Evaluation of Effects of Foliar Fungicide, Insecticide or Combination Treatments on Soybean Yield

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Objective
To evaluate the effect of foliar fungicide, insecticide or combination treatments on soybean yield.

Background
Crop Year: 2013
Location: Lyons, OH
County: Fulton County
Soil Type: Mermill, Haskins, Rimer
Drainage: Systematic 50 ft laterals, 0-2% slope
Previous Crop: Corn
Tillage: Conventional
Planting Date: May 15, 2013
Fertilizer:
Seeding Rate: 185,000 seeds/acre, 15” rows
Herbicide: Authority pre-emerge, glyphosate post
Harvest Date: October 16, 2013

Methods
This study was arranged in a randomized complete block design with four replications. Treatment plots were roughly 80 feet wide by 2,500 feet long (field length). Treatments were planted with a 1790 JD Planter after light conventional tillage. Seed used was Pioneer 32T80 PR in all treatments. Plots were harvested with a commercial combine. Yield measurements were taken with an Insight Ag Leader monitor.

Treatments
1) 9 oz/ac Aproach fungicide at R1 (one pass)
2) 9 oz/ac Aproach fungicide at R1 and 9 oz/ac Aproach at R3, 7-10 days later (two passes)
3) 9 oz/ac Aproach fungicide and 8 oz/ac Asana insecticide at R1 (one pass)
4) 8 oz/ac Asana insecticide at R1 (one pass)
5) Untreated (no fungicide/no insecticide application)

Results

Table 1. Mean Yield (bu/ac) in Response to Foliar Fungicide & Insecticide applications on soybean

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<th>Treatment</th>
<th>Yield (bu/ac)</th>
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<td>Aproach fungicide (one pass)</td>
<td>64.8</td>
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<td>Aproach fungicide (two pass)</td>
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<td>Aproach fungicide + Asana insecticide (one pass)</td>
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<td>Asana insecticide (one pass)</td>
<td>65.1</td>
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<td>Untreated check</td>
<td>63.3</td>
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LSD (0.05) 1.45; CV 1.44; P value ≤ 0.01
Yes, significant difference between treatments.
Summary
The research was found to show a statistically significant difference in grain yield among the untreated check and both the two pass fungicide treatment (+2.7 bushels per acre) and the fungicide plus insecticide treatment (+3.0 bushels per acre). Further data in the form of multi-year replications will add to the validity of these results.

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