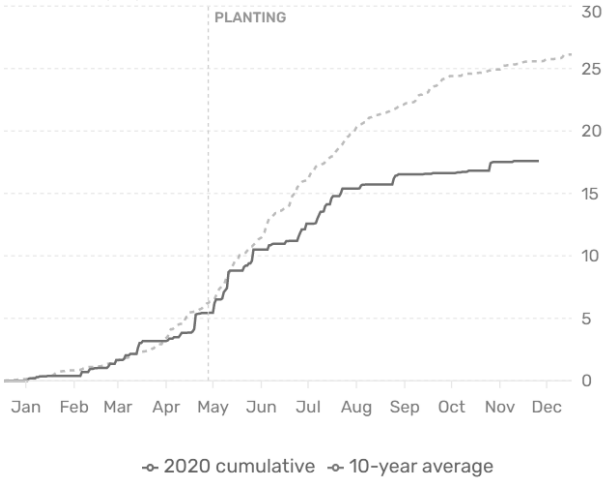
Altura™ vs 10-34-0 in Strip-Till Fertilizer Application on Corn

Study ID: 0709047202001
County: Dawson
Soil Type: Coly-Hobbs silt loam; Cozad silt loam; Hord silt loam
Planting Date: 5/12/20
Harvest Date: 10/23/20
Population: 34,000
Row Spacing (in): 30
Hybrid: Channel® 209-15VT2
Reps: 7
Previous Crop: Soybean
Tillage: Strip-Till, Ridge-Till
Herbicides: ***Pre:*** 24 oz/ac Durango® DMA® and 3 qt/ac Vilify™ on 5/14/20
Seed Treatment: None

Irrigation: Gravity, Total: 12"
Rainfall (in):



Soil Tests (December 2019):

Soil pH	Soluble Salts	OM	Nitrate	Mehlich P-	SO_4-S	Ammonium Acetate (ppm)				Sum of Cations	DPTA (ppm)			
1:1	1:1 mmho/cm	LOI %	lb N/A	III ppm P	ppm	K	Ca	Mg	Na	meq/100g	Zn	Fe	Mn	Cu
6.8	0.5	2.6	17	14	2	404	2971	484	59	20	1.5	19.9	10.3	0.9
7.1	0.6	2.6	17	18	6	378	3407	432	63	22	1.8	18.1	7.4	0.8
6.9	0.5	2.9	17	17	2	398	2396	420	66	17	1.5	28.1	13.6	0.9
6.4	0.3	3.1	14	15	2	378	2071	418	72	15	1.5	28.1	13.6	0.9
6.9	0.5	2.8	12	23	15	361	2409	373	85	16	0.8	22.9	10.5	0.6
6.9	0.5	2.7	10	15	2	328	2542	423	71	17	0.4	21.7	10.1	0.6
7.0	0.4	2.5	12	15	2	254	2271	365	73	15	0.7	15.2	7.9	0.6

Introduction: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the impact of Altura™ fertilizer versus 10-34-0 fertilizer. Altura™ is a 7-21-0 fertilizer with 6% organic matter derived from leonardite, 1% gluconic acid, and 0.2% zinc. The two treatments were applied with strip-till on May 11, 2020:

Check: 15 gal/ac 32% UAN, 5 gal/ac 12-0-0-26S, 0.25 gal/ac chelated zinc, and 15 gal/ac 10-34-0.

Altura™: 15 gal/ac 32% UAN, 5 gal/ac 12-0-0-26S, 0.25 gal/ac chelated zinc, and 5 gal/ac Altura™.

Additional fertilizer on the field was the same for both treatments and included an in-furrow starter fertilizer application of 1 gal/ac Altura™, 1 gal/ac ReaX™ K, and 0.5 gal/ac ReaX™ Zn on May 12, 2020, and a sidedress application of 43 gal/ac 32% UAN and 8 gal/ac 12-0-0-26S on June 24, 2020. A previous cover crop of wheat, turnip, and rapeseed was terminated on April 30, 2020. This study will be continued for 3 years with treatment applied to the same strips to document if soil fertility levels change with the use of Altura™.

Results:

	Early Season Stand Count (plants/ac)	Harvest Stand Count (plants/ac)	Moisture (%)	Yield (bu/ac)†	Marginal Net Return‡ ($/ac)
Check (10-34-0)	30,952 A*	30,667 A	18.5 A	190 A	632.01 A
Altura™	32,667 A	31,191 A	18.5 A	188 A	623.74 A
P-Value	0.261	0.406	0.573	0.545	0.545

*Values with the same letter are not significantly different at a 90% confidence level.
†Bushels per acre corrected to 15.5% moisture.
‡Marginal net return based on $3.51/bu corn, $38.45 for strip-till with 10-34-0, and $35.00 for starter with Altura™.

Summary: The treatments did not result in differences in early season or at harvest stand counts. After one year of the study, there were no statistically significant differences in grain yield or marginal net return.

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