Bt Corn Yields

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Objective

To examine the yield performance of new Bt corn varieties.

field cultivate

Background

Crop Year: 1997 Soil Test: pH 7.0; P 23ppm; K 154ppm Cooperator: Tom Weiler Fertilizer Applied: 180# NH₃ pre-plant; 11 gal. County/Town: Morrow/ Chesterville $10-34-0 + 46 \# P_2O_5 + 120 \# K_2O$ Drainage: Herbicide: Dual II 1qt.; Atrazine 1.8#; Systematic Major Soil Type: Millgrove Bladex 1.8# Previous Crop: Soybean Variety: See Methods Fall chisel: Planting Rate: Tillage: 26,700 seeds/A

> Planting Date: April 30, 1997 Harvest Pop. 25,800 plants/A Harvest Date: October 15, 1997

Methods and Results

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	Variety	Maturity	Moisture	Yield	% of
		(# days)	(Harvest)	(bu/A)	Tester
	Countrymark N6800 Bt	112	27.2	198.38	118
	Countrymark N4640 Bt	103	19.9	122.74	72
	Pioneer 35N05	105	22.4	157.76	93
	Pioneer 33Y09	113	28.8	174.26	103
	Pioneer 3335 (Tester)	111	25.3	169.42	N/A

Summary and Notes

The weed pressure in this study was light. The reduced annual grass control in treatments 1 and 4 is due to the lack of rapid soybean canopy closure after application, because the soybeans were only at the second trifoliate at application. Despite the lower weed control in treatments 1, 4, and 7, there was no significant reduction in yield.

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