

Nebraska Soybean & Feed Grains Profitability Project

Years: 2008
Title: Cover Crop in Corn/Soybean Rotation
Crop: Corn
NSFGPP Operator: Jerry Mulliken, Dodge County
Private Industry Cooperator: Jerry Mulliken
Objective: To determine & document the effect of growing a cover crop (rye) and its influence on the profitability of corn production.
Treatments: Corn planted into soybean stubble with no cover crop vs. planting where cover crop had been growing.

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Results: 2008

	<u>Corn</u>		
<u>Variable</u>	<u>Check</u>	<u>Cover Crop</u>	<u>Prob >/T/</u>
Yield, bu/ac @ 15.5%	141	128	0.0012 ***
Moisture, %	14.3	14.6	0.1204 ns
Plants, 1000/ac	21.6	21.5	0.8240
MIR	0.9	0.9	0.1482 ns
Cost/ac	---	\$63.20*	

Planting Date: 5/13/08

Harvesting Date: 11/5/08

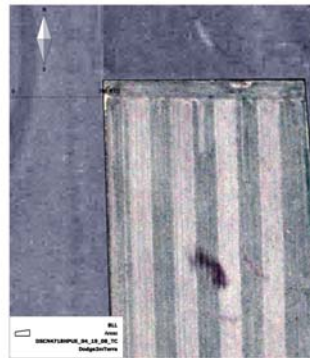
Summary: The use of a cover crop resulted in a reduced grain yield on 2008. This could be due to nitrogen being found in the biomass of the cover crop.

*Rye seed - \$13.20/ac; Drilling - \$6.50/ac; 40 lbs 11-52-0 - \$33.00; Glyphosate (qt) - \$10.50/ac

April 19 Imagery



Rye Phosphorous Response



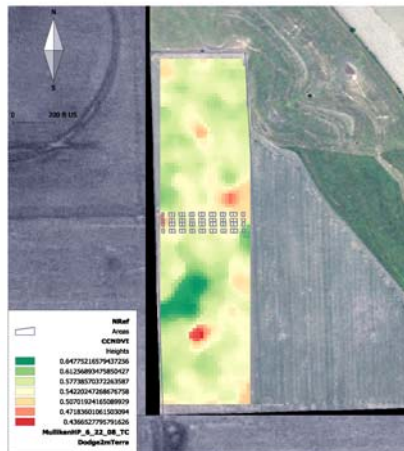
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June 22 Sensor Data & Imagery



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Interpolated Sensor Data



July 23 Imagery



August 6 Imagery

