

# Roundup Ready Soybean Seeding Rate

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## Objective

To determine if Roundup Ready soybean seeding rates can be decreased and yields maintained.

## Background

Cooperator:	Tom Weiler	Fertilizer:	None
County:	Morrow	Herbicides:	PRE: Canopy (3 oz/A) POST: Roundup (1.0 qt/A) \
Nearest Town:	Chesterville	Variety:	Dekalb CX303RR
Soil type:	Chili	Planting Date:	May 4, 1999
Tillage:	Conventional	Harvest Date:	October 4, 1999
Previous Crop:	Corn		
Soil Type:	pH 6.8, P 104 ppm, K 208 ppm		

## Methods

A study using four replicates in a randomized complete block design was used to determine the effect of seeding rates of Roundup Ready soybeans on yields. DeKalb CX 303RR soybeans were used. They had a seed count of 3,200 seeds per pound. We used a John Deere 750 drill and dropped 42 pounds (134,400 seeds), 50 pounds (160,000 seeds), and 65 pounds (208,000 seeds) on a per-acre basis for our treatments. The beans were in 10-inch-row spacings. The plots were 567 feet in length and 30 feet wide. A 20-foot width cut was made in the center of the plots. Yields were determined by weigh wagon.

## Results

Planted Population (seeds/A)	Harvest Population (plants/A)	Yield (bu/A)
134,400	125,000	48.4
160,000	145,500	44.8
208,000	186,500	45.3

F=1.93, treatment mean yields not significantly different at P=0.05  
LSD(0.05)=4.8, CV=6.0%

## Summary and Notes

Roundup Ready soybean seed cost is in the range of \$20 to \$26 per 50-pound unit. Planting at rates of 65 to 95 pounds per acre will bring seed cost from \$25 to \$50 per acre. This is typically two to three times the seed cost for non-Roundup Ready soybeans. From this study it looks as though seeding rates can be dropped and yields maintained. This trial will be repeated in future years.

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