

Sulfur Fertilizer Options for Sunflowers (14-206)

Experiment Info:

Planted:	10/10/2014
Harvest:	10/2/2014
Yield Goal:	100 bu/A
Target Fert.	: 0-90-243
Variety:	8N358 CLPM
Population:	25,500
Row Width:	30"
Prev. Crop:	Milo
Plot Size:	15 x 125
Replications	s: 2
Liquid BC:	6/6/2014

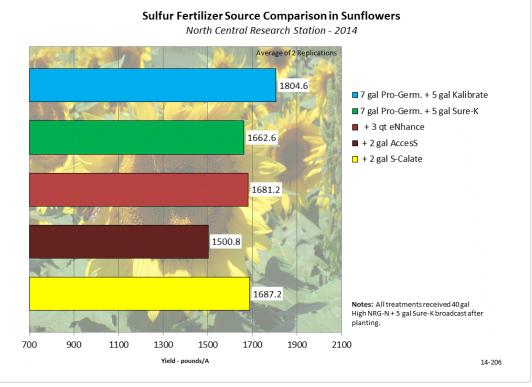
Soil Test Values (ppm):

pH:	7
CEC:	6.1
%OM:	1.2
Bray P1:	21
Bicarb P:	10
K:	42
S:	11
%K:	1.8
%Mg:	19.3
%Ca:	78.1
%H:	0
Zn:	0.5
Mn:	4
B:	0.4

Objective:

Evaluation of sulfur fertilizer sources for sunflower production.

Sulfur fertilizer is very important for sunflower production. An experiment was established at the NCRS on a soil that was lower in sulfur testing 11 ppm, requiring 10 pounds of sulfur added to the fertilizer program. According to soil testing recommendations 7 gal/A of Pro-Germinator and 5 gal/A Sure-K placed 2x2 was applied as a standard program. Sulfur sources: eNhance, accesS and S-Calate were added to the standard programs and rates to apply equivalence of 10 pounds of sulfur. In addition, for one treatment the 5 gal/A of Sure-K was replaced with 5 gal/A of Kalibrate which would provided the potassium plus the recommended 10 pounds of sulfur. Yield results appear on the chart below.



LSD(0.2) 200.7, CV: 9.4%

Conclusions:

- · Use of Kalibrate, which contains 6% sulfur, provided the highest yield of 1804 pounds of sunflowers.
- The addition of eNhance and S-Calate to a Pro-Germinator and Sure-K program provided similar yields, increasing sunflower yield slightly over the no sulfur treatment.
- Surprisingly, the addition accesS did not cause any sunflower yield benefit compared to the standard Pro-Germinator and Sure-K fertility programs.