### 2012 Soil Fertility Seminars Early Summer Sampling Benefits for Growers, Dealers, Agronomists





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### Trends in Early Summer Sampling 2001 - 2011



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### **Trends in Soil Sampling**

**Increase Early & Fall Samples** 



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### **Trends in Soil Sampling**



2011 Benson: 72% of all samples were Grid/Zone samples



### **Early Summer Precision Sampling**

#### 1. Mostly 2.5 acre grid

Intended for Fall fertilizer application

#### 2. Topsoil sample (0-6 inch depth)

- Most test for: P, K, Zn, pH, salts, BpH & OM
- Some test for: CEC, Sulfur and Boron

#### 3. Sample in the planted soybean crop

- Hand probe
- Wintex 1000

#### 4. Goal is to be done sampling by July 4<sup>th</sup>



#### Benefits and Advantages of Early Summer Sampling for Growers, Dealers, Samplers and Agronomists

- 1. Everyone avoids the rush & delays of fall sampling
- 2. All summer to generate soil reports, visit with growers, develop spread maps
- 3. Start fertilizer application right after harvest
- 4. Consistent soil cores and good soil sample condition Falls can be inconsistent in soil conditions, esp. if tillage is involved. >>>>
- 5. Test results are very similar and comparable between early summer and fall sampling





# Sampling Tilled vs Untilled Soil

Fall sample after chisel/disk. Phos. (ave) = 10

Very poor sampling conditions. - Poor quality cores.



Early Summer sample in crop. Phos. (ave) = 39

•Grower comment: •More representative to field history.

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#### Sampling Tilled vs Untilled Soil

Fall sample after chisel/disk. Potassium (ave) = 89

Very poor sampling conditions. - Poor quality cores.



Early Summer sample in crop. Potassium (ave) = 205

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## **Sampling Tilled vs Untilled Soil**





#### Wheel track sampling

- 1. Soil is compressed for a more representative profile
- 2. Test results will be more like A sample on stubble
- 3. Soil probe tips will cut a compressed soil surface much better than a cloddy surface



### Sampling Tilled vs Untilled Soil Inside the soil probe

#### Tilled:

- 1. Larger particles
- 2. Less compact
- 3. Less repeatable/consistent
- 4. Less soil/more air space
- 5. Phos. = 22



#### No Tillage:

- 1. Small particles
- 2. More compact
- 3. More repeatable/consistent
- 4. More soil/less air space
- 5. Phos. = 33



### Sampling Tilled vs Untilled Soil Phosphorus





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### Sampling Tilled vs Untilled Soil Potassium





### Sampling Tilled vs Untilled Soil Nitrogen





Benson lab comparison of all soil samples 2001 - 2011

	Spring/	
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	Summer	Fall
P-O	16	15
P-B1	34	31
K	195	196
рН	6.9	6.9
Zn	1.6	1.5

Thousands of soil samples compiled and compared



### Sample Date Comparison Project Early Summer (in crop)

Fall (post harvest)

### 9 fields were sampled and 73 sample points

2010: 4 fields & 28 sample points 2011: 5 fields & 45 sample points

### Sampled twice:

- 1) Early Summer: After soybean emergence
- 2) Fall: After soybean harvest, prior to tillage
- 3) Topsoil sample (0-6" depth)
- 4) All points were GPS marked & relocated



### **Sample Date Comparison Project**

Early Summer (in crop)

Fall (post harvest)

### 2010: 4 Fields

3 south of Benson, MN 1 northeast of Benson, MN

### 2011: 5 Fields

2 northwest of Marshall, MN 3 south of Sioux Falls, SD



























# What Sampling Time is Better?



### Phosphorus – Seasonal Trend 2011





### Potassium – Seasonal Trend 2011



Average of 4 topsoil samples from two fields sampled weekly near Northwood, ND



# pH – Seasonal Trend 2011



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### %OM – Seasonal Trend 2011





## Zinc – Seasonal Trend 2011



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# **Registration is \$20 per person** until February 15. \$25 per person at the door. **iGrow**

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- Dr Dan Humburg, SDSU
- Tom McGraw, Midwest Independent Soil Samplers
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#### FSA Map Services Update Surety Online Mapping From Agridata, Inc.

- 1) Feb. 1, 2012: Change occurs
- 2) Each individual will have to create a their own user name.
- 3) Surety Pro version will be available ~ March 2012
- 4) Price stays the same for 2012:
  - 1) \$300 for first user
  - 2) \$150 for each additional user

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