

# **Dry Bean Inoculant Trial**

Trial ID: 2025-DB1IN03 - R.M. of Norfolk Treherne

**Objective**: Quantify the agronomic and economic impacts of a single inoculation vs. no inoculation in dry beans.

**Summary:** The untreated with 35 lbs/ac nitrogen (N) dry beans yielded significantly more by 230 lbs/ac than the BOS Peat® no N treatment, and this increased profit by \$44.11/ac. The untreated with 35 lbs/ac N yielded significantly more by 191 lbs/ac than untreated, no N treatment, and this increased profit by \$24.24/ac. There were significantly more nodules per plant in the untreated with N treatment compared to inoculated dry beans. Nodulation in the untreated, no N was similar to the two other treatments.

#### Trial Information +

Treatments	Untreated (no N) vs. Untreated (35 lbs N) vs. 1.5kg BOS Peat®/450kg
	seed

Years Since Dry Beans	Two
Soil Texture	Clay
<b>Previous Crop</b>	Corn
Seeding Date	27/05/25
Variety	Black Bean BL Black Tails
Seeding Rate	160,000 seeds/ac
<b>Row Spacing</b>	20 in.
Plant Stand @ V5	121,208 plants/ac
Spring Soil Test N (0-24")	16 lbs/ac
<b>Harvest Date</b>	27/09/25

## Precipitation (mm)

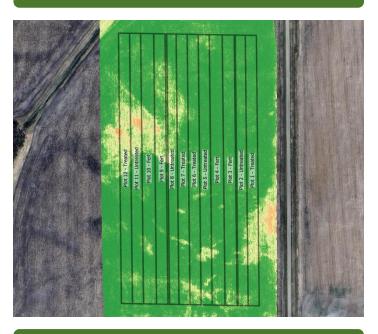
	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Rainfall	62.3	23.2	60.9	57.2	203.6
Normal	77.83	88.48	78.21	62.24	306.76
% Norm	80%	26%	78%	92%	66%

#### Nodulation<sup>+</sup>

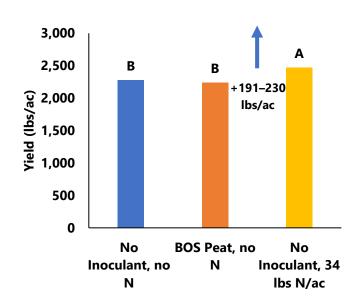
Average Total Nodule Number Per Plant at R6
11.9 AB
8.8 B
15.4 A

<sup>+</sup> Averages followed by different letters are significantly different at  $\alpha$  =0.05

### **NDVI Field Image August 14**



## **Yield by Treatment**





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### **Overall Yield & Economics**

	Mean (lbs/ac)	Cost +	Change in Profit <sup>††</sup>
Untreated (no N)	2280 B		
BOS (no N)	2241 B	\$8.95/ac	-\$8.95/ac
Untreated (with N)	2471 A	\$29.24/ac	+\$24.24/ac UNTRT (w/ N) → UNTRT (No N) +\$44.11/ac BOS → UNTRT (w/ N)
P-Value	0.0284	Economic	UNTRT (no N) → BOS <b>No</b>
CV	6.10%		UNTRT (w/ N) $\rightarrow$ UNTRT (No N) <b>Yes</b>
Significance	Yes		BOS $\rightarrow$ UNTRT (w/ N) <b>Yes</b>

<sup>+</sup> Based on an estimated cost for in-furrow inoculant and fertilizer (\$0.86/lb of actual N)

<sup>++</sup> Change in profit is calculated as the difference in cost between treatments. When a significant yield difference occurs, the change in profit is calculated from profit gained or lost due to yield differences, treatment cost/ac and the current black bean market price of \$0.28/lb (Source: Estimated based on conversations with grain buyers); UNTRT = untreated, TRT = treated.