TWINN CROP TRIAL



On-farm Trial in Dry-land Wheat: Forbes, NSW, Australia, 2008

KEY RESULT

A single application of TwinN applied, mid tillering, in combination with standard fertiliser application, resulted in a 15.5% yield increase over the treatment receiving standard fertiliser application, without TwinN, in an on-farm comparison trial. TwinN application resulted in a 13.5% increase in root size ratings.

TREATMENTS

		Fertiliser	
No.	Treatment	Ausmin 570 granular kg/ha	TwinN
1	Untreated (fertiliser only)	80	0
2	Fertiliser + TwinN	80	1 Application

TRIAL RESULTS: Comparison of Yield & Crop Measurements

Treatment	(1) Fertiliser Only	(2) Fertiliser + TwinN	
Yield T/ha	1.68	1.94	
% inc*	-	15.5	
Root Rating	3.7	4.2	
% inc	-	13.5	
Tiller Count	161.8	183.2	
% inc	-	13.2	
Screenings %	2.28	1.46	
% inc	-	- 36	

***% inc** is the increase over the fertiliser-only control.

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OBSERVATIONS

By late tillering the TwinN treatment could be seen to visually stand out from the non-treated side, viewed as a distinct height increase in the crop of approximately 5cm.

PLANT LEAF ANALYSIS REPORT

2 samples supplied by GAIA on 15 August, 2007 - Lab Job No. P2876

				Sample 1	Sample 2
-			Block ID	А	В
			Crop	Wheat	Wheat
			Client		
FOTAL NUTRIENTS Acid Digest/Combustion)	Nutrient		Nutrient	TwinN	No TwinN
	Nitrogen	N	Ν	3.58	3.18
	Available Nitrate N	N	N03	5.54	4.66
	Potassium	K	%	••	••
	Sulphur	S	%	••	••
[∠	Carbon	C	%	••	••

1. Total N was increased by 12.6% and available nitrate N by 18.9% in TwinN treated leaf tissue.

TRIAL SUMMARY

Trial Performed & Analysed By: Gaia Consultancy, NSW Australia.

Trial Design:Side-by-side block comparison, 5 replicate measurements of
yield, grain weight, protein and screenings per block.

TRIAL DETAILS

Wheat Variety: Crop Stage at TwinN application: Fertiliser Data:

In Crop Rainfall: Soil Type: Site History: Ventura Mid tillering 80 kg/ha Ausmin 570 granular mineral fertiliser (5:7:0) supplying 4kgN/ha 209 mm Sandy loam Wheat 2007

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TwinN Application Conditions:	Weather conditions: Application method: Calibration output: Crop stage:	Light drizzle Boomspray 70 l/ha Mid tillering
Trial Measurements:	Yield:	Each of 5 replicate measurements was a 400m x 9.1m strip (0.364 ha).
	Root scores:	Ten randomly selected plants from plus and minus TwinN blocks were extracted from the soil and ranked on a 1 to 10 scale for root mass by two technicians, independently. Root scores were a mean of twenty rankings.
	Tiller counts:	Tillers were counted from plants within ten random squares (61 x 25 cm) from each block.
	Leaf nitrogen analysis:	Leaf N analysis was performed by an independent laboratory on duplicate leaf tissue from late tillering plants.

CONCLUSIONS

- A single application of TwinN was trialed in this low input/low rainfall/low yield wheat crop system. A yield increase of 15.5% was measured. This was associated with a 36% decrease in screenings indicating a better grain filling capacity late in the crop cycle.
- Root growth was substantially greater (13.5% increase) in TwinN treated wheat plants.
- Tiller number was increased by 13.2%.
- TwinN treated wheat leaf tissue had higher Total N (12.6% increase) and available nitrate N (18.9% increase).





5 header strips were weighed on each side, TwinN treated vs. untreated

