



# Wheat Program Update

## Yield and Protein Determination

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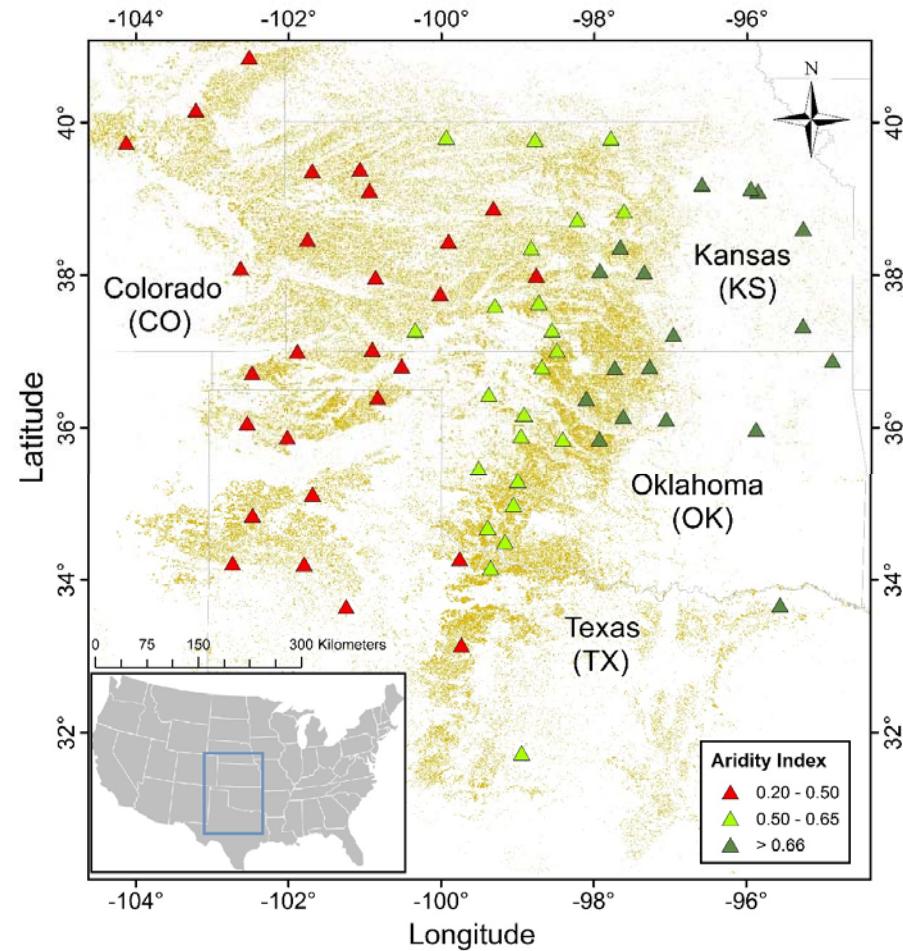
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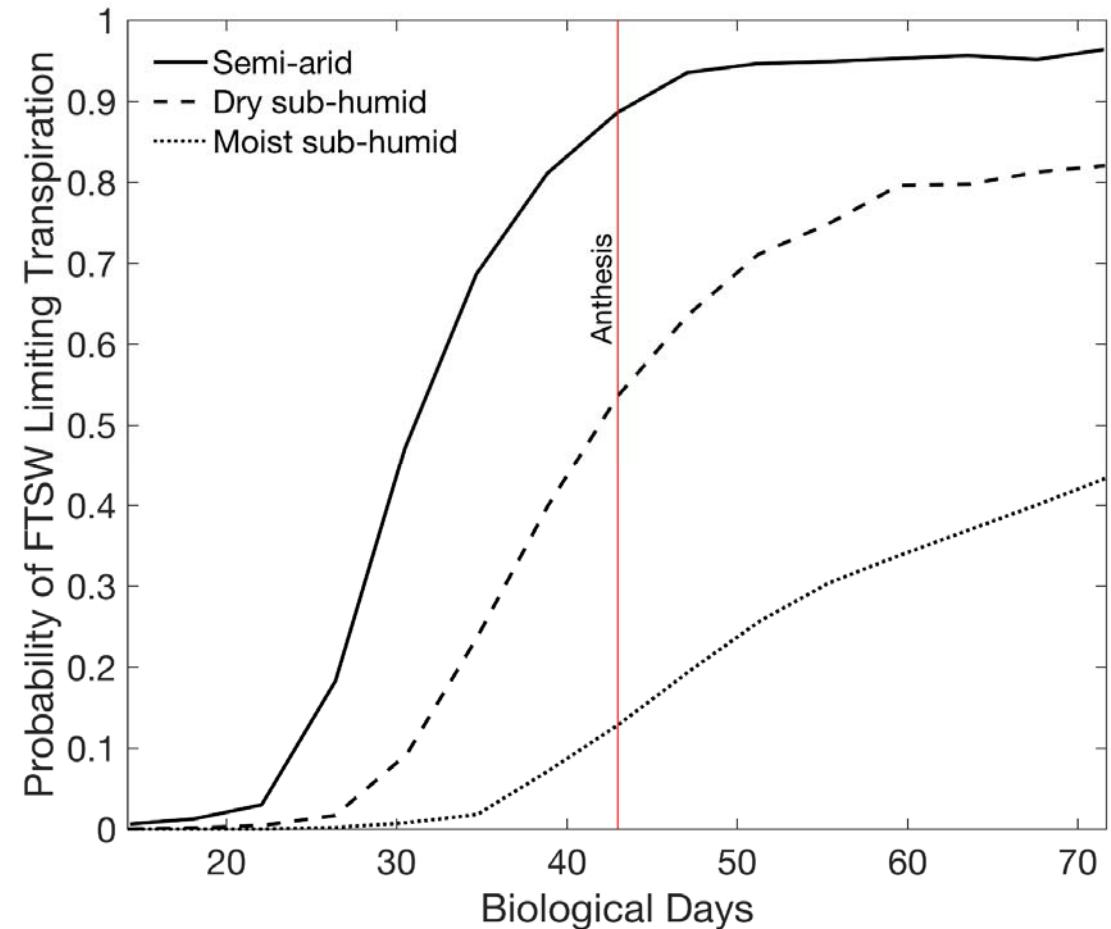
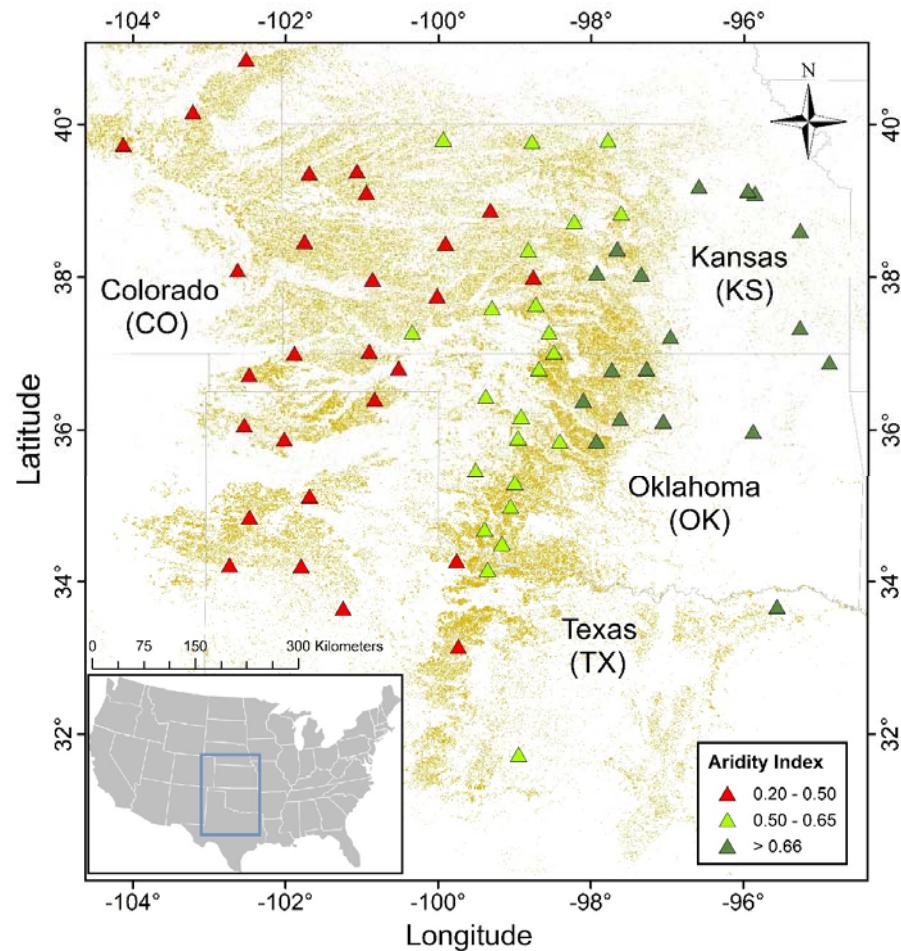
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- 68 locations
- 1986 – 2016 daily weather data
- Simulation of wheat growth and development
  - Tmax
  - Tmin
  - Solar radiation
  - Precipitation
- Optimum sowing date and rate
- Predominant soil type

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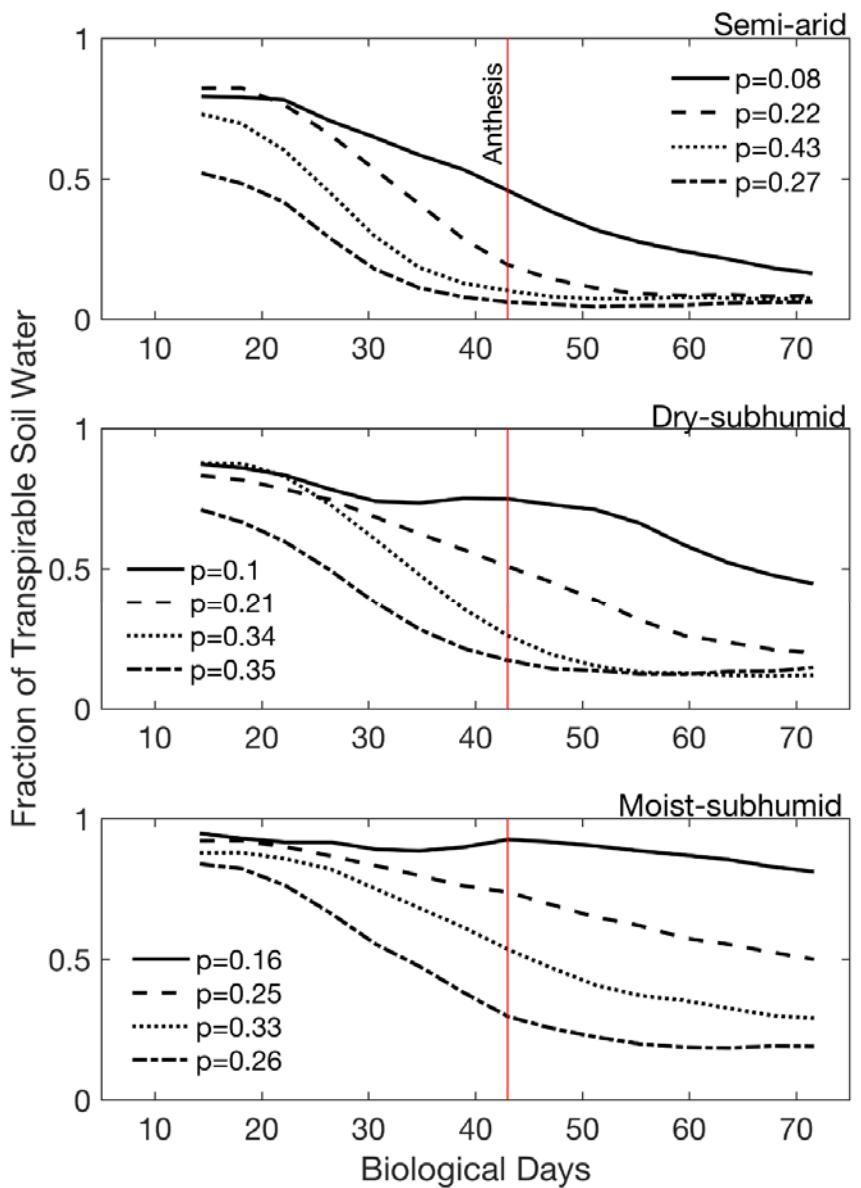


## Available soil water dynamics

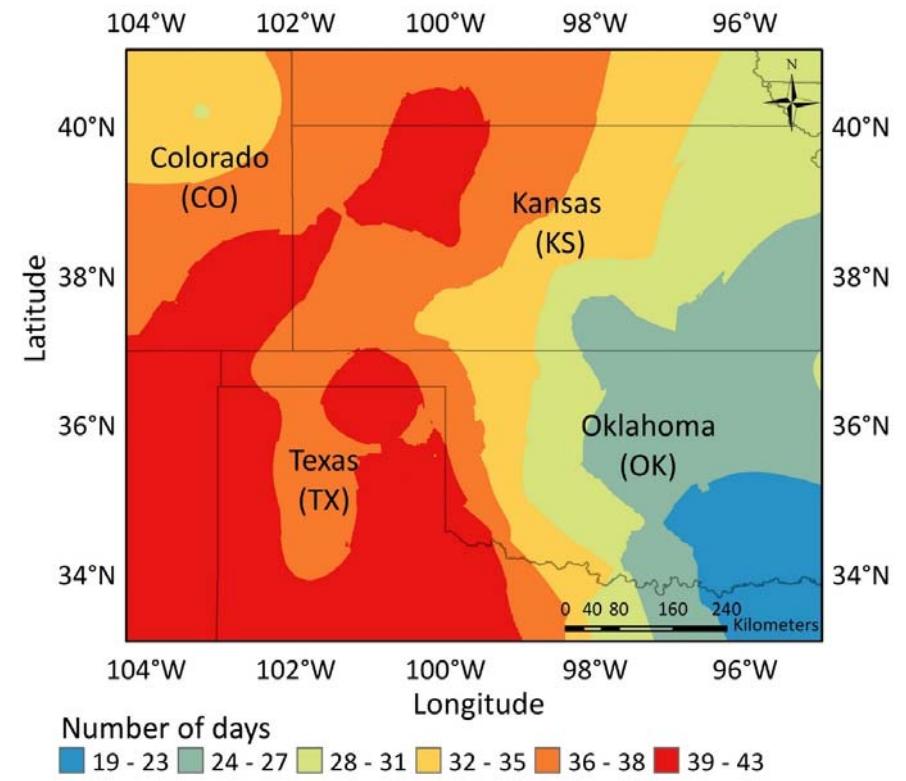
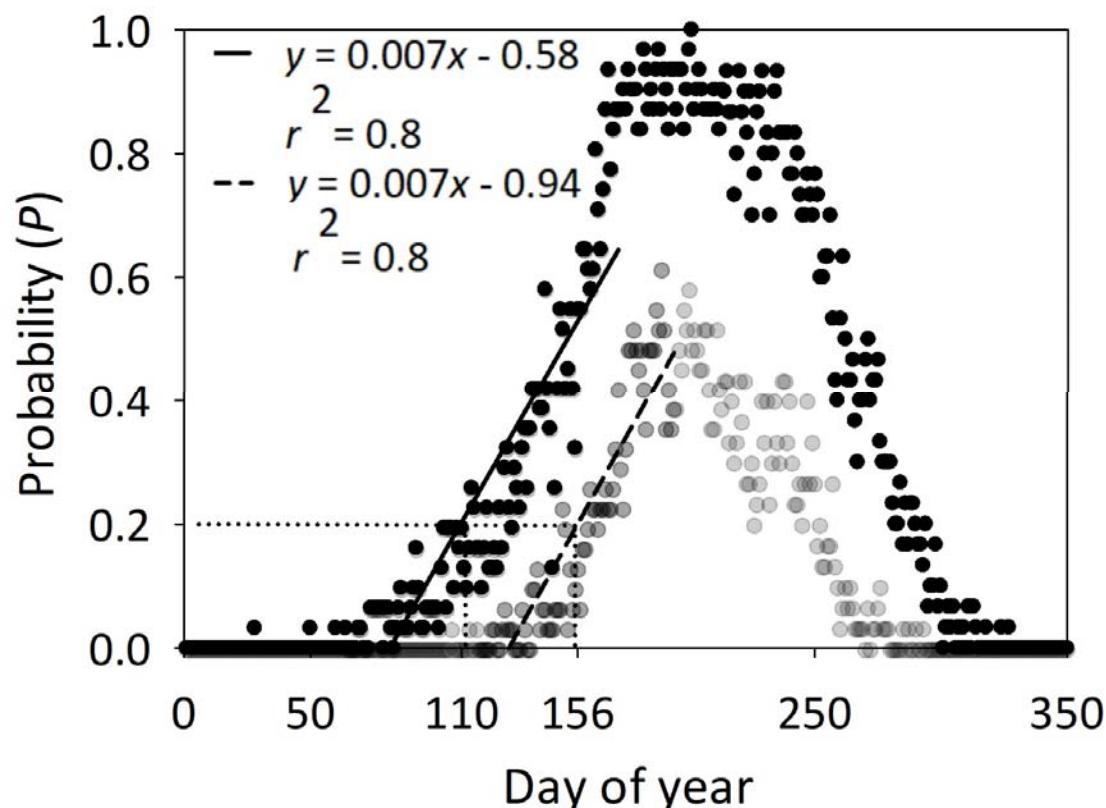
January – Maturity

Water deficit after flowering

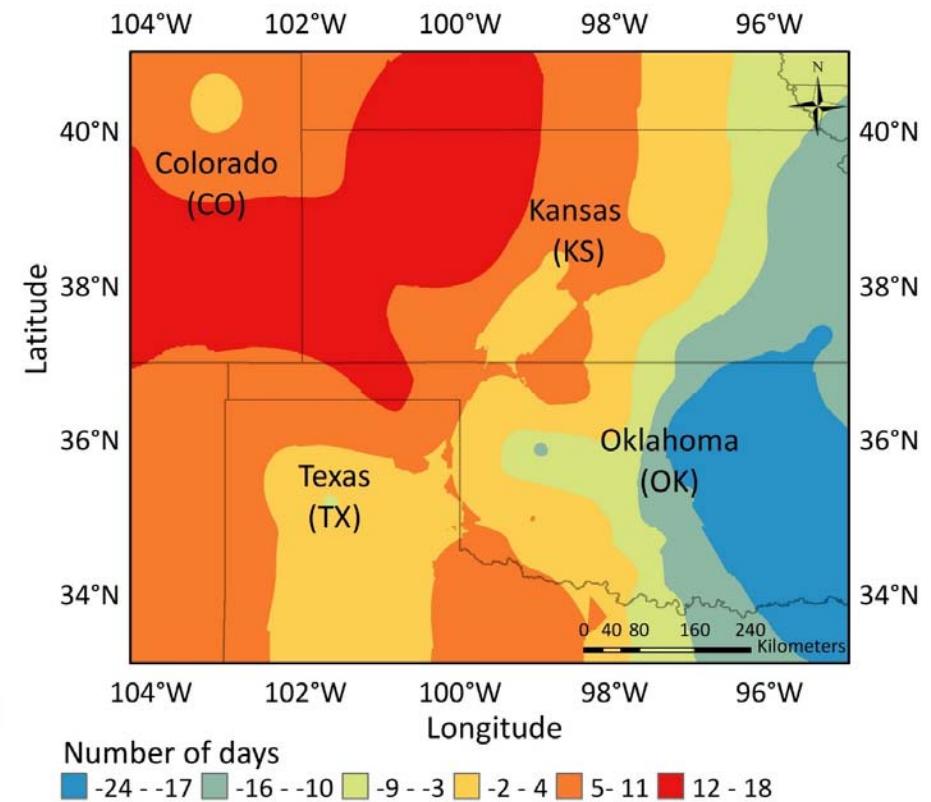
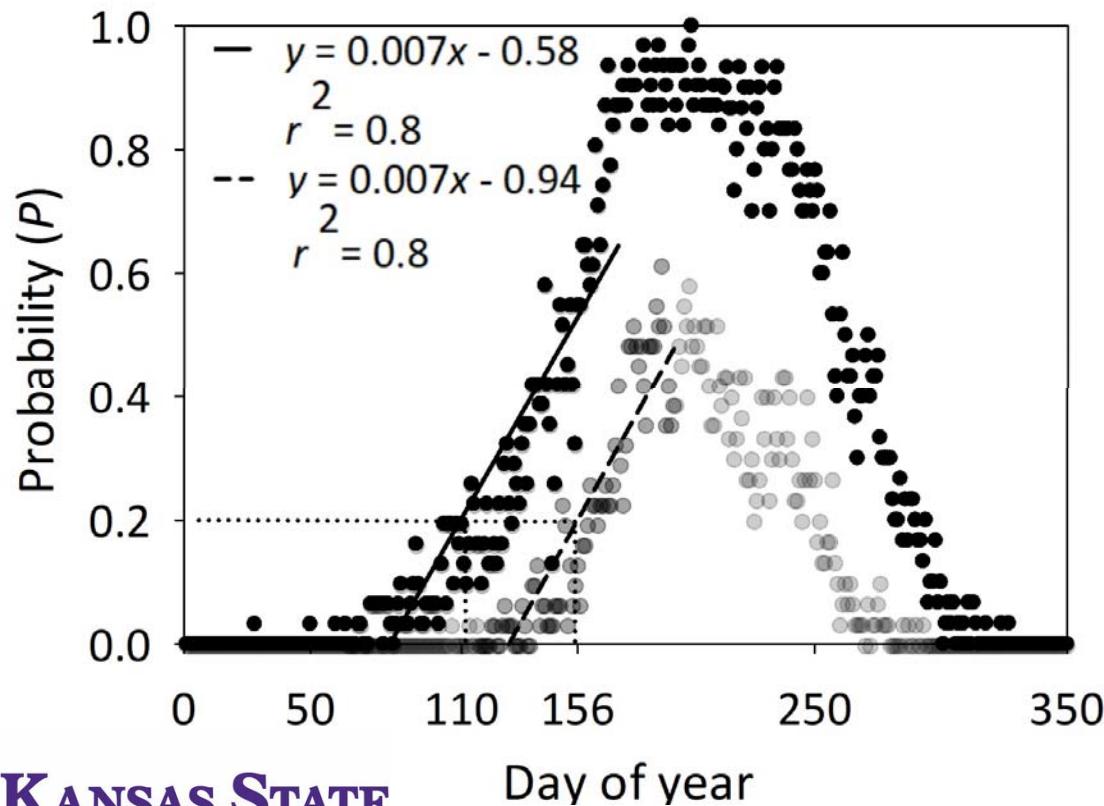
- Semi-arid: 92%
- Dry-subhumid: 69%
- Moist-subhumid: 59%



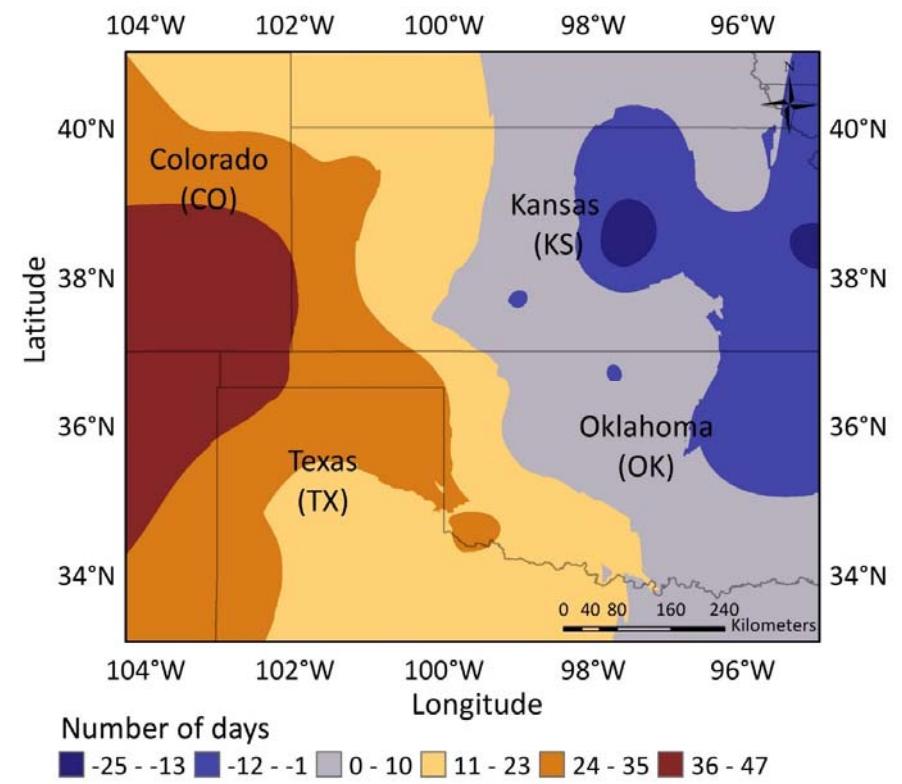
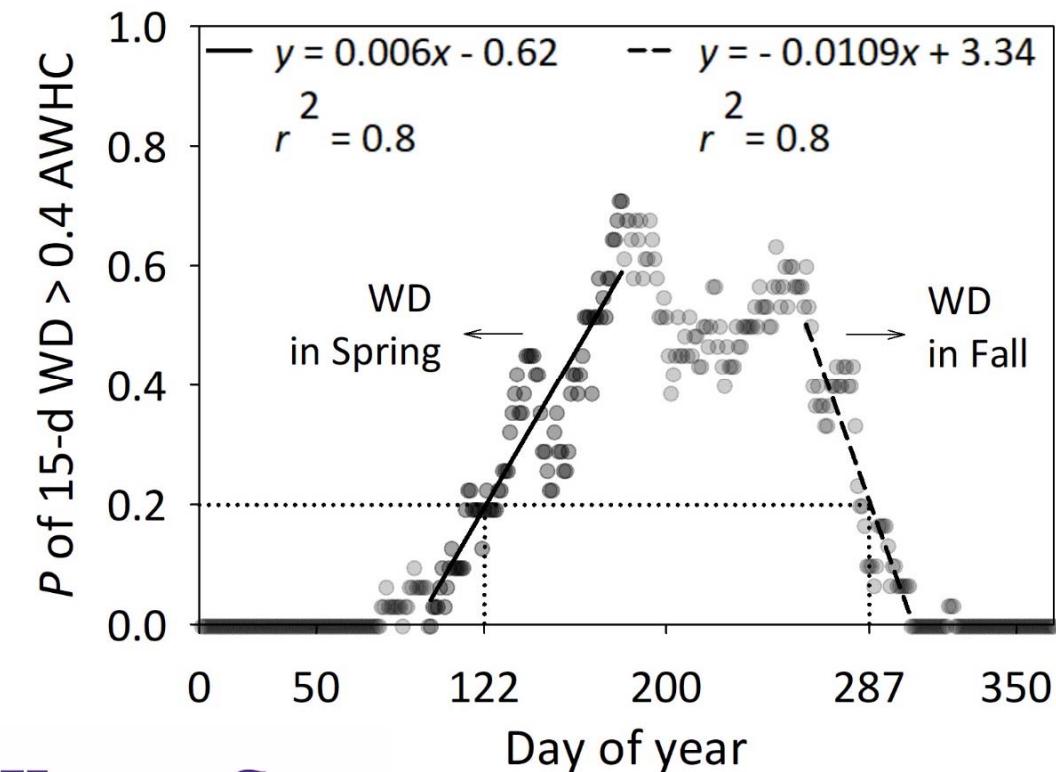
# Probability of Tmax > 27°C flowering



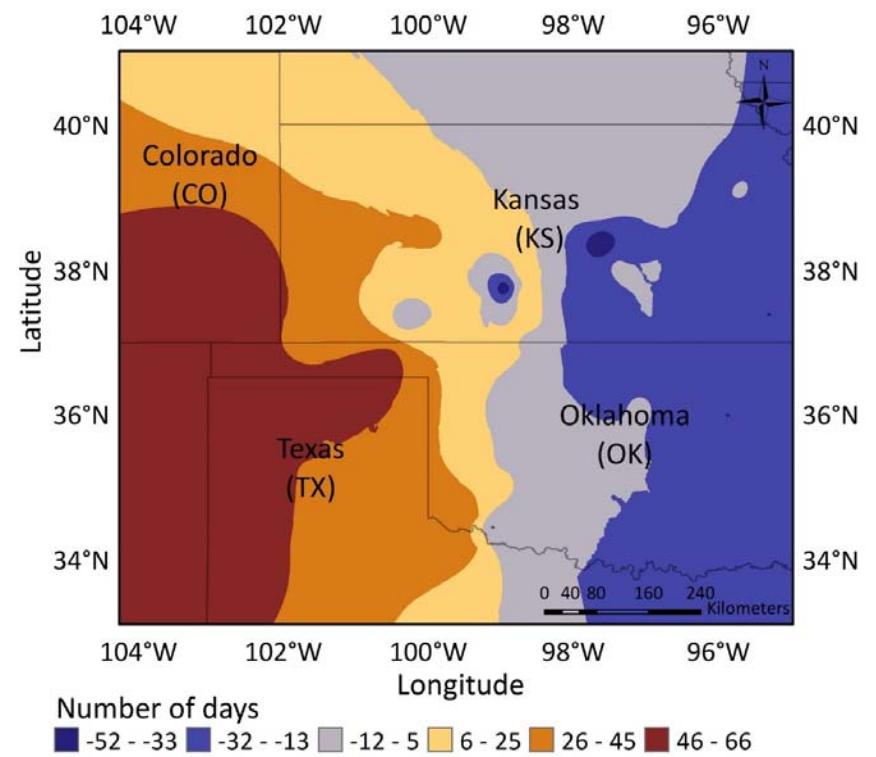
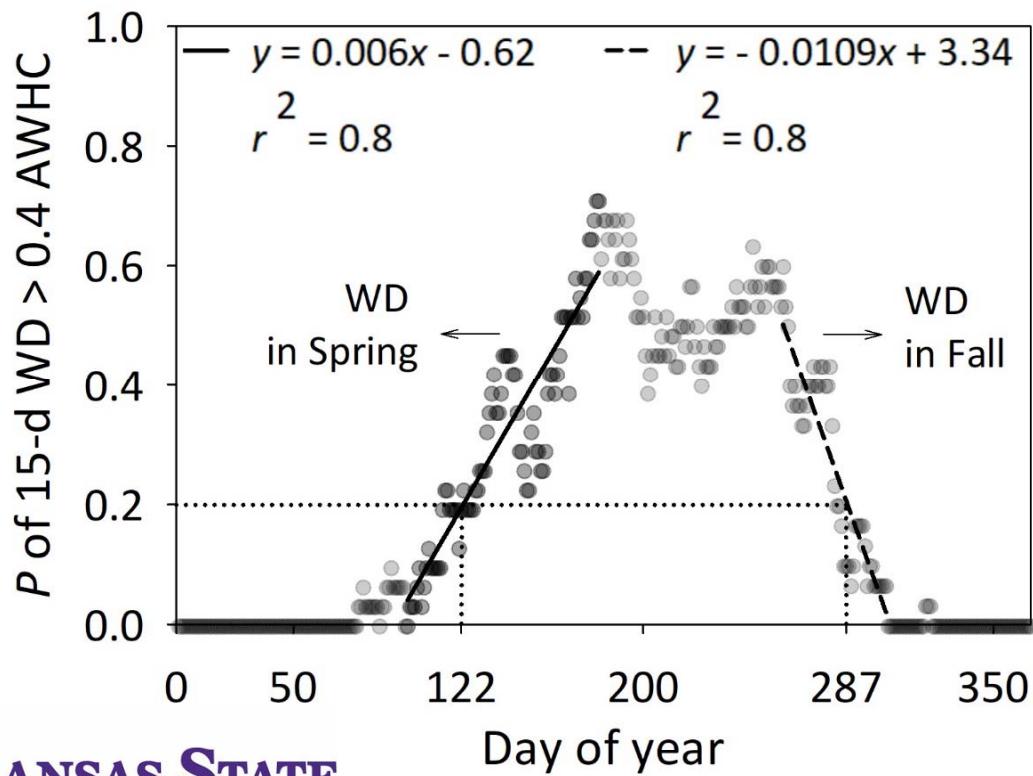
# Probability of Tmax > 33°C grain fill



# Probability of drought: fall



# Probability of drought: spring



# Modern *versus* historical wheat varieties

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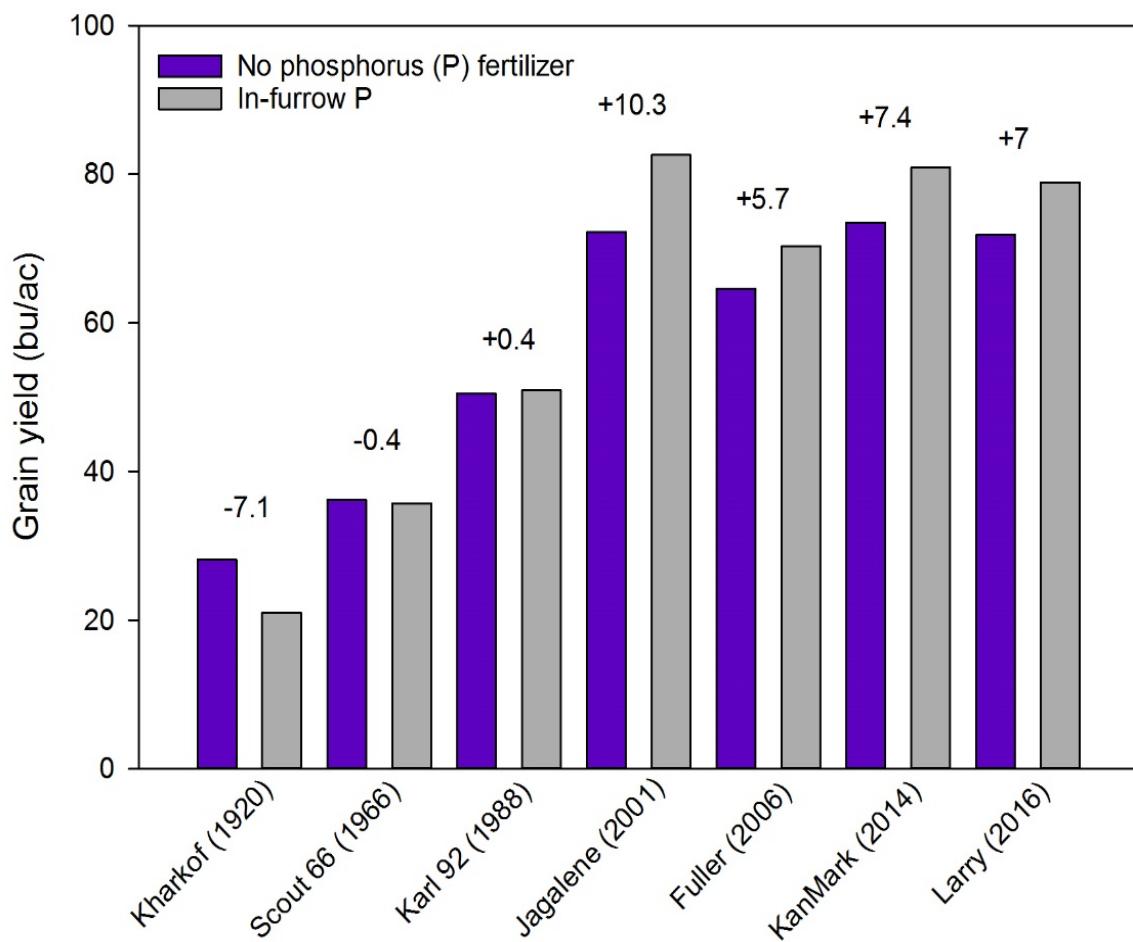
## **Seven wheat varieties:**

- Kharkof (1920)
- Scout 66 (1966)
- Karl 92 (1988)
- Jagalene (2001)
- Fuller (2006)
- KanMark (2014)
- Larry (2016)

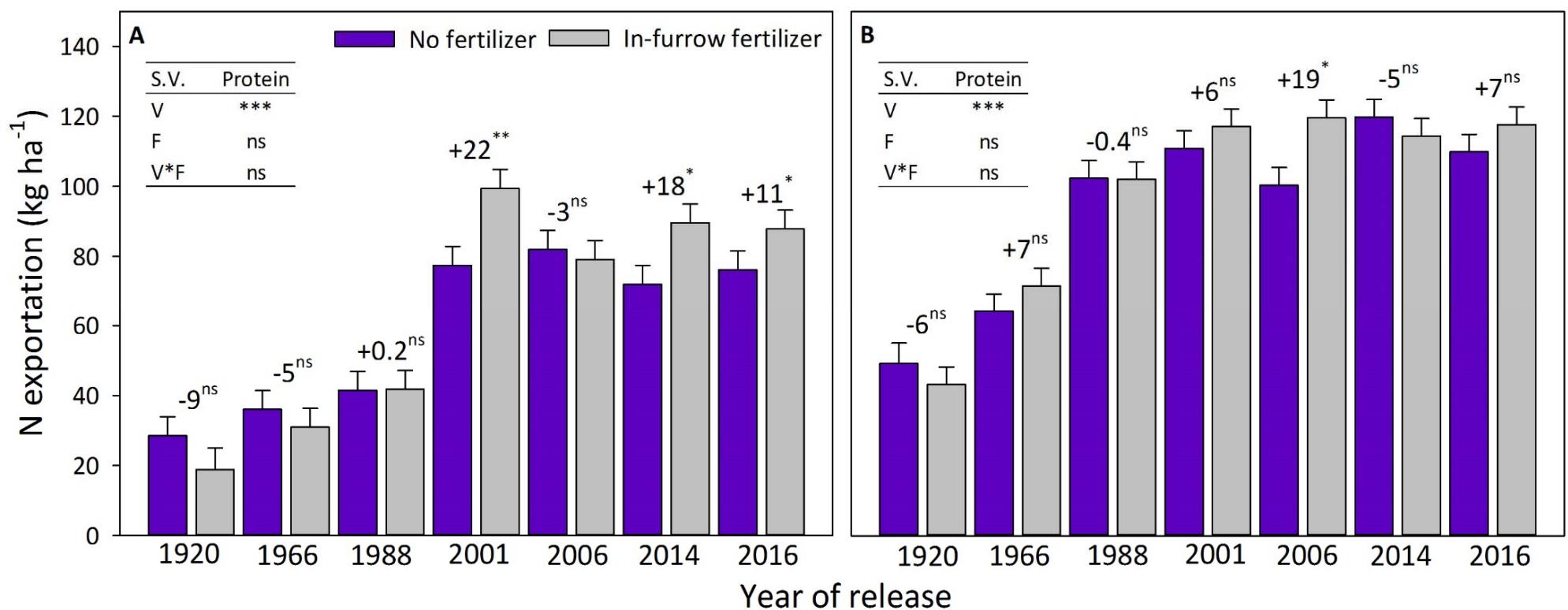
## **Two fertilizer practices:**

- No in-furrow fertilizer
- 100 lbs/ac in-furrow 12-40-00-10-1 (MESZ)

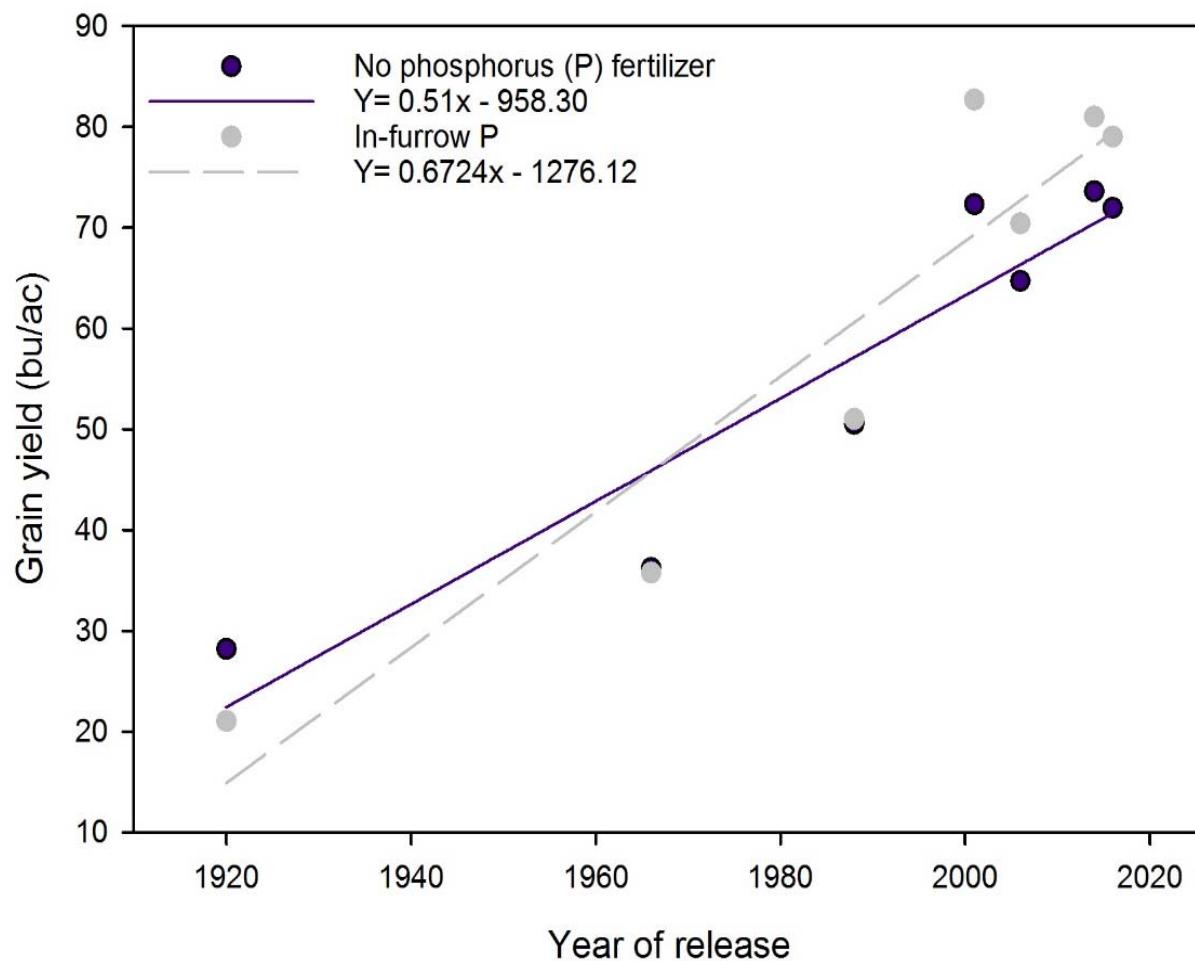
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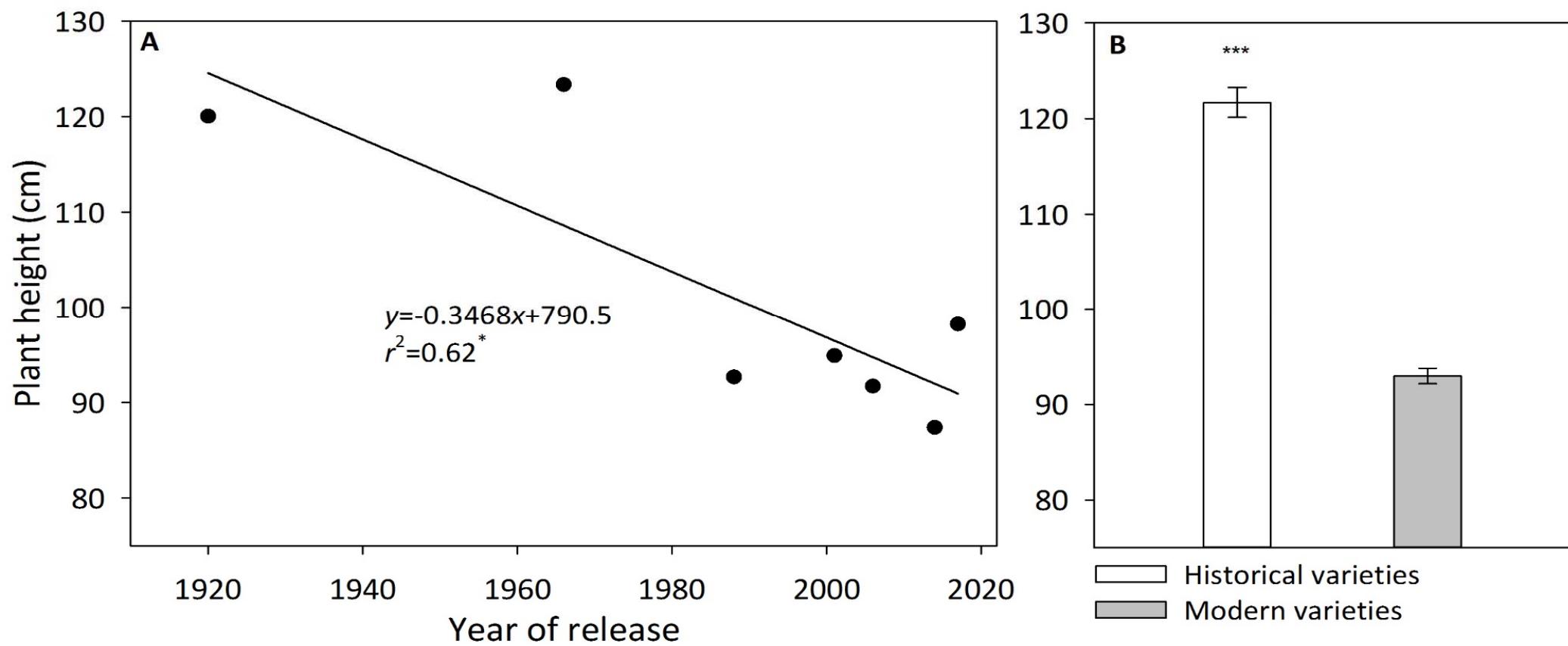


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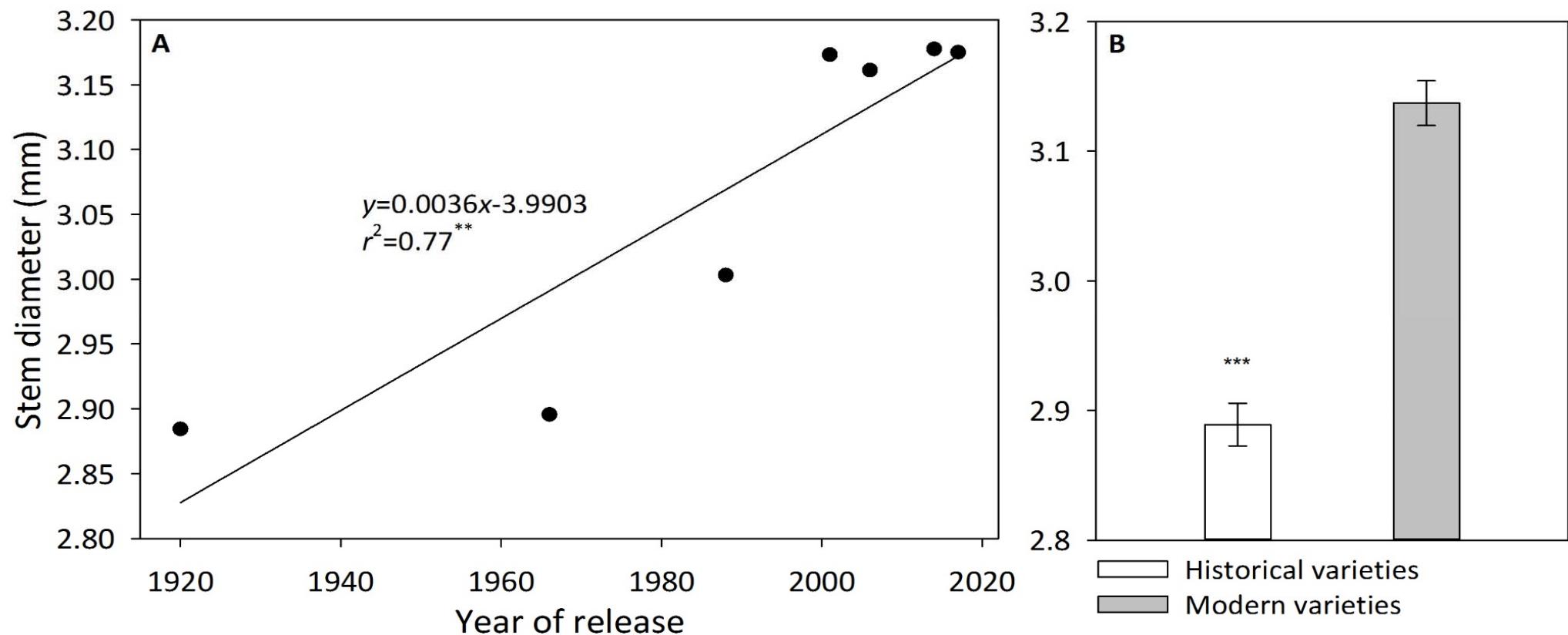
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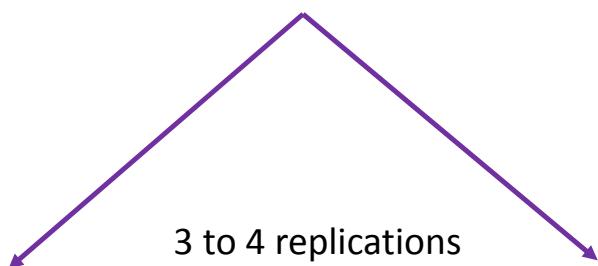
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# Variety-by-management

26 to 50 varieties



## Standard

- Yield goal of 70 bu/A
- N fertilizer:
  - Soil NO<sub>3</sub>-N + 2 lbs N/bu/A
  - Applied Feekes 3  
(late February)

## Intensive

- same as standard plus:
  - + 40 lb N/A at Feekes 5  
(mid-March)
  - + Jointing fungicide
  - + Flag leaf/heading fungicide

**2015-16**  
**Chickasha, OK**

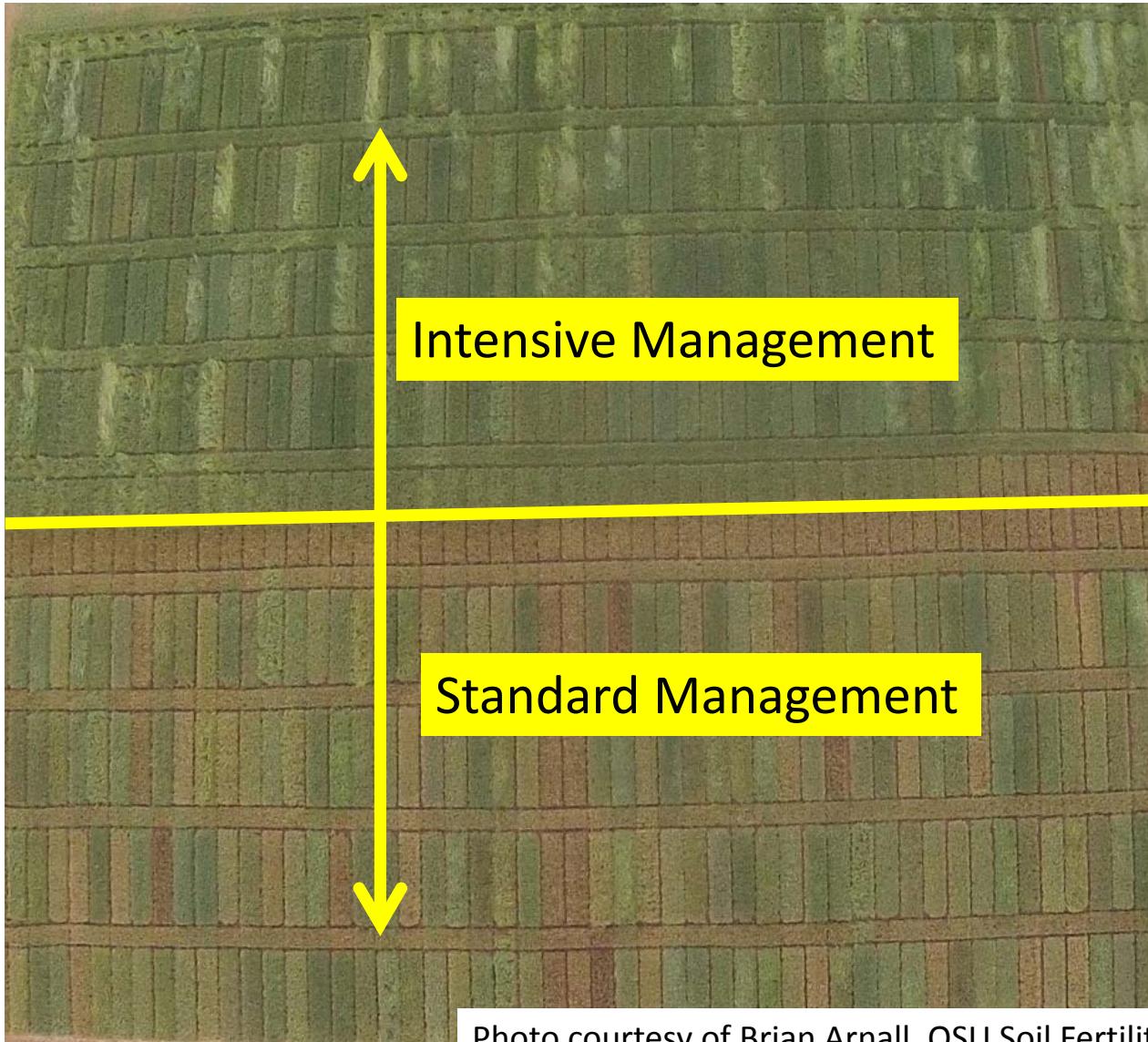
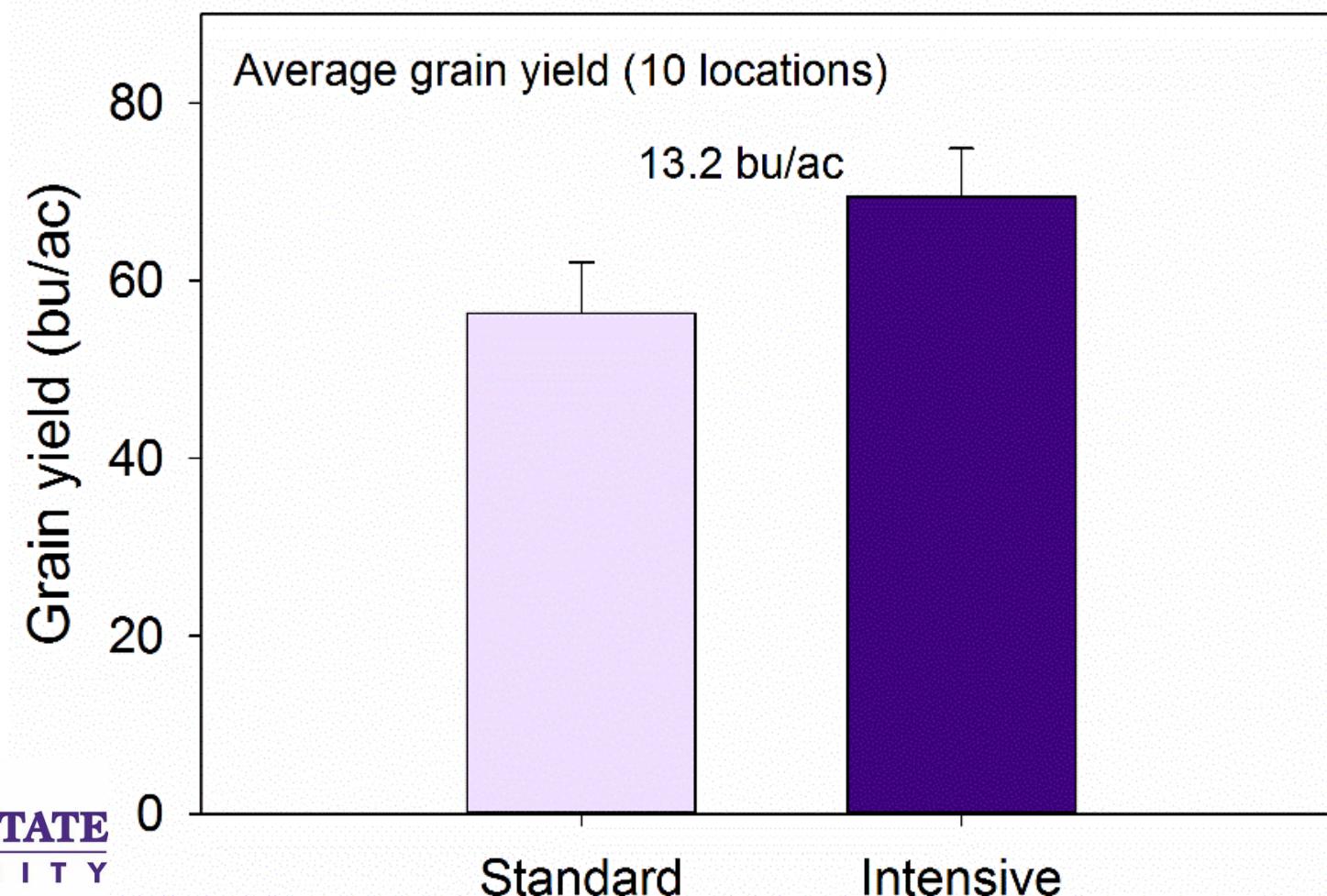
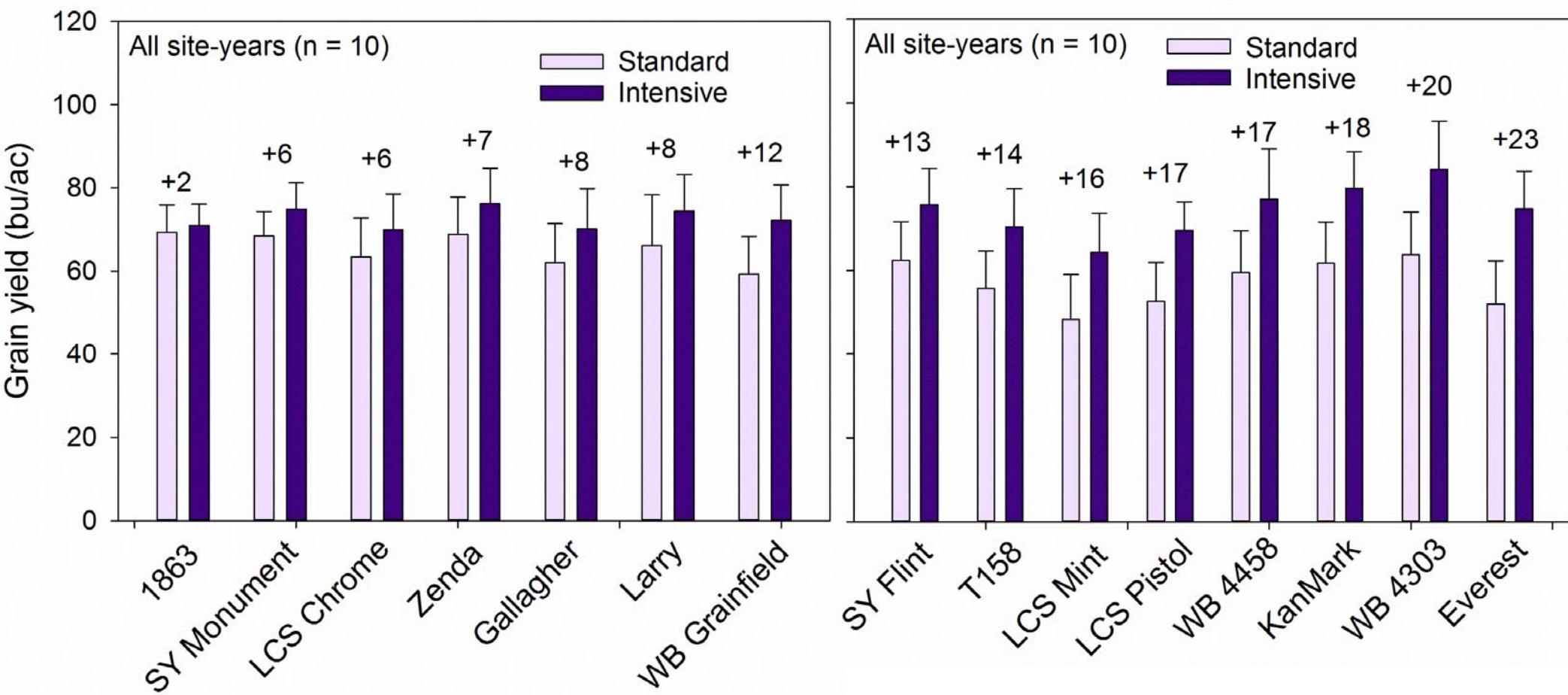


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# Grain Yield



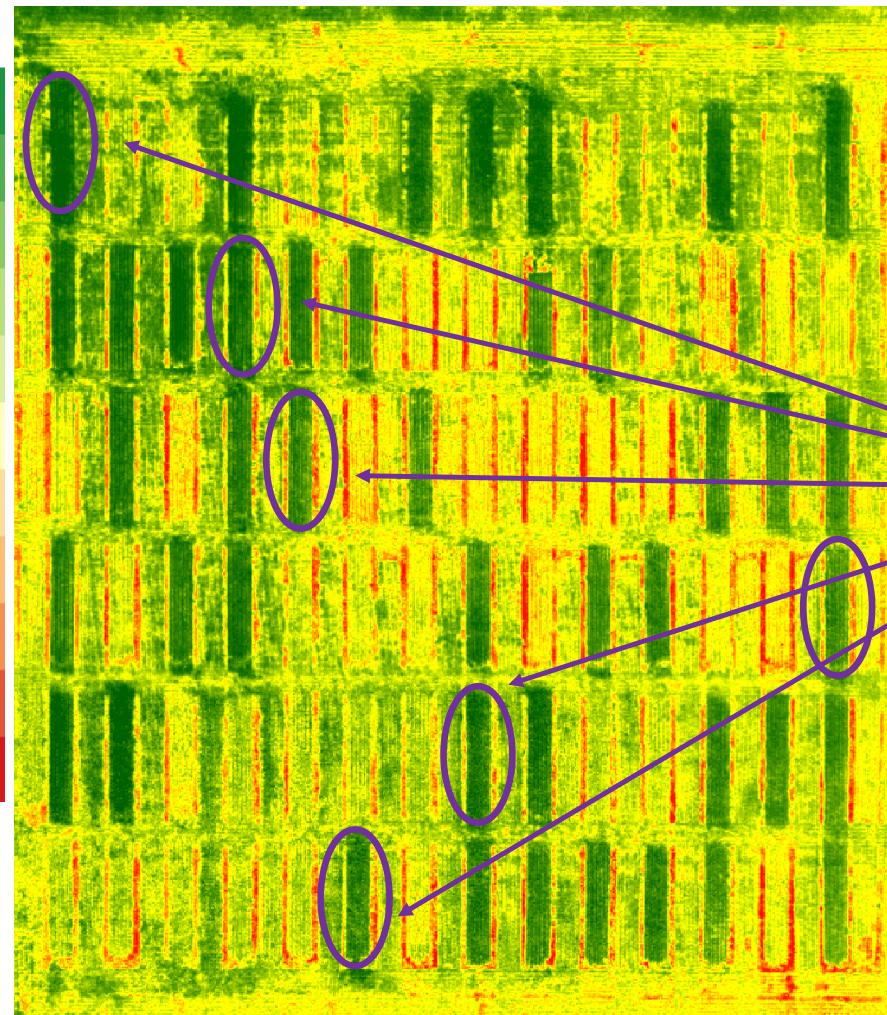
# 10 locations combined



Treatment	Exception	Rate
<b>1 - Standard</b>	-	70 bu/ac yield goal N rate
<b>2</b>	+ Split-Nitrogen	+ 100 lbs N/A
<b>3</b>	+ Sulfur	+ 40 lbs/A
<b>4</b>	+ Chloride	+ 40 lbs/A
<b>5</b>	+ Plant Population	+ 1.6 million seeds per acre
<b>6</b>	+ Fungicide	+ 2 applications
<b>7</b>	+ Growth Regulator	+ Full rate PGR
<b>8 - Kitchen-sink</b>	-	All practices 2-7 combined
<b>9</b>	- Split-Nitrogen	- 100 lbs N/A
<b>10</b>	- Sulfur	- No Sulfur
<b>11</b>	- Chloride	- No Chloride
<b>12</b>	- Plant Population	- 1.2 million seeds per acre
<b>13</b>	- Fungicide	- No fungicide
<b>14</b>	- Growth Regulator	- No PGR

 Approach (jointing)  
 Approach Prima (heading)





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Standard management + Fungicide



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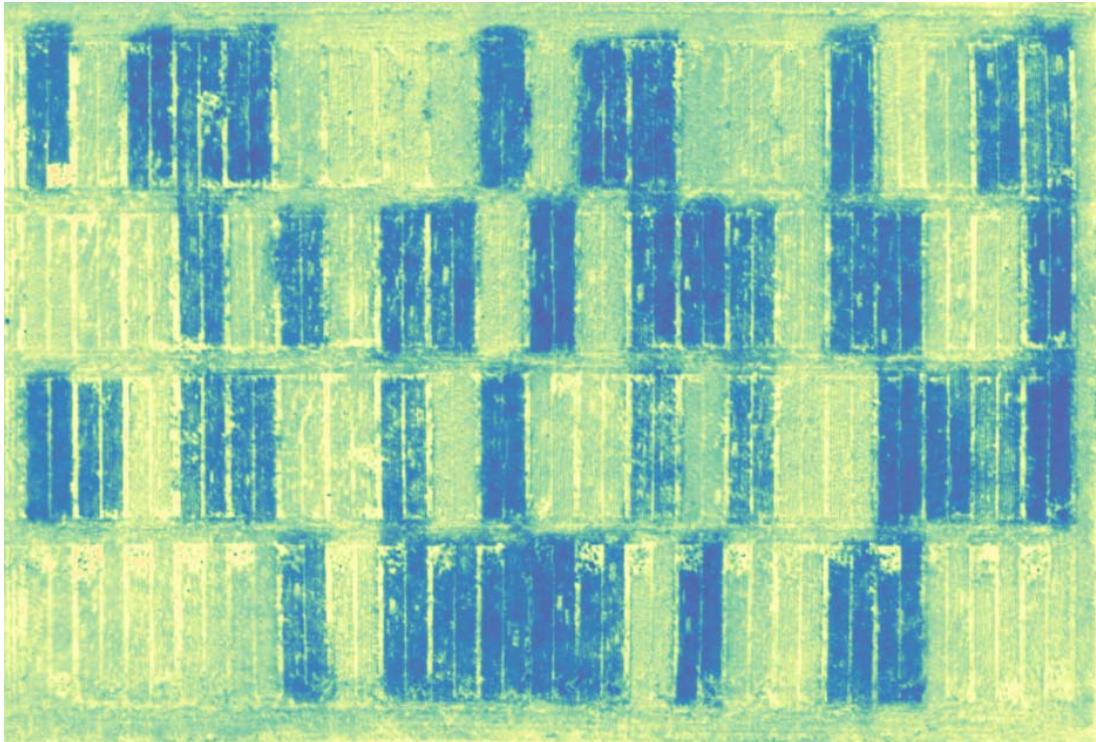
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# NDVI in 2016-17 (aerial)

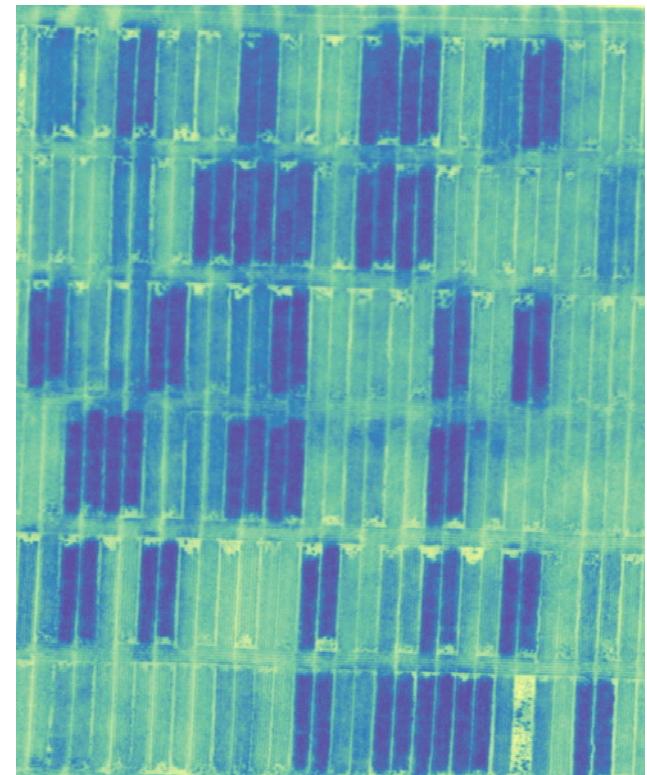
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Belleville (06-07-2017)



Hutchinson (05-18-2017)



# Grain yield

## Conventional till:

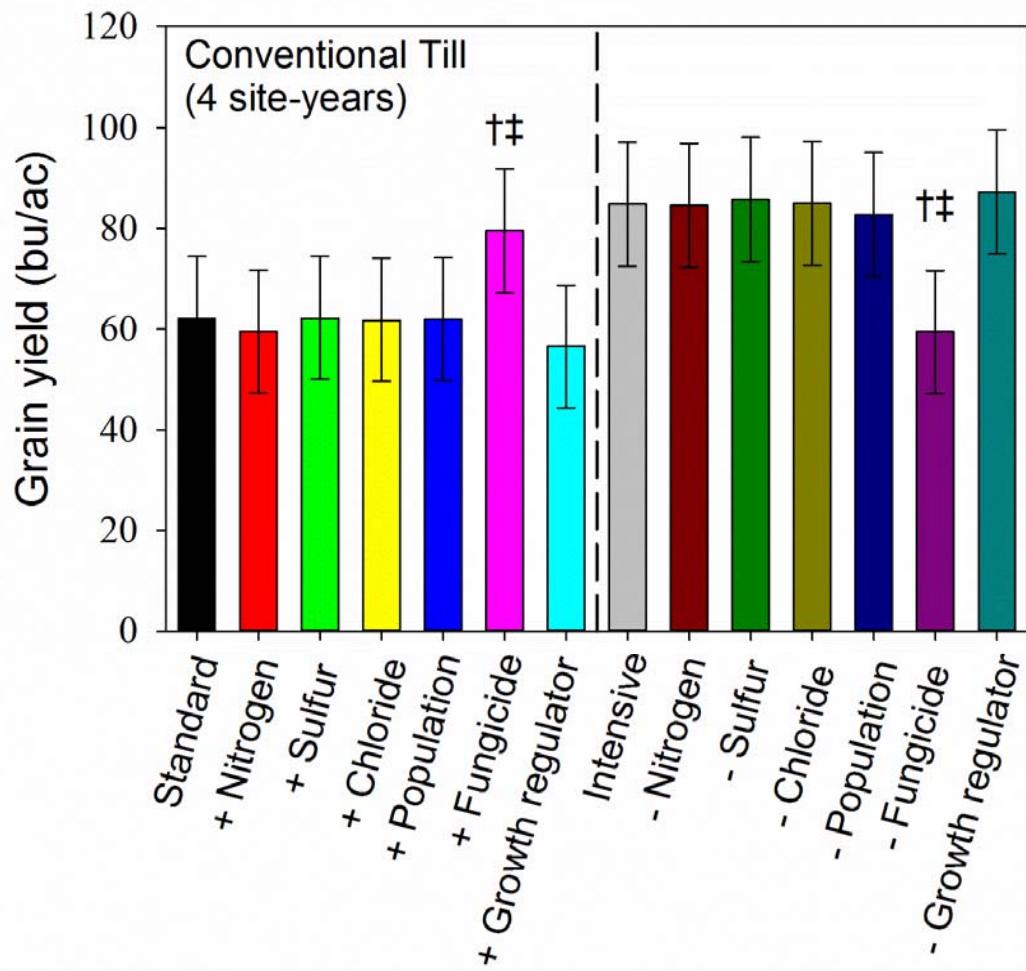
Hutchinson 2016

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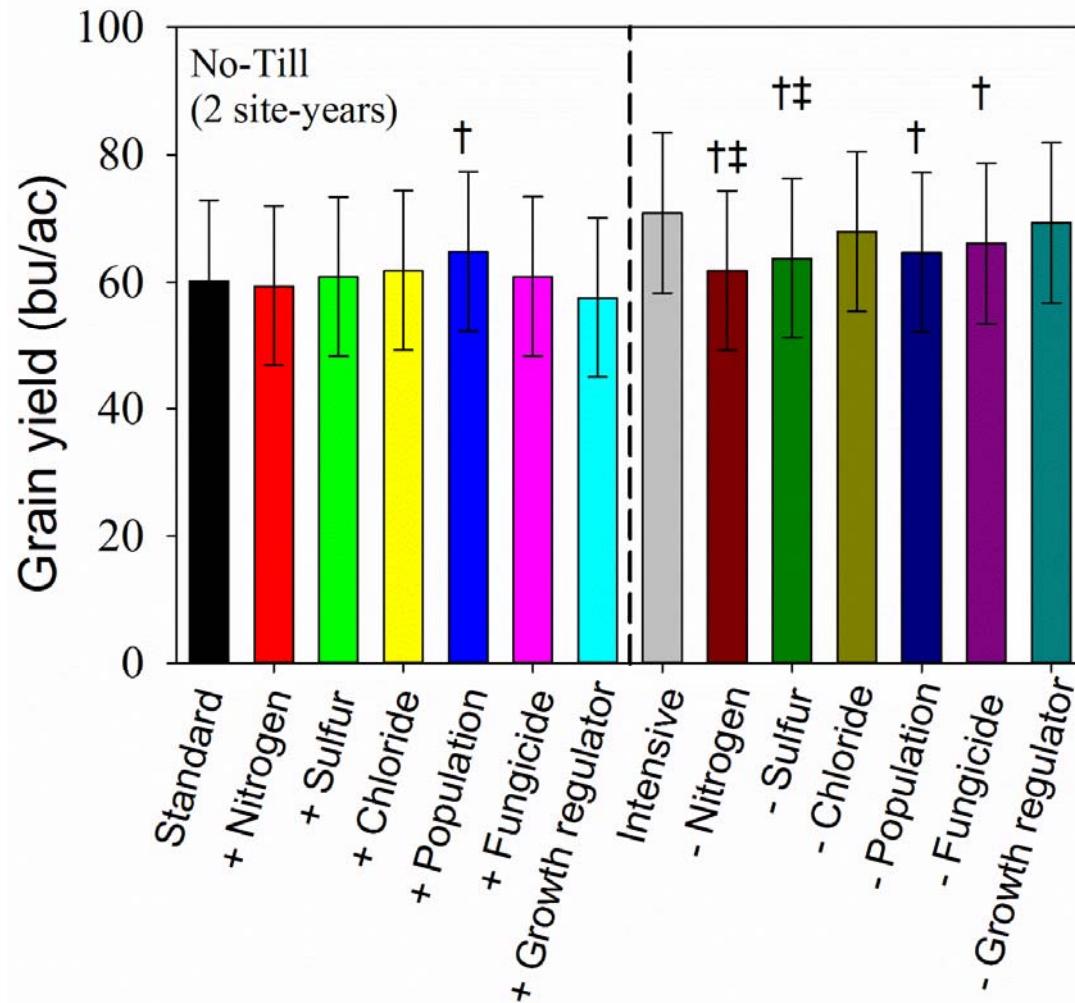
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No till:

Manhattan 2016  
Manhattan 2017

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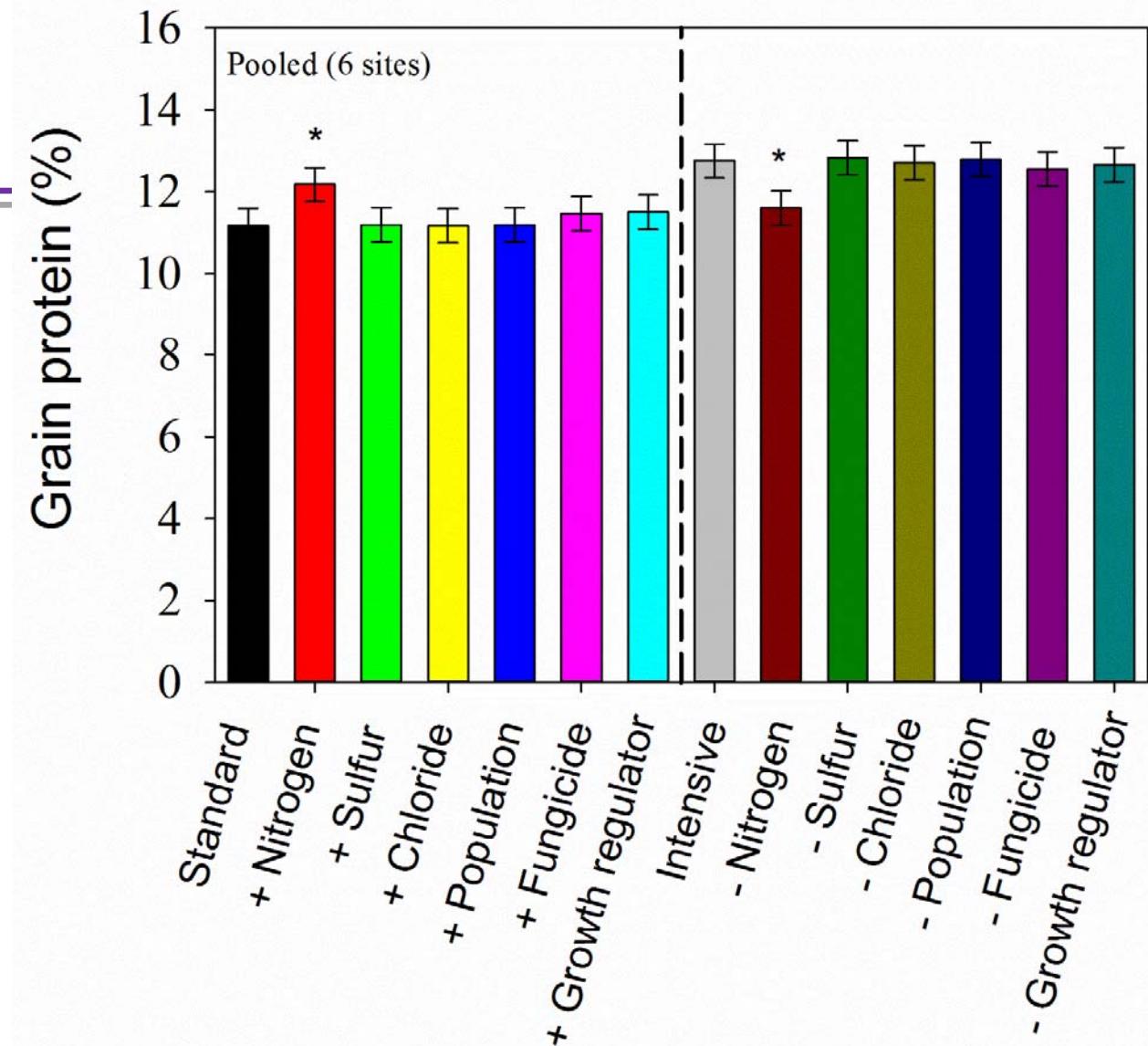


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# Grain protein

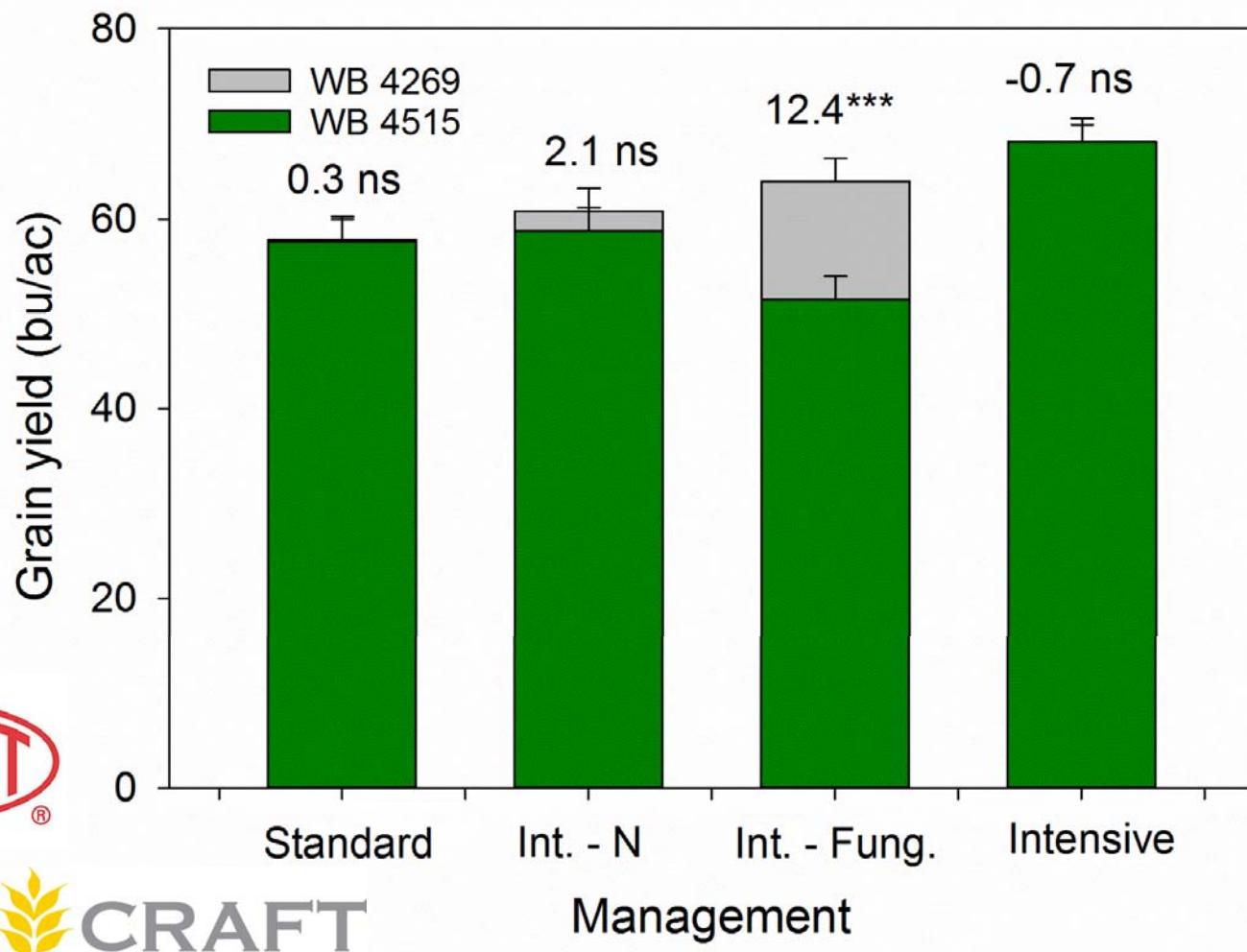
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<b>Varieties</b>		
<b>1 – WB Grainfield</b>		
<b>2 – WB4458</b>		
<b>3 – WB4303</b>		
<b>4 – WB4515</b>		
<b>5 – WB4269</b>		



# Grain yield – Hutchinson 2016-17

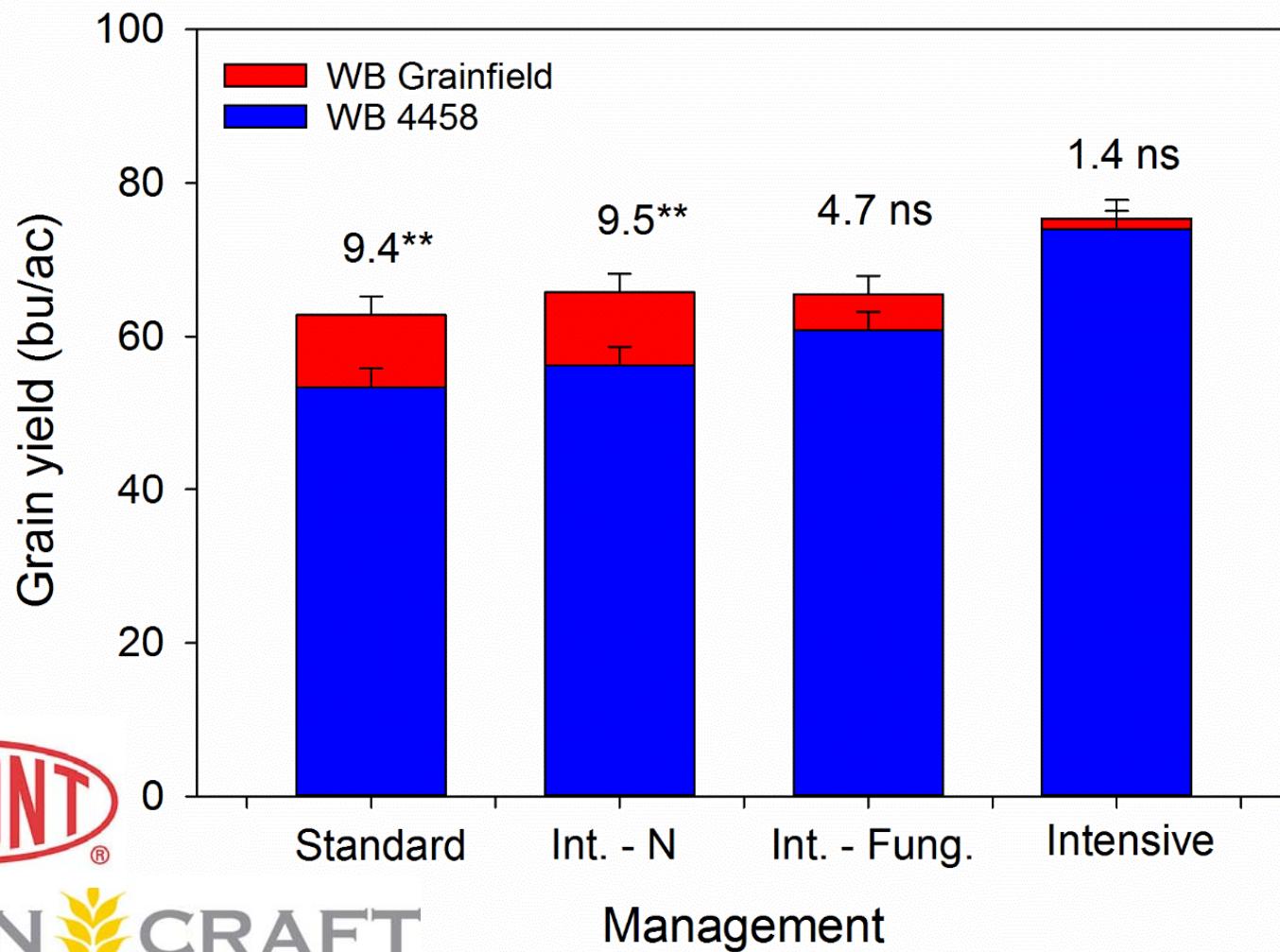


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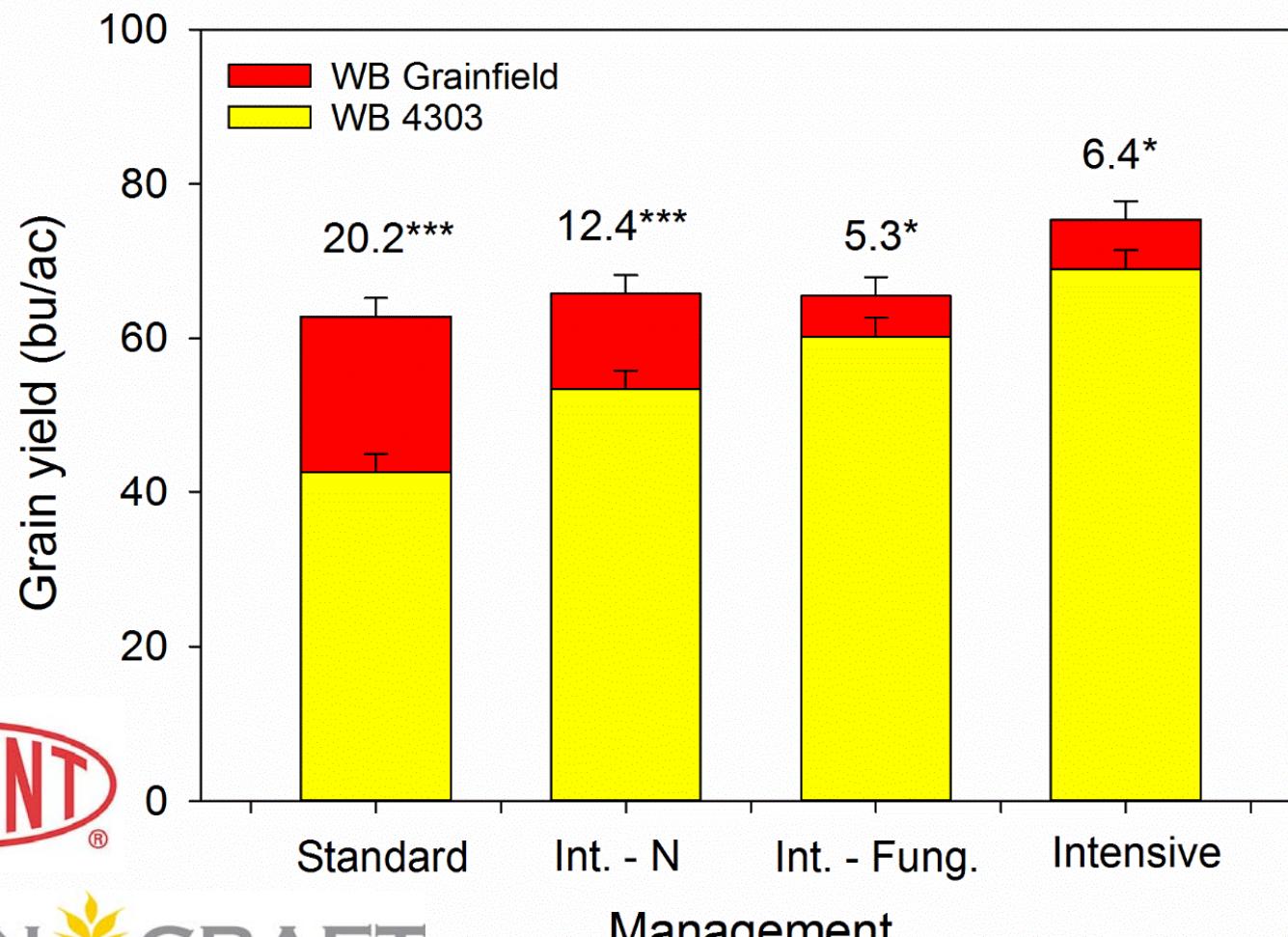


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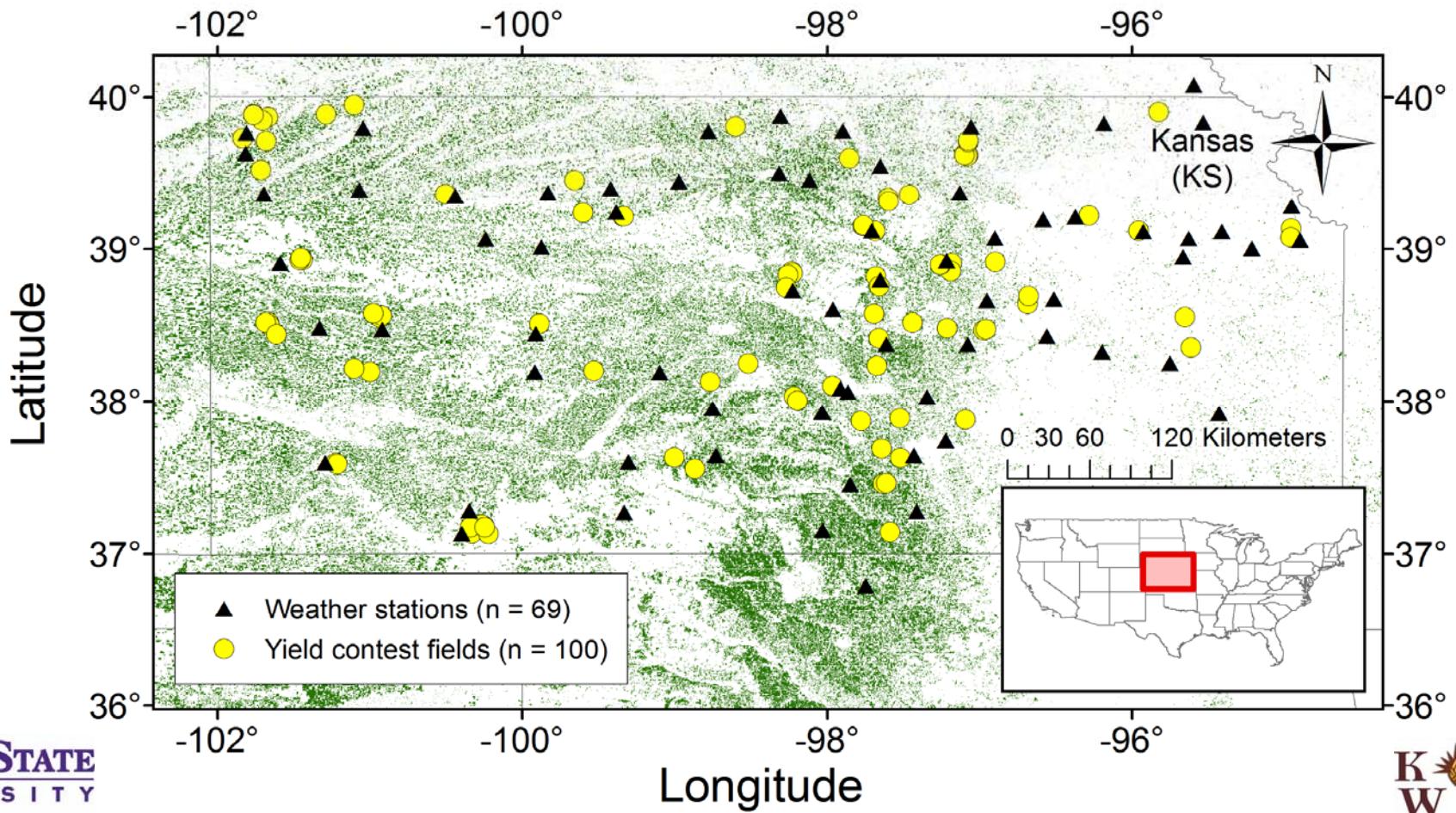


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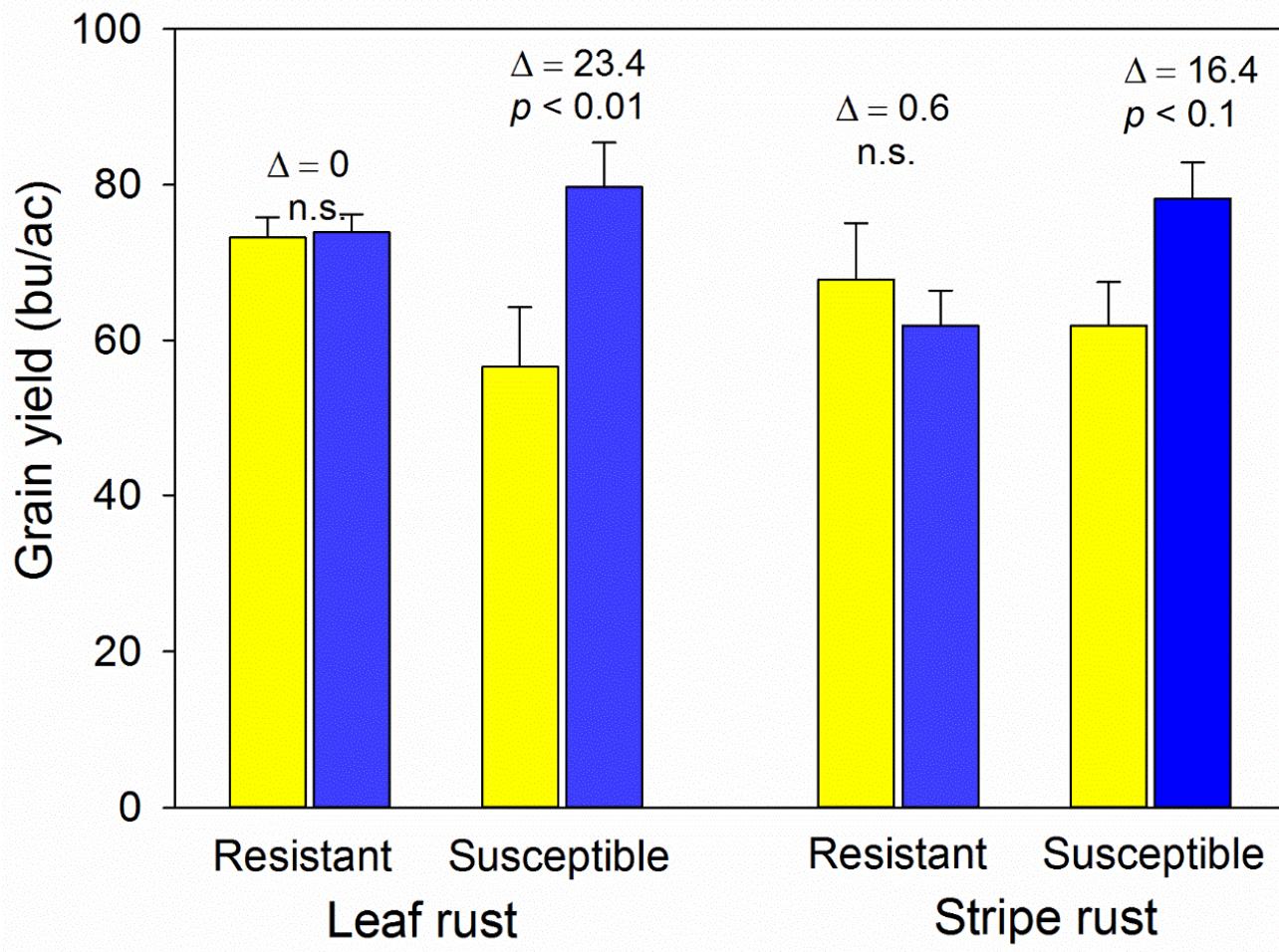
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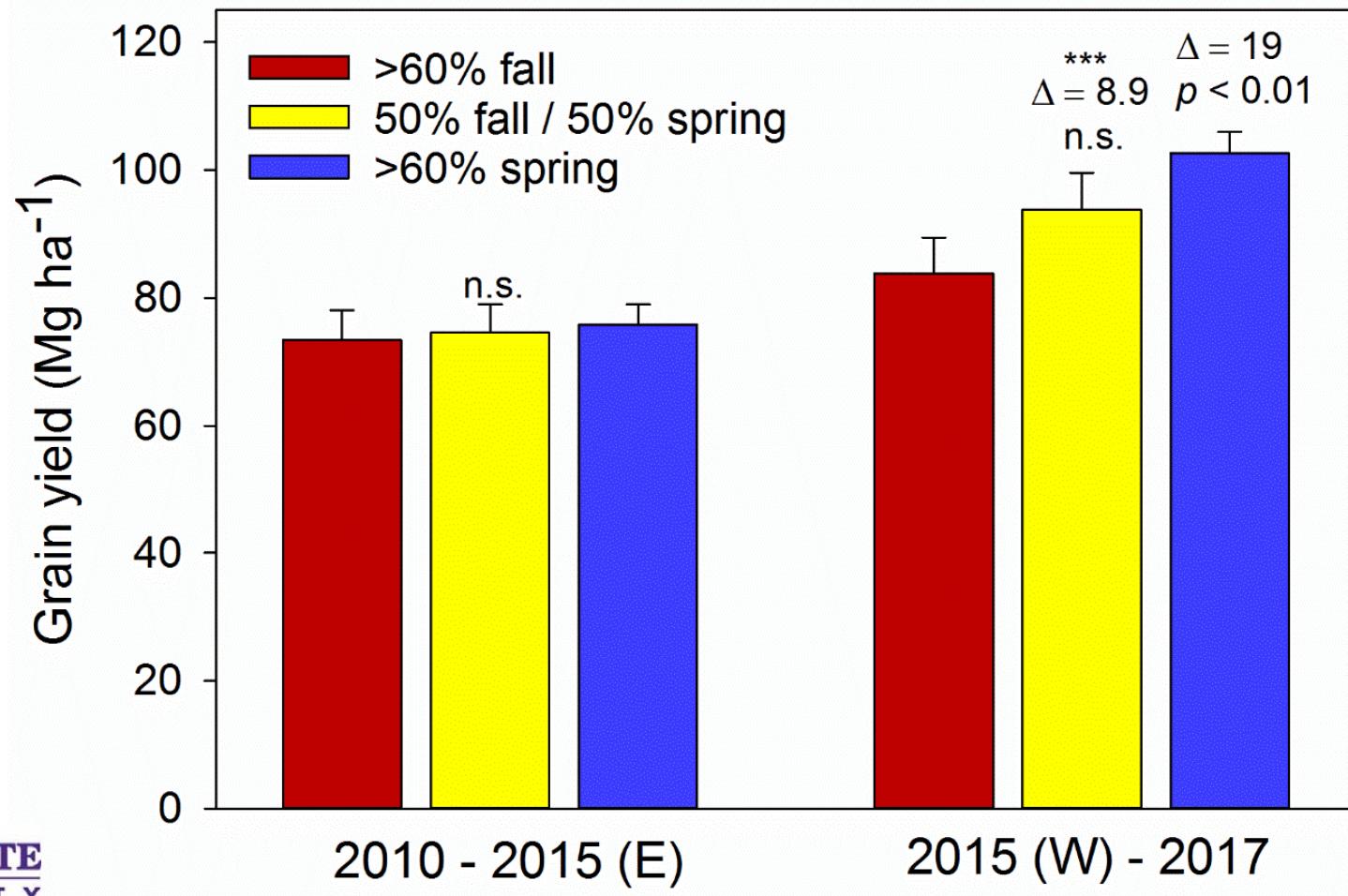
# Kansas Wheat Yield Contest Fields



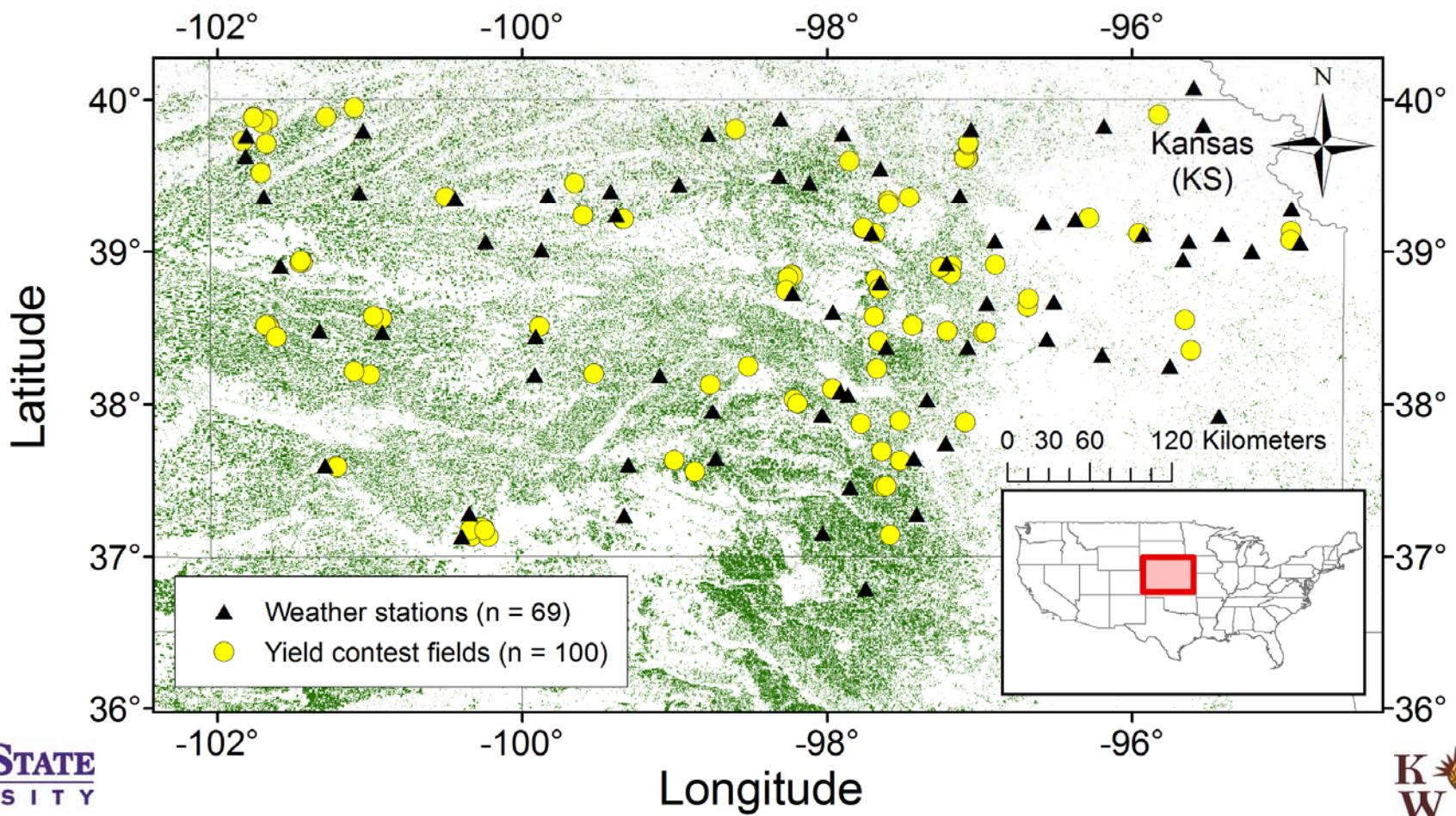
# Variety resistance YR and LR x fungicide



# N timing



# Kansas Wheat Management Survey

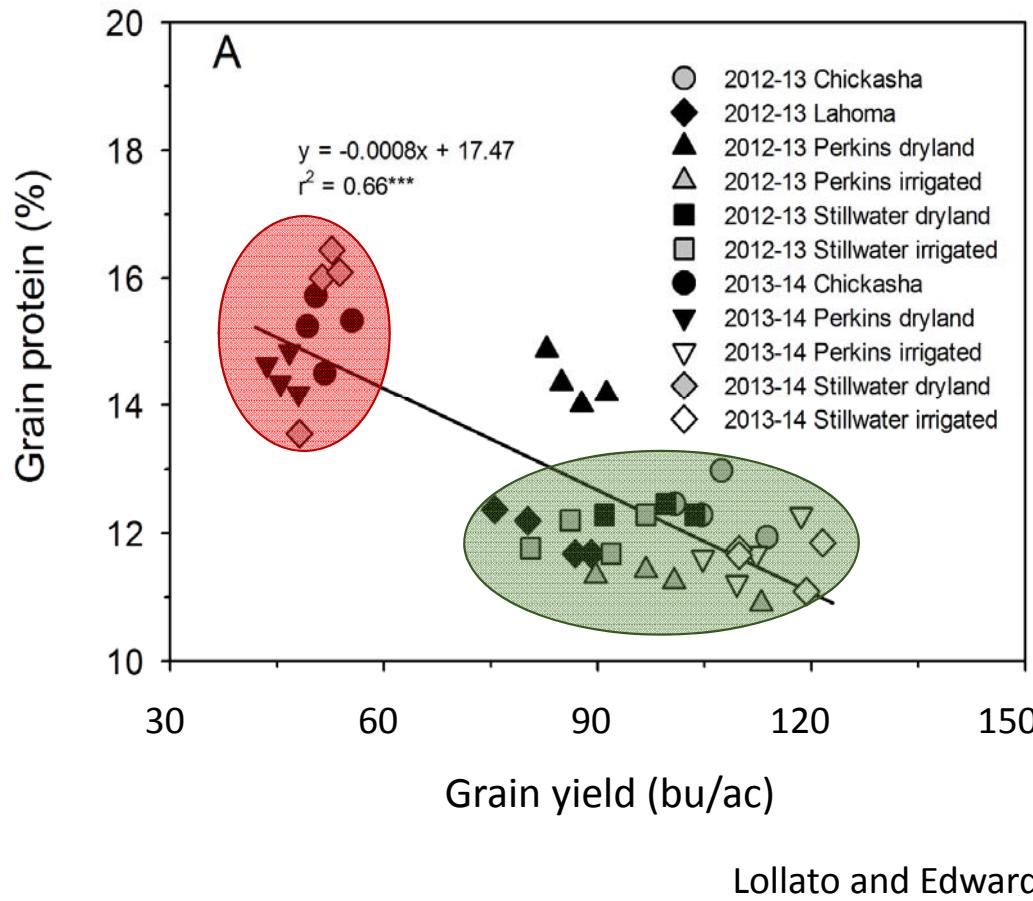


# Wheat yield x protein relationships

Low yielding environments

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Starch accumulation reduced

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High protein concentration

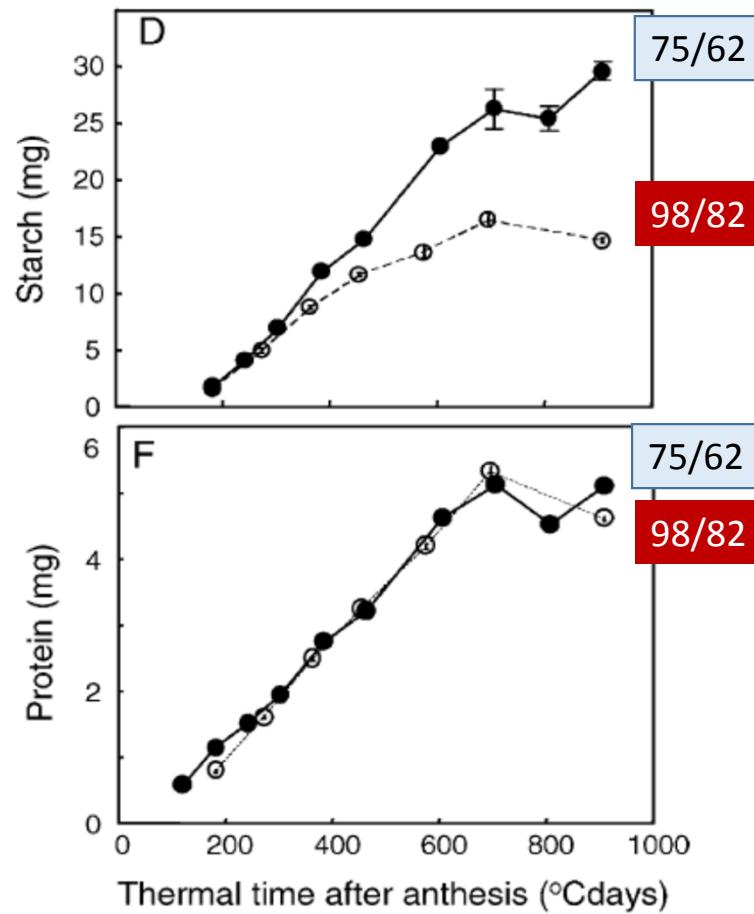


High yielding environments

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Greater starch accumulation

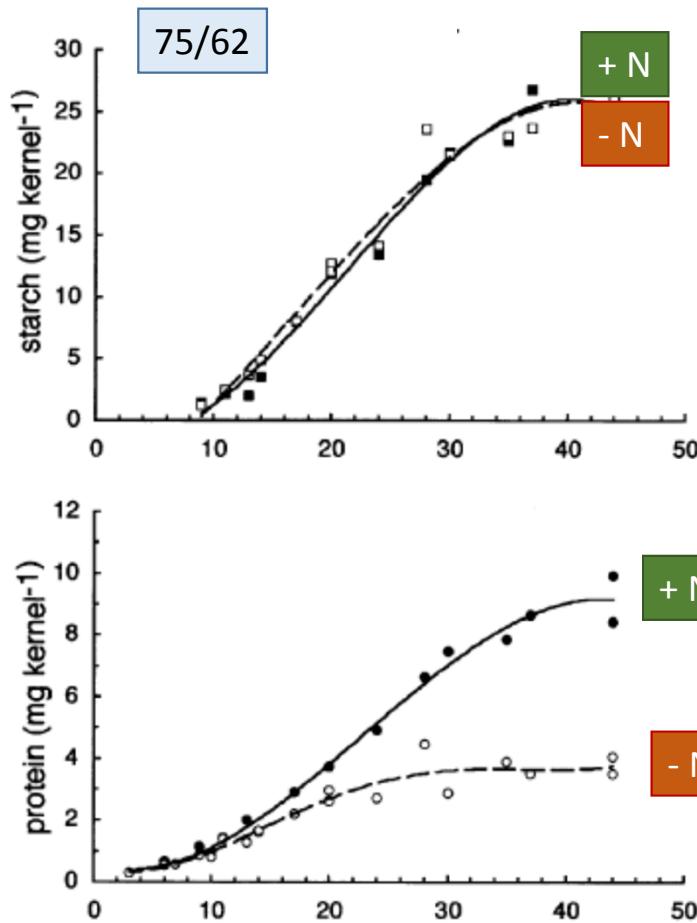
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Protein dilution if N rates are not increased

# Heat and water stresses during grain fill



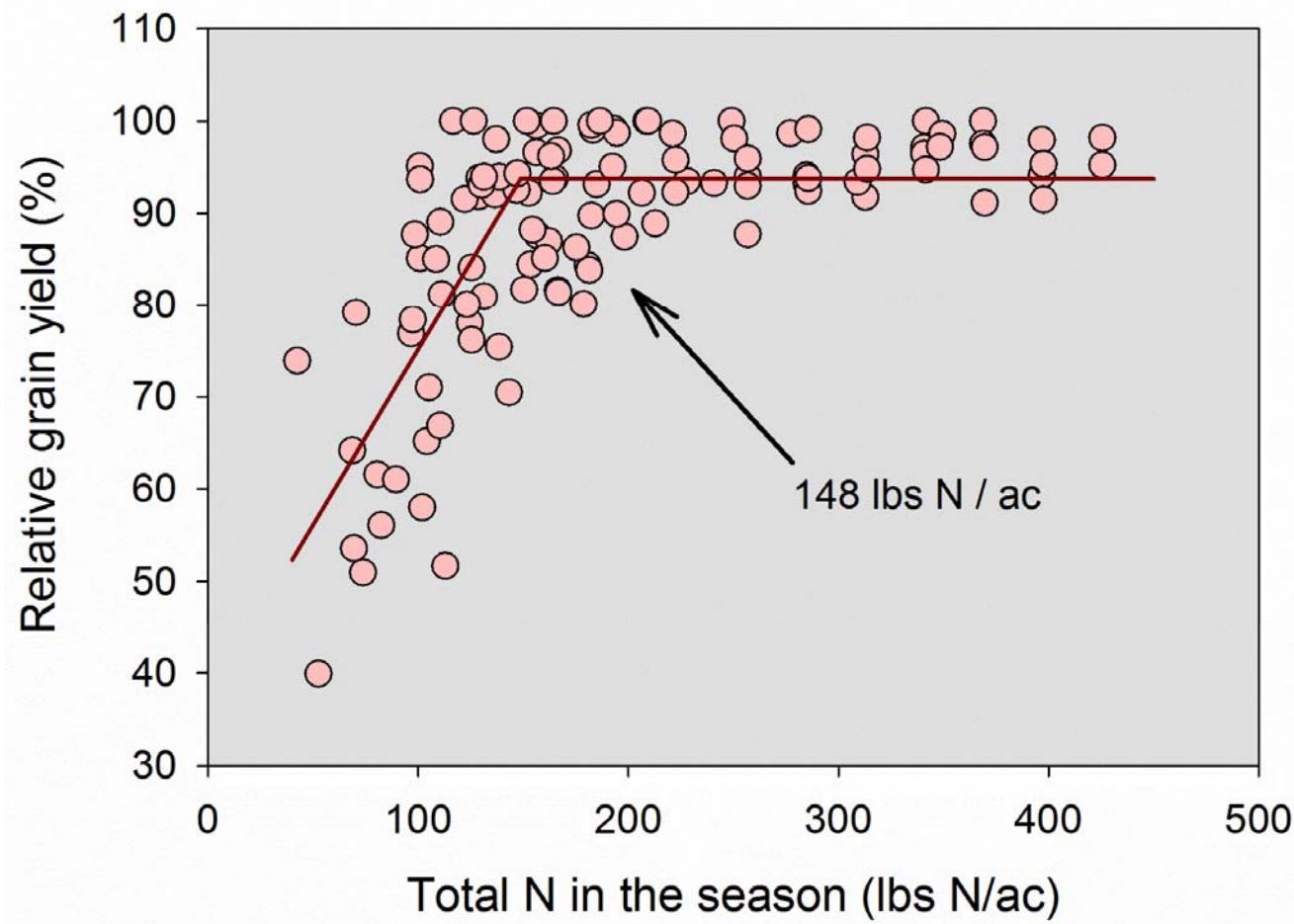
Decreases total starch  
accumulation more than protein  
– increases protein %

# N availability affecting wheat protein and starch



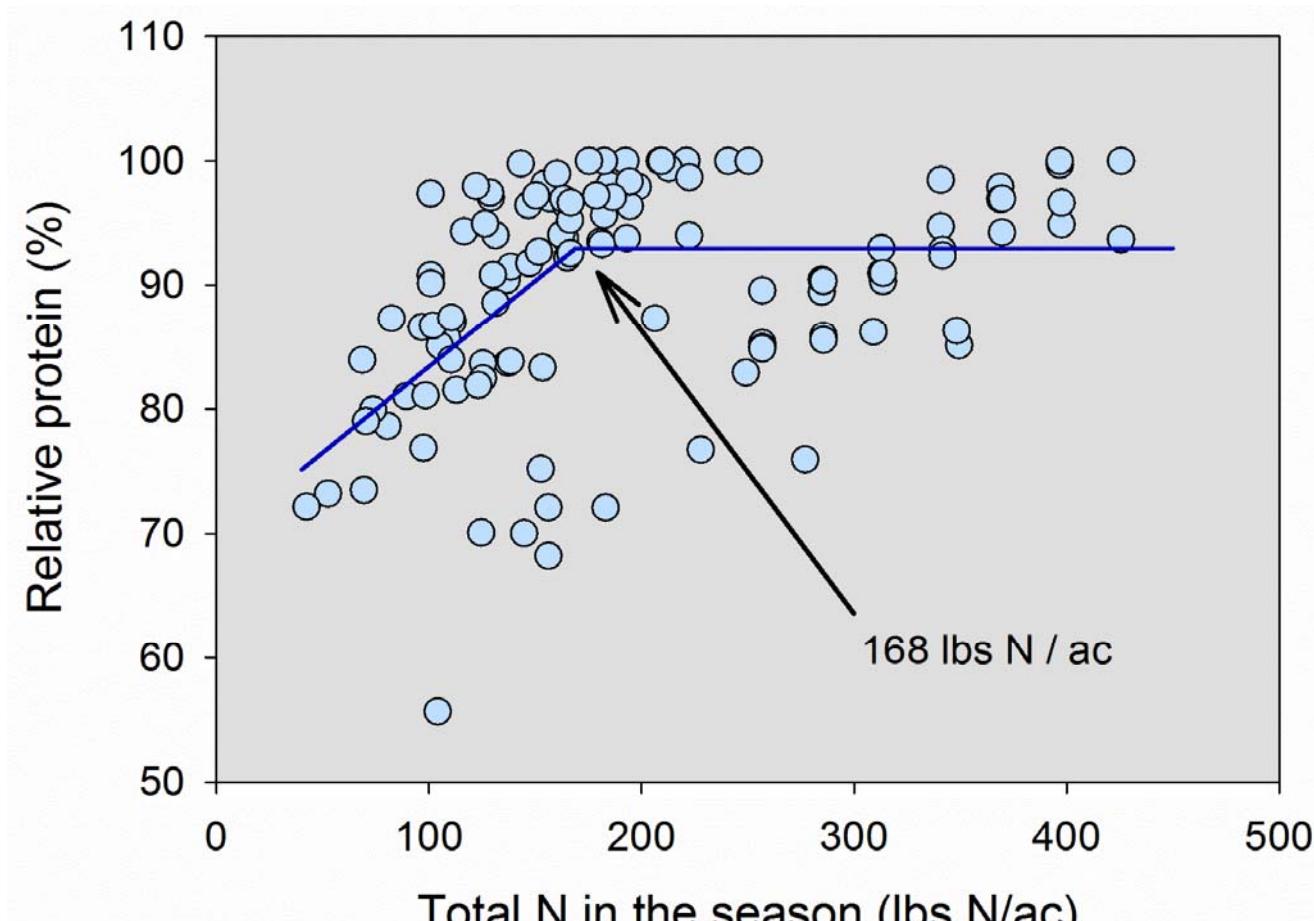
Removing N fertilizer decreased protein but did not affect starch accumulation

# Nitrogen x Protein x Yield relationships



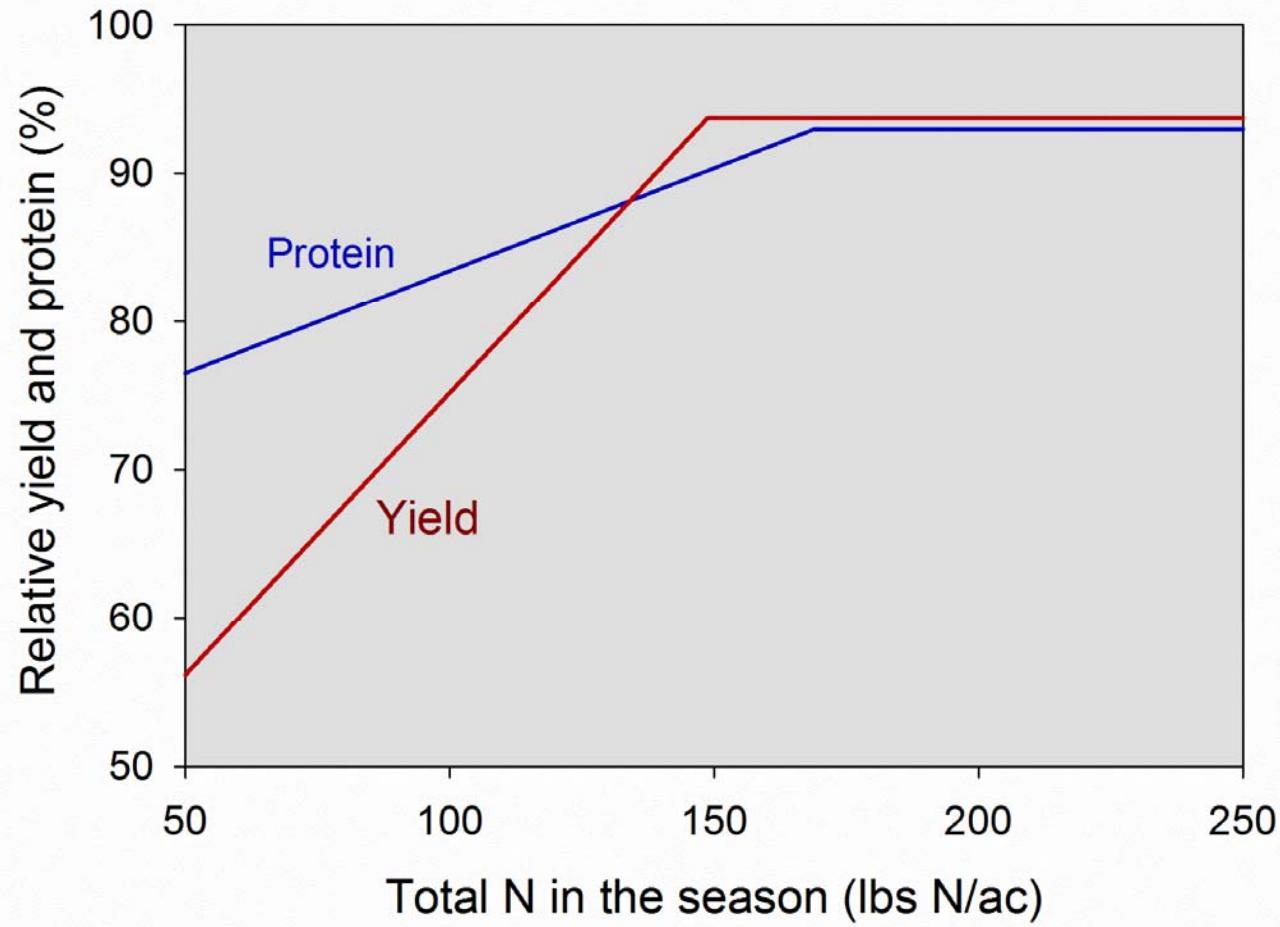
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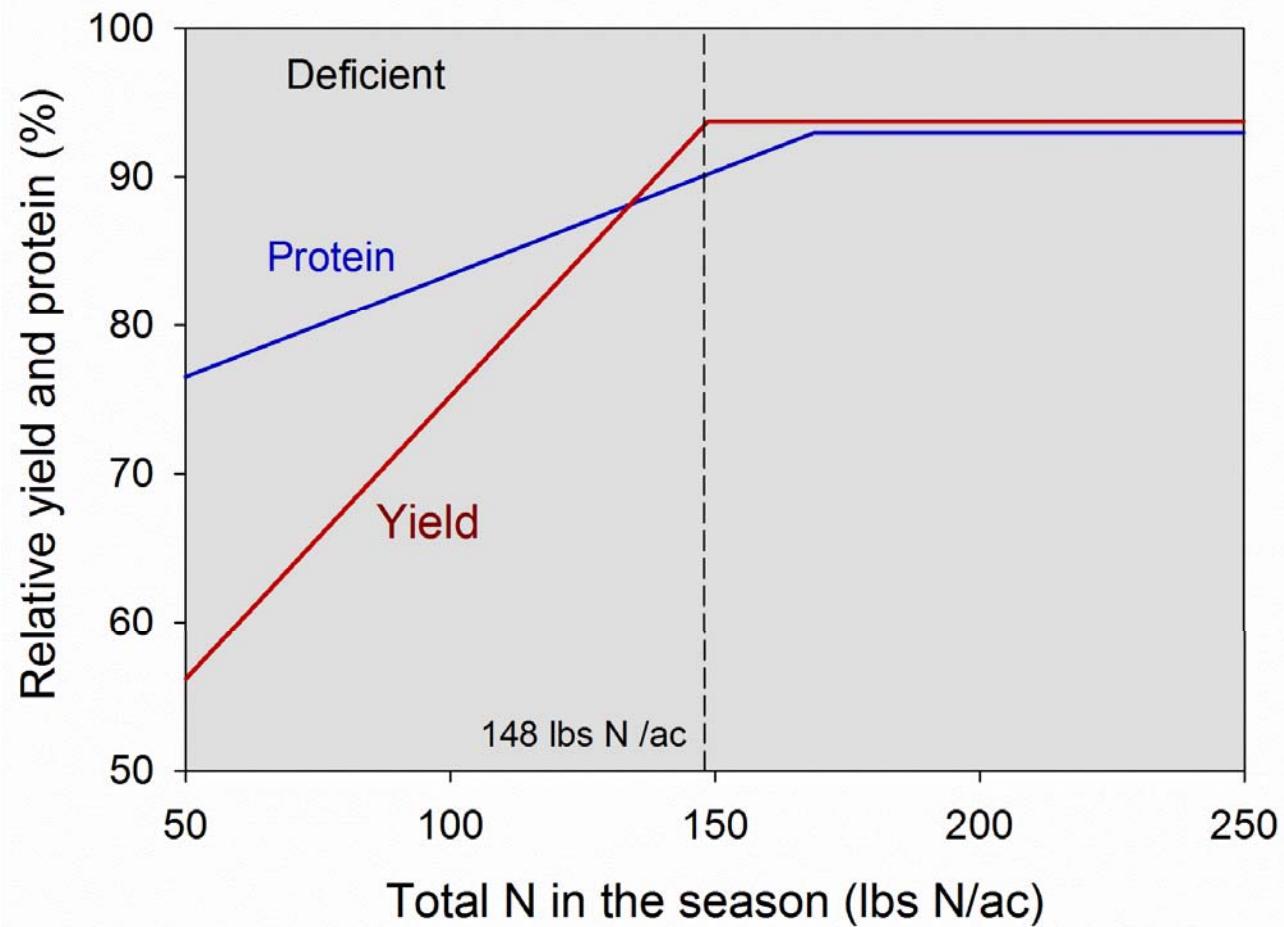
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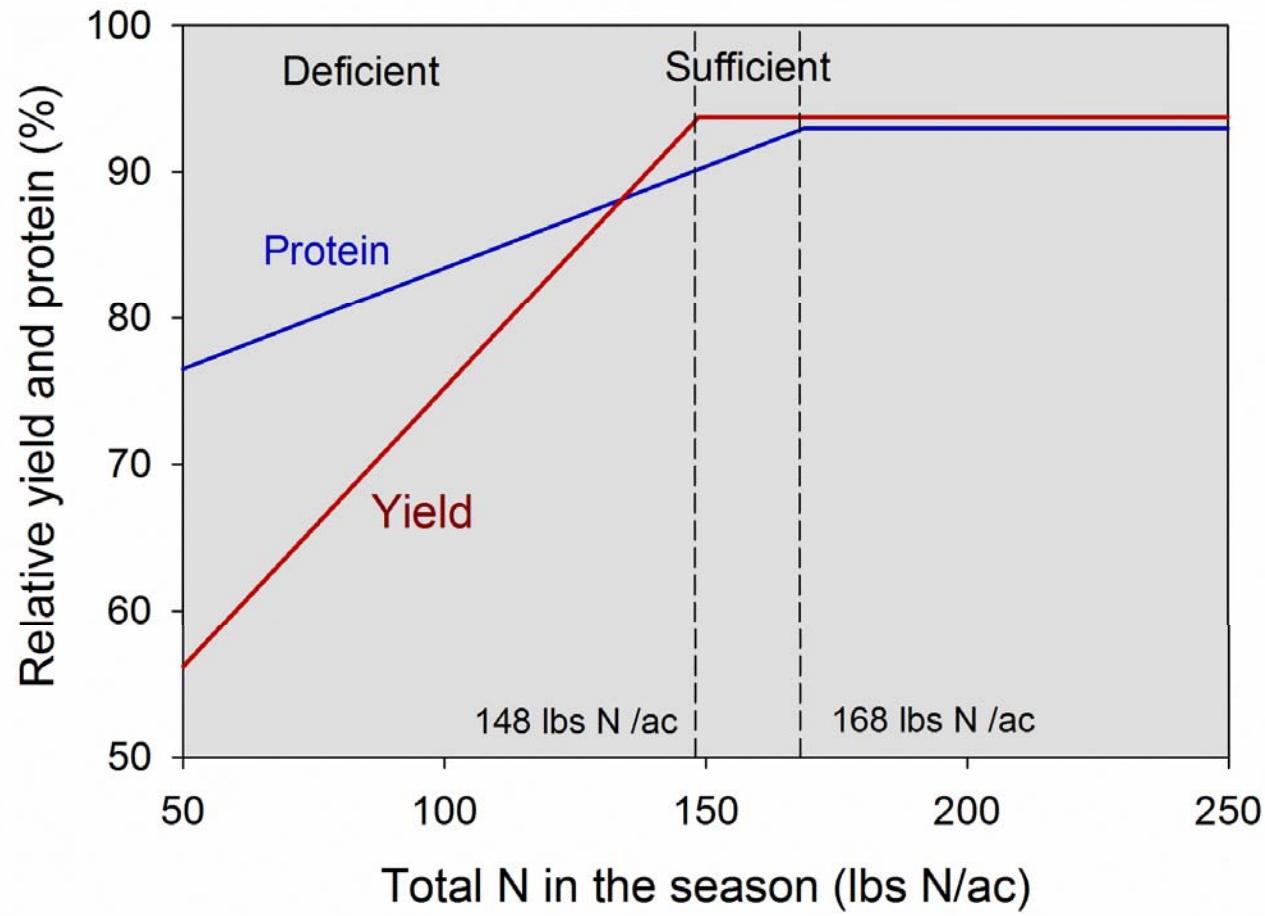
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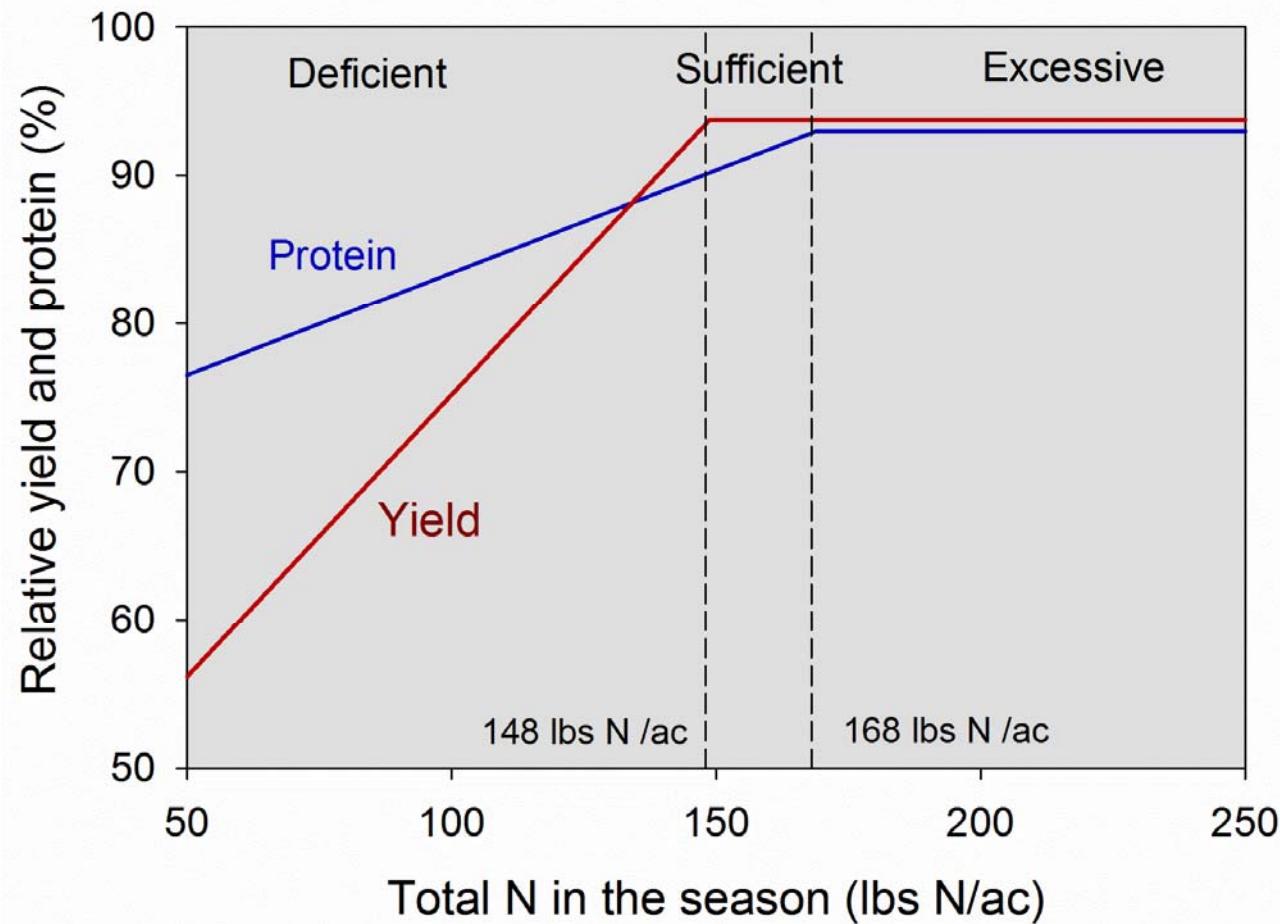
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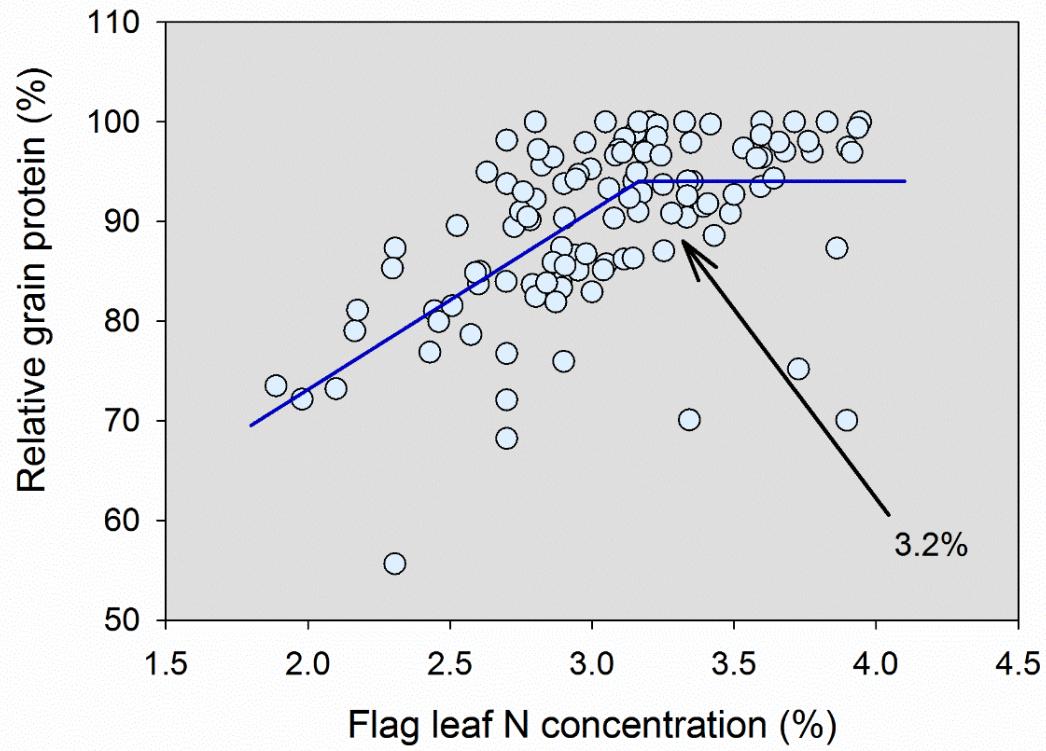
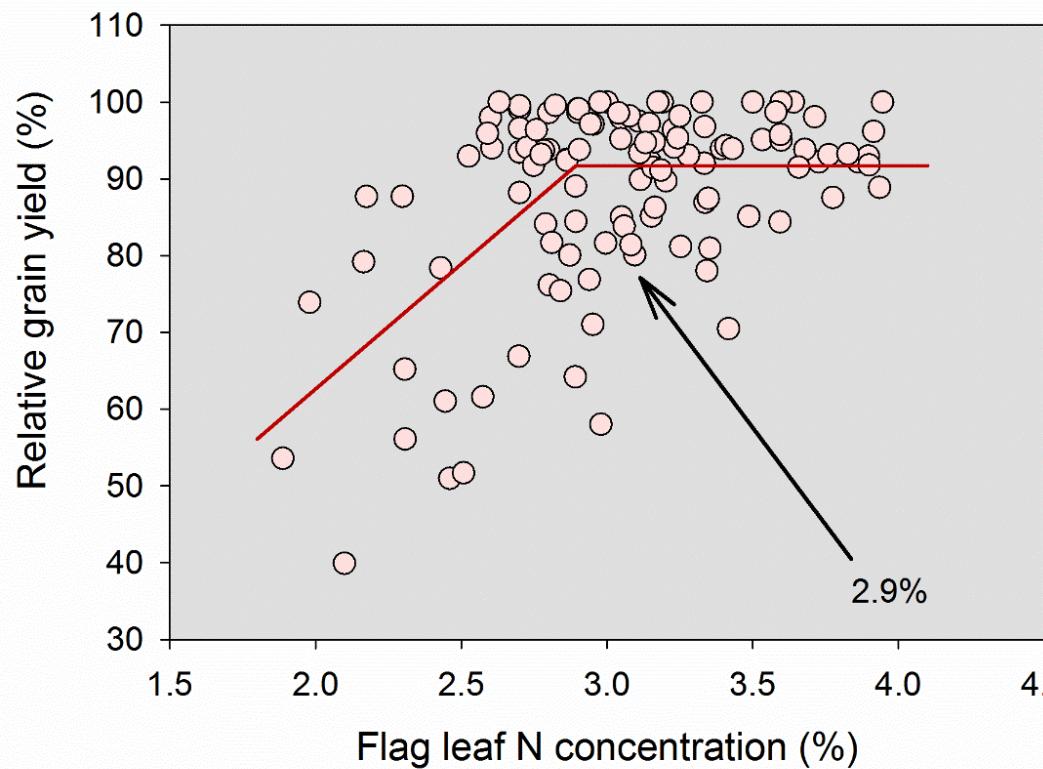
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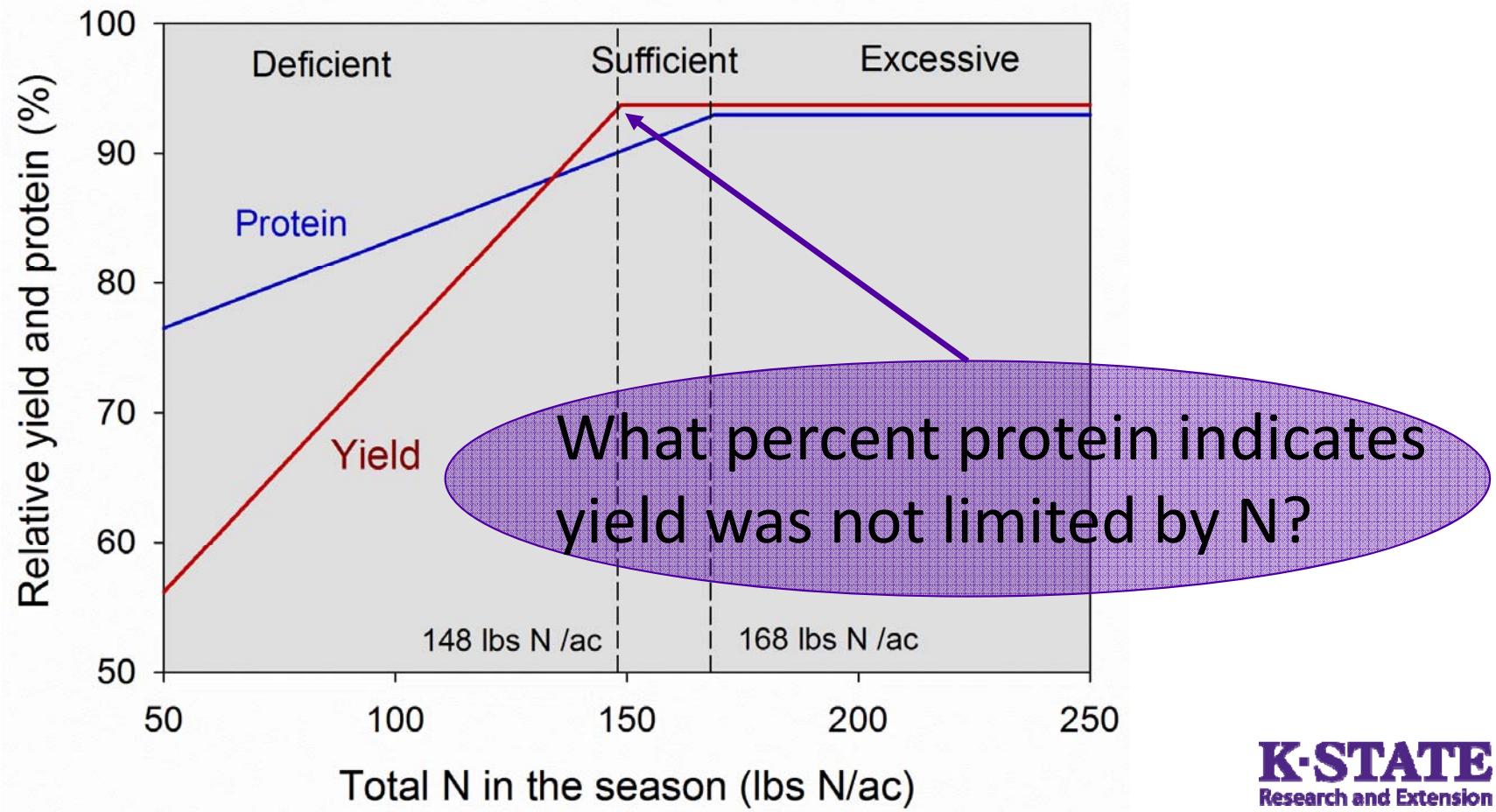


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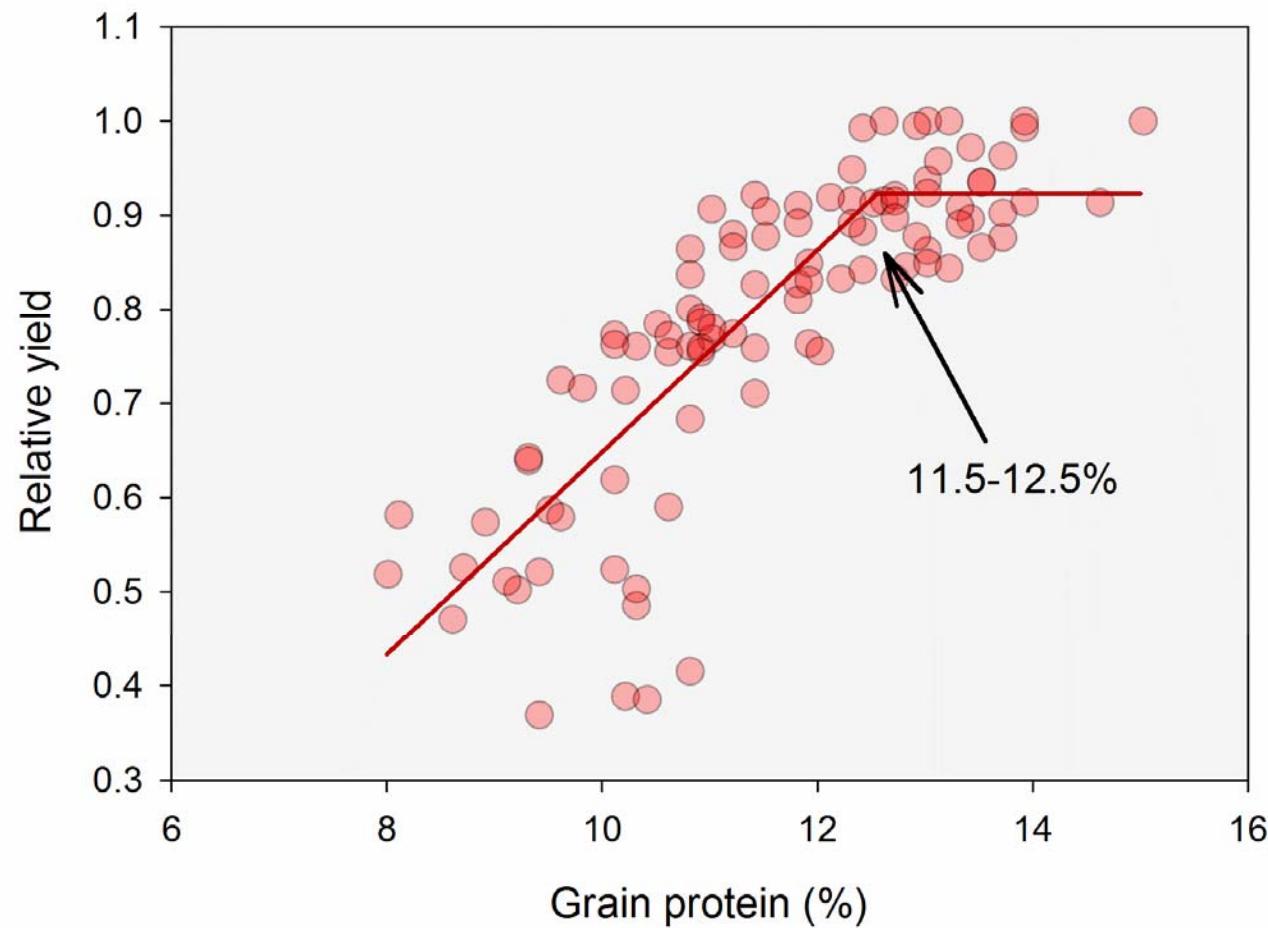
# Flag leaf N as in-season indicators?



# Nitrogen x Protein x Yield relationships



# Grain protein as indicator of N sufficiency





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