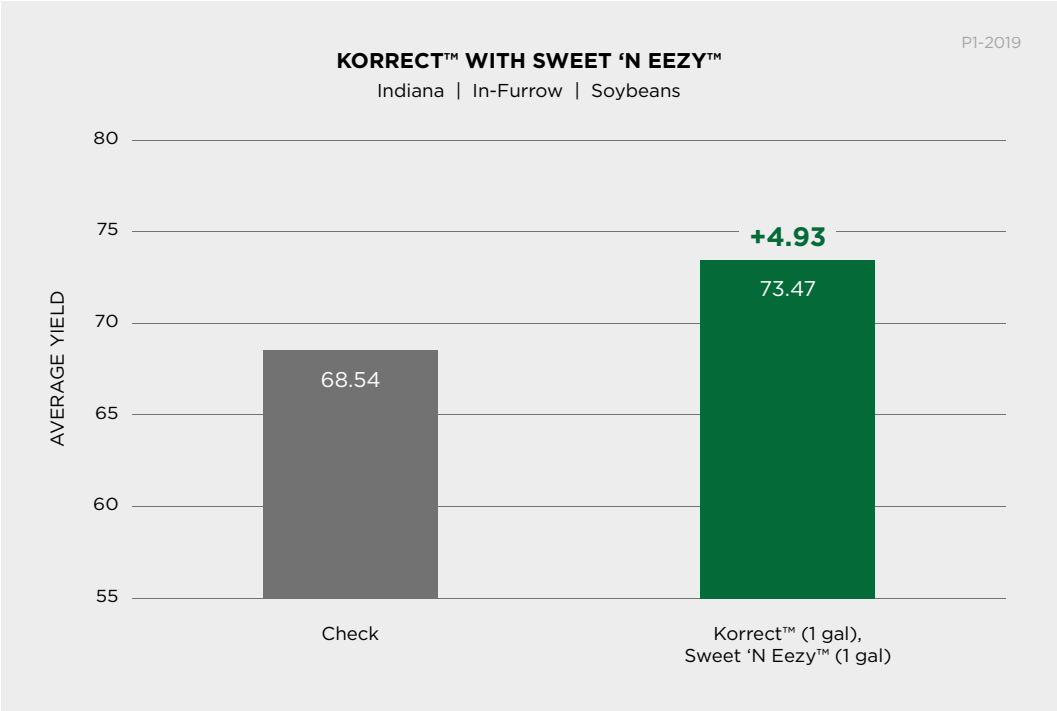
FUNGICIDES

Trivapro™ (13.7 oz)

BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM

Variable rate technology (VRT) according to Tri-State recommendations

# KORRECT™ & SWEET ‘N EEZY™



**PLOT INFORMATION**

**LOCATION**  
Walton, Indiana

**DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**  
Korrect™ (1 gal)  
Sweet 'N Eezy™ (1 gal)

**TREATMENT TIMING**  
At planting, in-furrow

**PLANTING DATE**  
June 14, 2019

**HYBRID**  
P31A22X

**PLANT POPULATION**  
140,000

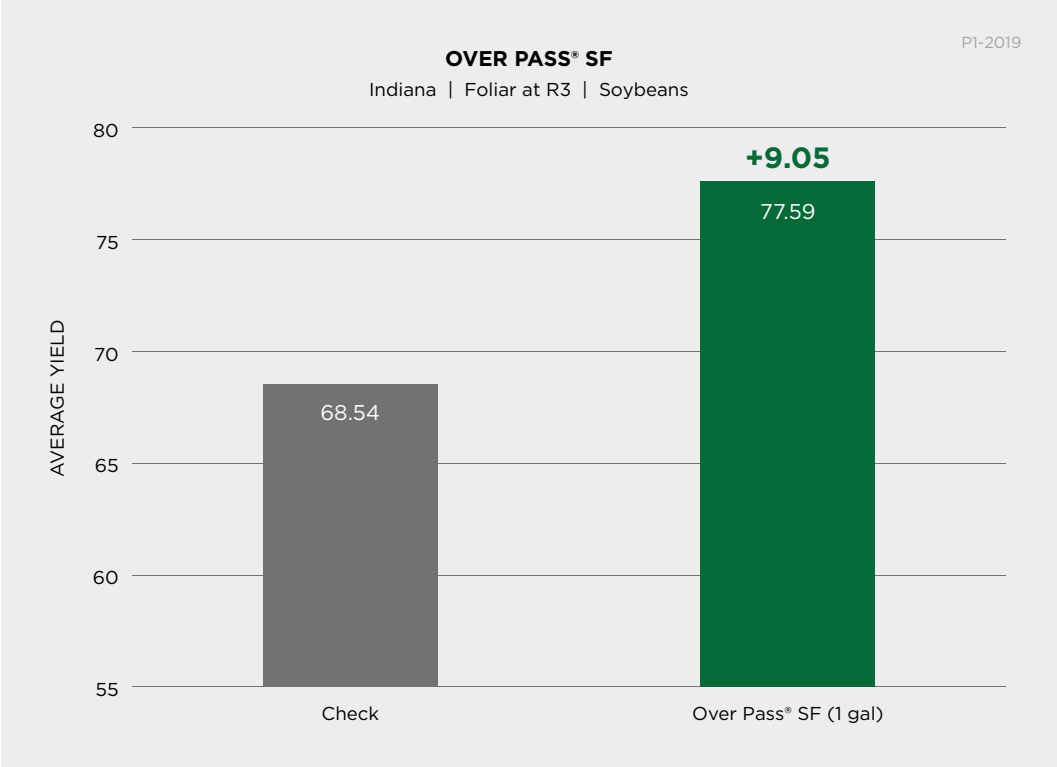
**ROW SPACING**  
30 inches

**HERBICIDES**  
Durango® (24 oz) applied pre-emergence  
Durango® (24 oz) applied post-emergence

**FUNGICIDES**  
Trivapro™ (13.7 oz)

**BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM**  
Variable rate technology (VRT) according to Tri-State recommendations

SOYBEAN FOLIAR



**PLOT INFORMATION**

**LOCATION**  
Walton, Indiana

**DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**  
Over Pass® SF (1 gal)

**TREATMENT TIMING**  
Foliar at R3

**PLANTING DATE**  
June 14, 2019

**HYBRID**  
P31A22X

**PLANT POPULATION**  
140,000

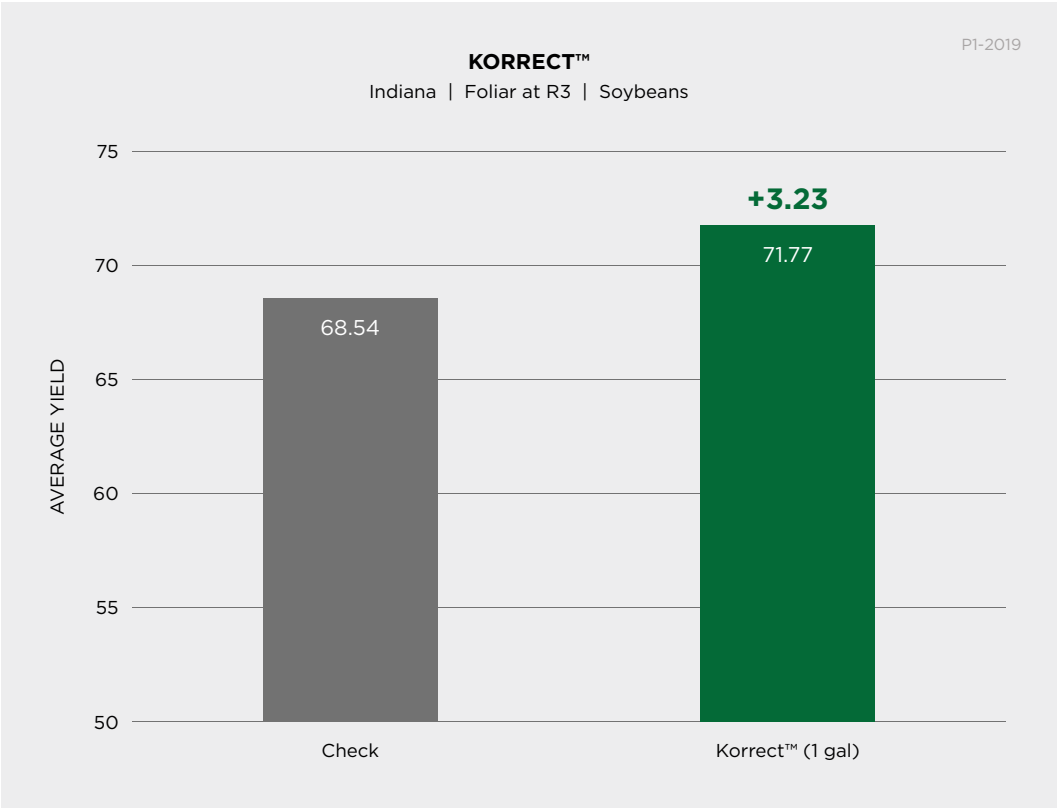
**ROW SPACING**  
30 inches

**HERBICIDES**  
Durango® (24 oz) applied pre-emergence  
Durango® (24 oz) applied post-emergence

**FUNGICIDES**  
Trivapro™ (13.7 oz)

**BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM**  
Variable rate technology (VRT) according to Tri-State recommendations

# KORRECT™



**PLOT INFORMATION**

**LOCATION**

Walton, Indiana

**DESCRIPTION OF TREATMENT**

Korrect™ (1 gal)

**TREATMENT TIMING**

Foliar at R3

**PLANTING DATE**

June 14, 2019

**HYBRID**

P31A22X

**PLANT POPULATION**

140,000

**ROW SPACING**

30 inches

**HERBICIDES**

Durango® (24 oz) applied pre-emergence

Durango® (24 oz) applied post-emergence

**FUNGICIDES**

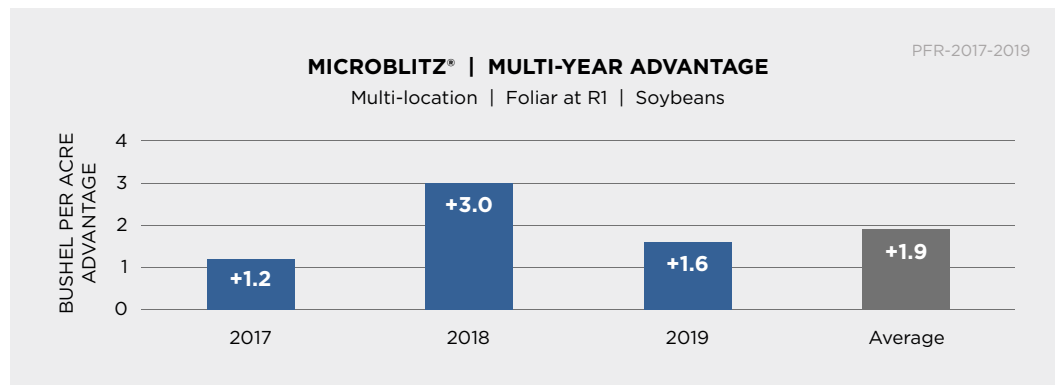
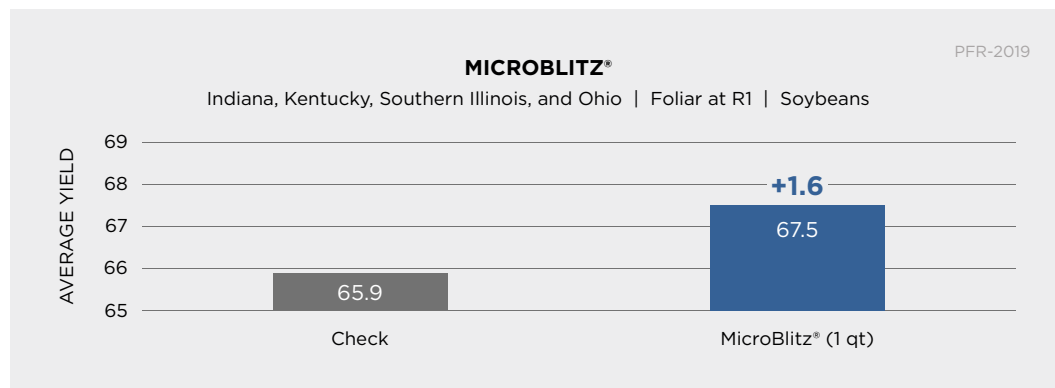
Trivapro™ (13.7 oz)

**BASE FERTILITY PROGRAM**

Variable rate technology (VRT) according to Tri-State recommendations

## SOYBEAN FOLIAR

# MICROBLITZ®



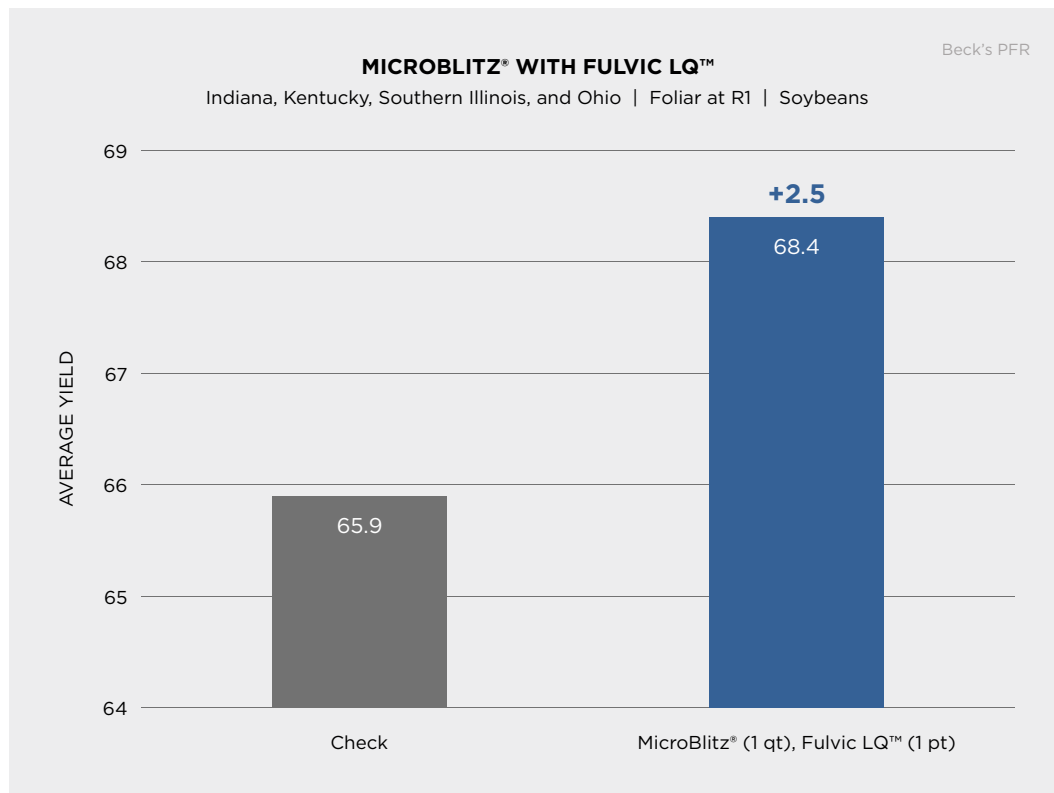
**PFR PROVEN™**



2019 was the third year Beck's PFR tested a foliar application of MicroBlitz at the R3 growth stage on soybeans. These trials resulted in a positive yield increase for three consecutive years, earning MicroBlitz the PFR Proven™ endorsement.



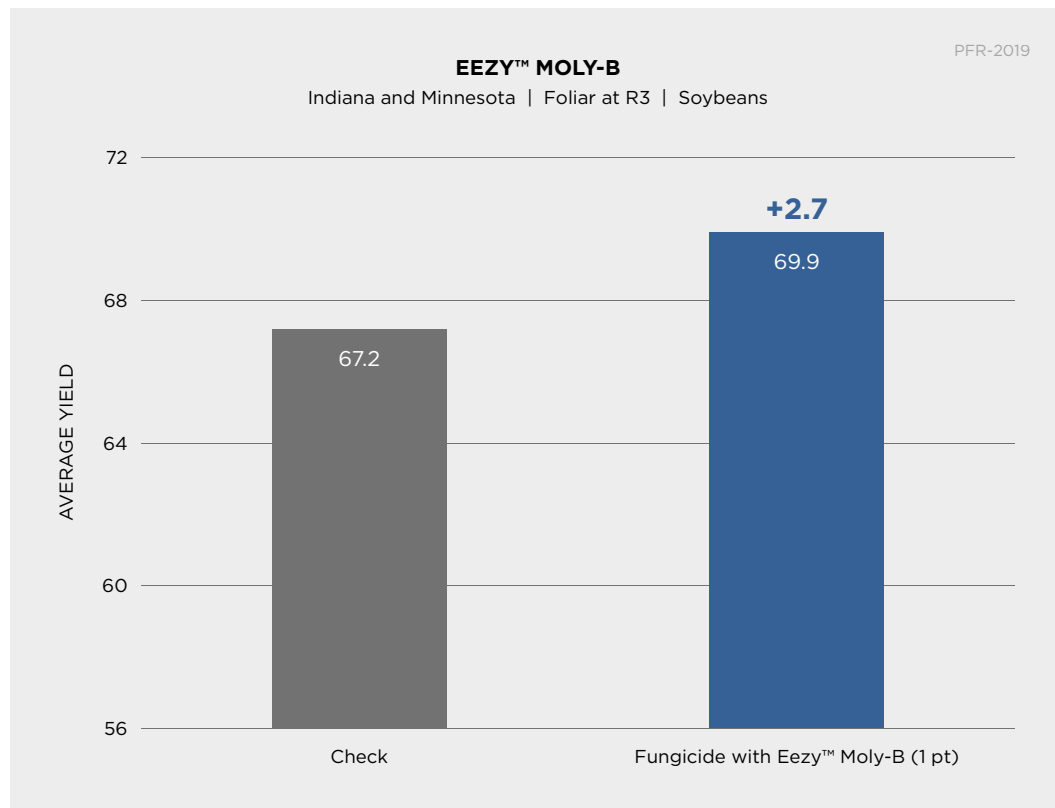
# MICROBLITZ® | Fulvic LQ™



**“Foliar micronutrient packages are intended to bridge the gap during rapid growth and uptake, which sometimes coincides with dry mid-season conditions. In 2019, we experienced wet planting conditions and reduced root systems, which were paired with dry weather during the rapid growth stage. It was a great year to demonstrate the value of foliar feeding.”**

*– Beck's PFR Book 2019, page 125*

# EEZY™ MOLY-B



**“The two locations that conducted this study experienced very different weather patterns. Indiana was dry late and the site has lower organic matter soils. Responses were much larger at the Indiana site compared to Minnesota with its high O.M. soils and ample rainfall in 2019.”**

*– Beck’s PFR Book 2019, page 123*



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