

Corn Arborite Trial Final Report

Objective: To determine how Weyerhaeuser stabilized urea compares to urea and Agrotain stabilized urea applied at several rates at six to eight leaf growth stage.

Location: LSU AgCenter's Macon Ridge Research Station – Winnsboro, LA

Experimental Design: Randomized complete block, 14 N rate x N source treatments, with four replications

Soil: Gigger: Gigger silt loam

Preplant soil analyses:

pH-6.8; OM-1.31%; Ca-1,048 ppm; Mg-245 ppm; P-39 ppm; K-97 ppm;

S-22 ppm; Cu-1.4 ppm; Zn-1.8 ppm

Hybrid: Dekalb DKC66-96

Plot Size: Four-rows wide, 40-inch centers, 50 ft long

Cultural Practices: All LSU AgCenter recommended practices for corn were followed. Dekalb DKC 66-96 was planted on March 18 at 32,000 seed/acre. Applied seven furrow irrigations: 5/16, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/16, 6/30, and 7/7. Treatments were hand-broadcast on 4/24 (7-8 leaf growth stage) on dry soil. On the night of 4/27 a 2.35-inch rain event occurred. Seed samples were collected from each plot and will be analyzed for N. Harvest date was August 11.

Results: Yields were exceptional ranging from 96.9 bu/acre for the no-N control to 220.3 bu/acre for treatment number 8 (Table 1), with a trial average of 196.2 bu/acre. The CV was 5.0% and LSD (0.10) was 11.6 bu/acre. Hand-broadcast treatments were applied on dry soil on

April 24th. A 2.35-inch rain occurred on the night of April 27th. Average seed N and seed N uptake (yield * seed N) for each treatment is listed below.

Table 1. Influence of N sources and rates on corn yield on Gigger silt loam at the Macon Ridge Research Station in Winnsboro, LA, 2011.

| Tmt no. | N Rate lb/acre | N Source | Yield bu/acre | Seed N % | Seed N uptake lb N/a |
|-------------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 0 | None | 96.9 | 1.24 | 67.3 |
| 2 | 100 | Urea | 183.1 | 1.36 | 139.7 |
| 3 | 150 | Urea | 203.0 | 1.41 | 160.7 |
| 4 | 200 | Urea | 194.7 | 1.38 | 150.1 |
| 5 | 250 | Urea | 203.5 | 1.48 | 168.4 |
| 6 | 100 | Arborite Ag Coated Urea | 202.2 | 1.44 | 162.5 |
| 7 | 150 | Arborite Ag Coated Urea | 206.9 | 1.46 | 169.7 |
| 8 | 200 | Arborite Ag Coated Urea | 220.3 | 1.51 | 185.7 |
| 9 | 250 | Arborite Ag Coated Urea | 217.4 | 1.54 | 187.8 |
| 10 | 150 | Calcium Sulfate Coated Urea | 191.6 | 1.39 | 149.1 |
| 11 | 150 | Calcium Sulfate Coated Urea with Arborite Ag | 201.4 | 1.41 | 159.3 |
| 12 | 150 | Urea + Agrotain | 209.5 | 1.49 | 174.3 |
| 13 | 150 | Potassium Sulfate Coated Urea | 202.0 | 1.42 | 160.9 |
| 14 | 150 | Zinc Sulfate Coated Urea | 213.7 | 1.46 | 174.7 |
| Average | | | 196.2 | 1.43 | 157.9 |
| CV,% | | | 5.0 | 3.1 | 6.2 |
| LSD (0.10) | | | 11.6 | 0.05 | 11.6 |