

Nebraska On-Farm Research Network

NARROW ROWS VERSUS WIDE ROWS UNDER IRRIGATION
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Saunders County

Objective: To determine and document the effect on profitability of the use of narrow rows (18") versus the use of wide rows (36") under irrigation.

WIDE ROWS

NARROW ROWS

Costs:

Seed

Treatment:

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Field Cultivate

Drill: planting rate of 70 pounds per acre

Rouging

Treatment:

Treatment:

Planting: planting rate of 70 pounds per acre

Cultivation

Operations \$41.80 Operations \$47.10

Comparative cost \$51.00 Comparative cost \$56.30

\$9.20

Costs:

Seed

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RESULTS:

Early population

Narrow row 115000 **
Wide row 167000 **

Final population

Narrow row 112000 **
Wide row 82000 **

Population loss

Narrow row 2 4% Wide row 51.0%

Plant height

Narrow row 23.2" **
Wide row 25.5" **

Pod height

Narrow row 6.2" Wide row 7.1" **

Moisture

Narrow row 11.1% Wide row 11.1%

Sample weight

Narrow row 56.5 Wide row 56.4

Yield(13%)

Narrow row 44.9 **
Wide row 46.4

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^{* -} significantly different at 95 % confidence level

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