

EFFECTS OF FUNGICIDE AND PLANTING DATE ON SOYBEAN YIELD

TRIAL OVERVIEW

- In many cases, a foliar fungicide application can protect soybean plant health and help maintain the yield potential of the product.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

- The objective of this trial is to help determine the effect of a foliar fungicide application on soybean yield potential with respect to planting date.

Location	Soil	Previous Crop	Tillage Type	Planting Date	Harvest Date	Potential Yield/Acre	Planting Rate/Acre
Monmouth, IL	Silt Loam	Corn	Conventional	04/25/2017	10/18/2017	70 bu/acre	130,000 seeds/acre
Monmouth, IL	Silt Loam	Corn	Conventional	05/30/2017	10/18/2017	70 bu/acre	130,000 seeds/acre

SITE NOTES:

- The trial used a 3.6 RM soybean product with Roundup Ready 2 Xtend® technology.
- The trial was replicated twice.
- Two planting dates:
 - April 25, 2017
 - May 30, 2017
- Foliar fungicide application dates depended on the plants reaching the R3 growth stage:
 - April 25 planting date was sprayed on July 20, 2017
 - May 30 planting date was sprayed on August 7, 2017

UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS

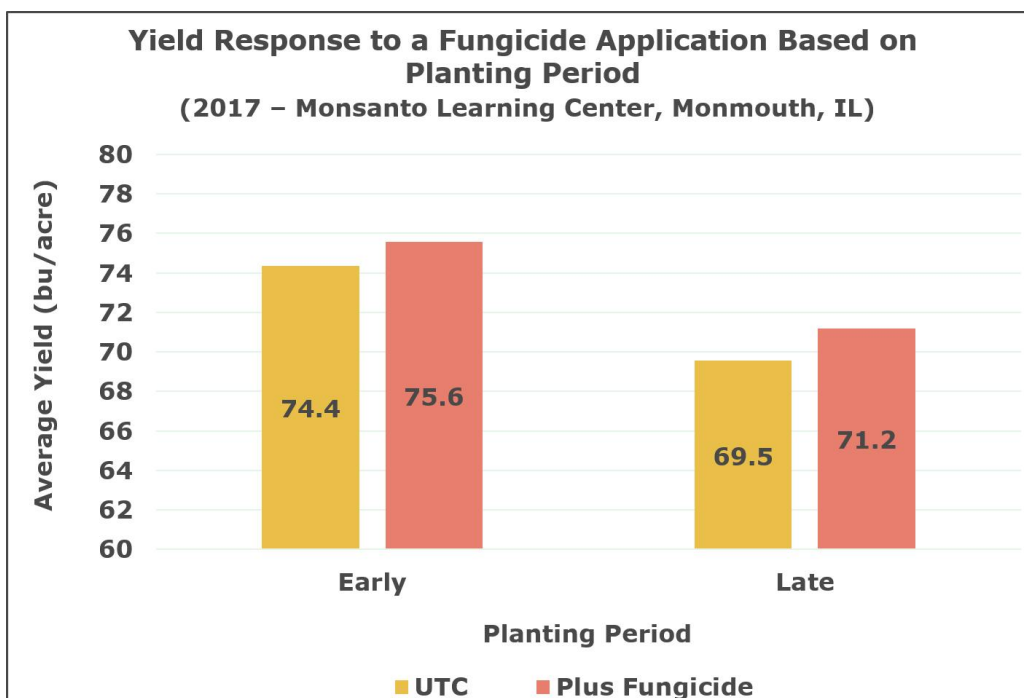


Figure 1. Yield response to a fungicide application based on planting period (2017 - Monsanto Learning Center, Monmouth, IL)

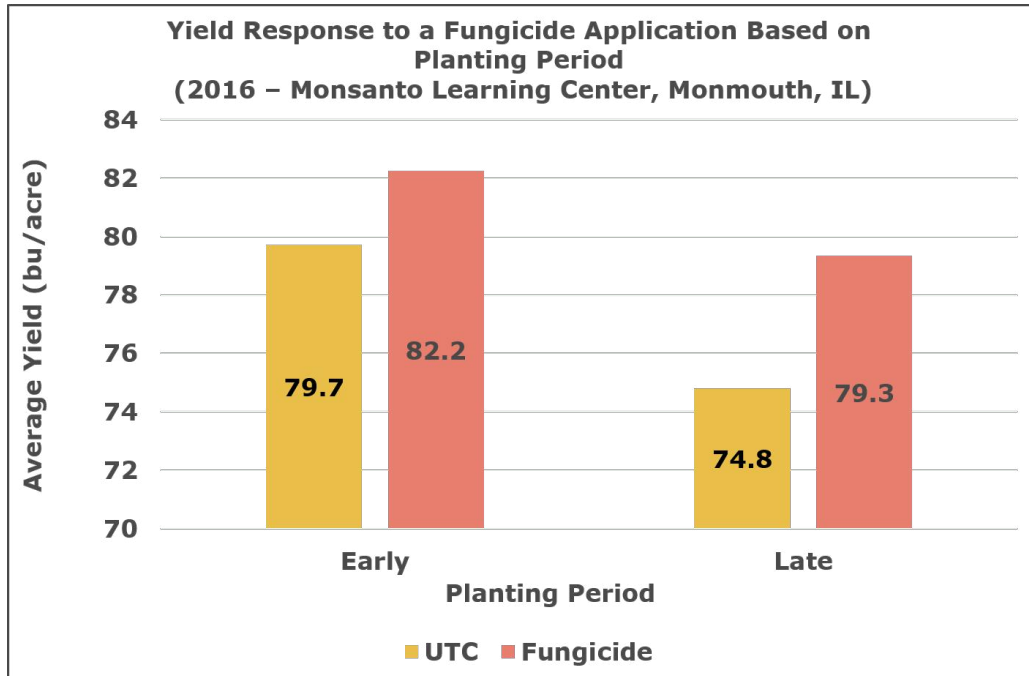


Figure 2. Yield response to a fungicide application based on planting period (2016 - Monsanto Learning Center, Monmouth, IL).

- A fungicide application showed little effect on soybean yield in 2017 (Figure 1).
- The early planting led to a substantial advantage over the late planting in 2017 (Figure 1).
- A very low disease incidence occurred in 2017 because of cooler and drier than normal conditions.
- In years such as 2016, when disease incidence was higher, a fungicide application can do more to protect yield potential (Figure 2).

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR FARM?

- The benefit of fungicide applications will vary from year to year.
- Scouting regularly is the recommended way to determine if a fungicide application can be beneficial.
- Over the majority of years, early-planted soybean crops tend to out-perform later-planted crops fairly consistently.
- Early planting assumes that the soil and weather conditions are suitable for seedbed preparation and seed germination.
- Individual fungicide application results may vary based on disease presence. Consult your local seed provider for recommendations.

SOURCES

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