

Nebraska On-Farm Research Network

Narrow Row vs. Wide Row-Soybeans Study ID: 104025199401 1994

Cass County

OBJECTIVE: To determine and document the profitability of narrow row dilled (8 inches) versus wide row planted (15 inches) soybeans.

NARROW (8 inches) WIDE (15 inches)

Treatment: Treatment:

Herbicide: 1.5 pint Prowl, 1 pint Herbicide: 1.5 pint Prowl, 1 pint

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Poast + Poast +

Drill Plant

Harvest Harvest

Comparative cost (per acre) Comparative cost (per acre)

| Seed | \$ 9.84 | Seed | \$ 9.84 |
|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| Drill | \$ 8.97 | Plant | \$ 9.08 |
| Total' | \$18.81 | Total | \$18.92 |

RESULTS:

| | Moisture (%) | Test weight (pounds/bushel) | Yield (13%) (bushels/acre) |
|-------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Row | 10.2 | 49.2 | 64 * |
| Drill | 10.3 | 50.6 | 62 |

^{*} significantly different at 90% confidence level

Summary: In 1994 a new comparison objective was established to look at wide versus narrow

row soybeans in a no-till environment. In 1994, the yield was slightly higher in the row planted soybeans. In 1995, the yield and test weights were significantly

different.

Nebraska Soybean & Feed Grains Profitability Project



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