

Apron Maxx (mefenoxam and fludioxonil) Seed Treatment Comparison for Soybeans

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Objective

To evaluate the effect of fungicide seed treatment on soybean stand and yield.

Background

Cooperator:	Ed and Howard Rosebrook	Soil Test:	pH 6.7, P 24 ppm, K 153 ppm
County:	Henry	Fertilizer:	None
Nearest Town:	Deshler	Planting Date:	May 30, 2002
Drainage:	Tile, well-drained	Planting Rate:	225,000 seed/acre
Soil type:	Hoytville clay	Row Width:	7-inch
Tillage:	No- till	Herbicides:	Roundup
Previous Crop:	Corn	Harvest Date:	September 24, 2002
Variety:	Rupp RS4230RR		

Methods

Rupp RS4230RR soybean seed treated with Apron Maxx was compared to the same variety with no seed treatment. Seed treatment was applied at Rupp Seed Company at the recommended rate of 5 fl. oz. per 100 pounds of seed. The seed used was rated at 90 percent germination. The two treatments were replicated five times in a randomized complete block design. Individual soybean plot size was 30 feet wide by 930 feet long (0.64 A). A 20-foot wide strip was harvested from the center of the plot the length of the strip. The soybeans were harvested using a combine with a yield monitor at an average grain moisture of 13.7%.

Spring emergence population counts were taken using the hoop method. Harvest population was determined by counting the soybean plants in 3 feet of row for four rows per treatment.

Results

Table 1. Soybean Population and Yield^a

Seed Treatment	Population at Emergence (plants/A)	Population at V2 (plants/A)	Population at Harvest (plants/A)	Yield (bu/A)
Treated	220,362 a	281,860	181,860	60.4
Untreated	184,488 b	204,990	179,682	58.6
LSD (0.05)	17,425	NS	NS	NS
F-test	33.9	<1	<1	1.4

^aMeans followed by the same letter in a column are not statistically different.

Summary

A uniform stand was achieved for both treatments. Weed control in all the plots was very good. A timely rain allowed crop yields to be near normal for this area.

There were no significant differences in yields among the treatments. The Apron Maxx treated soybeans had a significantly higher stand population at emergence, but final harvest stand populations were not statistically different.

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