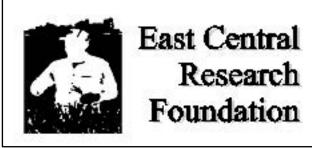
#### Agricultural Research - Yorkton

Mike Hall Researcher/Instructor Parkland College

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Parkland College and East Central Research Foundation sign a memorandum of understanding to pursue agricultural research.

Michael Cameron, Director of Training & Business Development at Parkland College

Glenn Blakley, President of the East Central Research Foundation

# East Central Research Foundation

- •Established in 1996 on land just west of Canora
- •Has run successfully in the past conducting applied research in agriculture.
- •However, over the last few years it has struggled to find a suitable a suitable research coordinator

# Parkland College

- •Established 40 years ago
- •five campus locations including Canora, Esterhazy, Fort Qu'Appelle, Melville and Yorkton. Training centres are in Kamsack and Yorkton.
- •Parkland college wants to become involved in field research but has no equipment to do





SO.

## City of Yorkton

•Dave Putz (City Manager) was responsible for introducing Parkland College and East Central Research Foundation.

•The city provided us with a 5 year lease of land just south of Yorkton (108 acres)

•In 2014 the city will also lease us (60 acres) just west of Yorkton



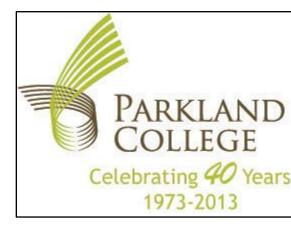
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# Parkland College



Gwen Machnee Co-ordinator for university and applied research





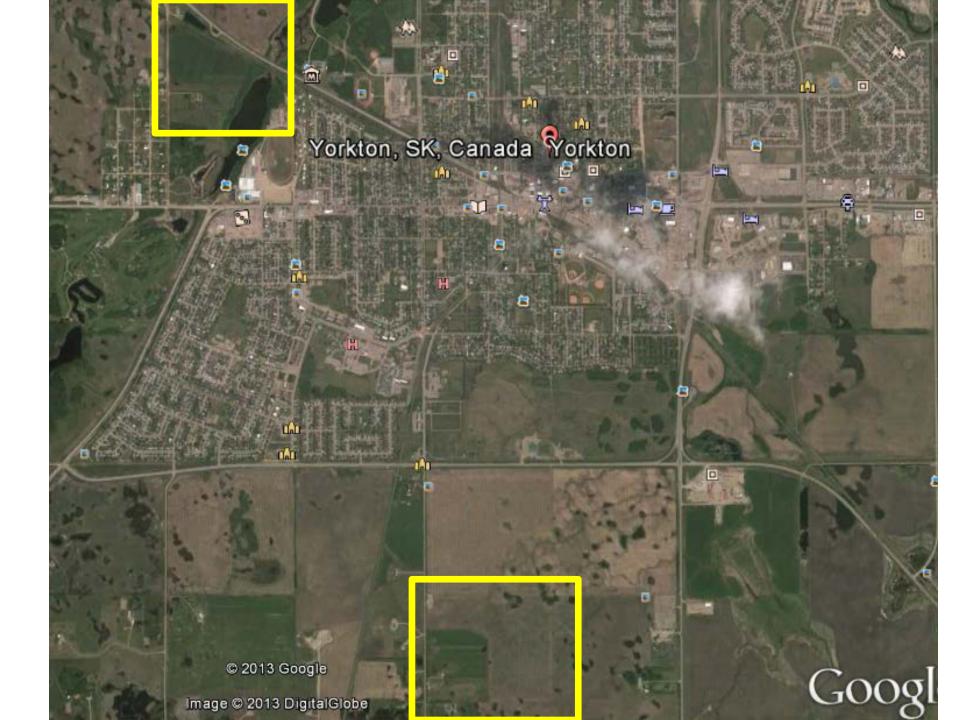
# Strengths of the Partnership

- Enabled Parkland College to become the first regional college in Saskatchewan to undertake an applied research program. It fits with one of the college's mandates "to serve regional economic development"
- Both ECRF and Parkland College benefit from each other's expertise and connections.

ECRF and Parkland
College have access to different funding sources.
The research farm provides a place to train

students and offer summer job opportunity.





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#### TH 33003

#### NSC Libau RR2Y

#### **Objectives:**

 to evaluate in the Yorkton area the maturity, yield and first internode length of ten soybean varieties developed by NorthStar Genetics.

 to evaluate impact of warming the soil with cultivation prior to seeding soybeans on maturity, yield and first internode length.

#### NorthStar GENETICS Demonstration Plot

Variety	Maturity	Description
1. NSC Moosomin RR2Y	2300 CHU	Ultra early variety (<2300 CHU); short ; excellent yield potential. Good cold tolerance
2. NSC Reston RR2Y	2325 CHU	Very early maturing. Very good line for solid seeding.
		Reston has been rated as Excellent for Iron
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		white mold.
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		with very good pod clearance and exceptional
		standability. Yielded 104% of check in 2012
		Manitoba provincial trials. Performed very well in
		terms of yield and maturity vs other varieties in trials
		where conditions were particularly cool. Good cold tolerance.
10. NSC Elie RR2Y		Top midseason yielder (exceptional). Very stable
	2425 CHU	strong looking line in the field. Suitable for solid
		seeded or row planted.

#### It's a Demonstration, no replication and thus no statistics.

# Seeding into rotovated soil versus direct seeding

#### Expectation

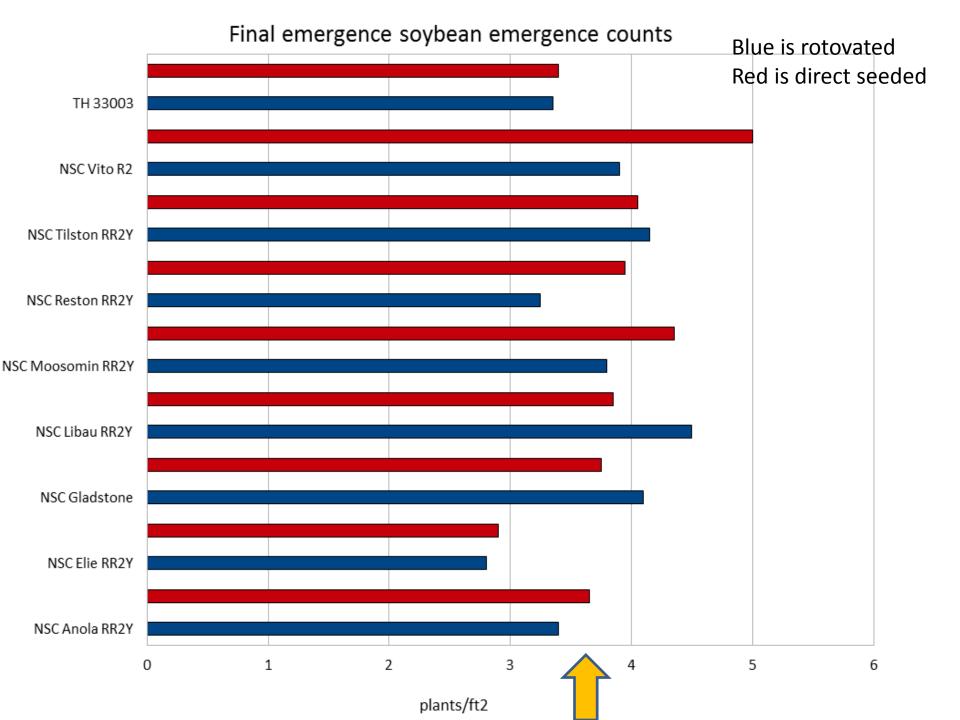
- Plants to emerge more vigorously
- Longer first internode
- Earlier maturity
- Better yield

#### What actually happened

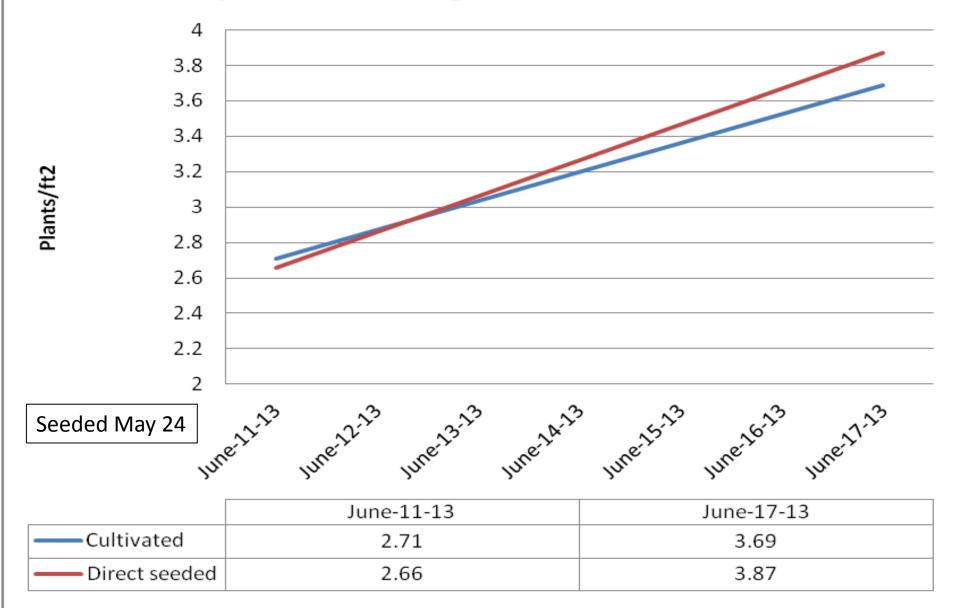
- Plants to emerged the same
- Shorter first internode
- Earlier maturity
- Poorer yield

Did we seed too deep into the softer rotovated soil?



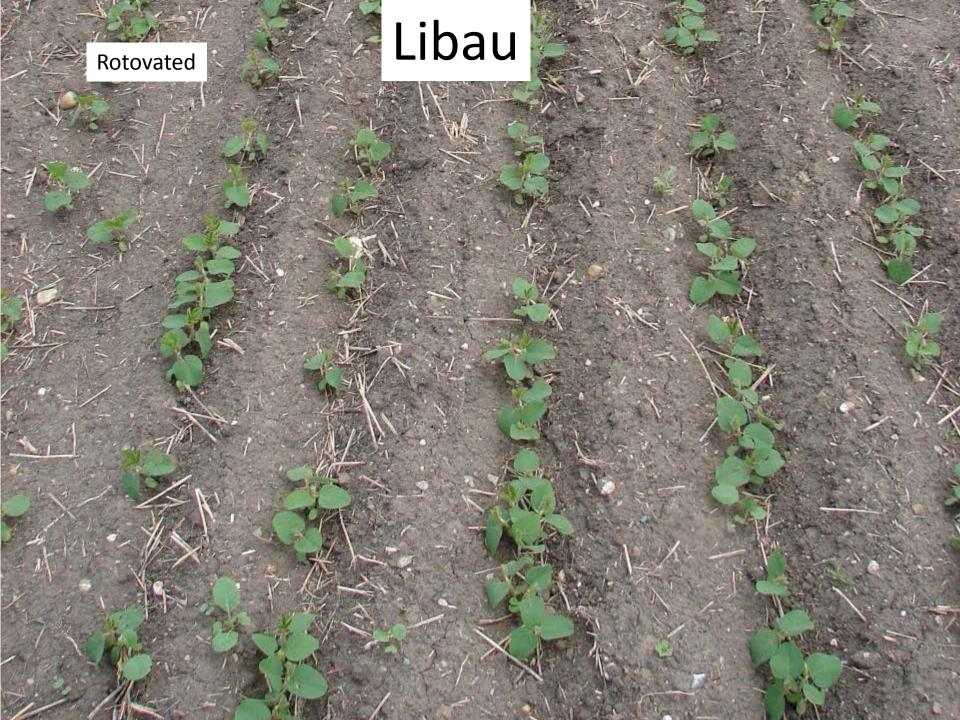


#### Emergence of cultivated and direct seeded soybeans averaged across varieties



# Libau







# Tilston







### Plant Height and Height of lowest pod averaged across all varieties

Soil Disturbance	Plant Height	Height of lowest pod
Direct seeded	27.5	2.5
rotovated	22.7	2.3

#### Height: rotovated versus directed seeded Vito

#### Vito rotovated

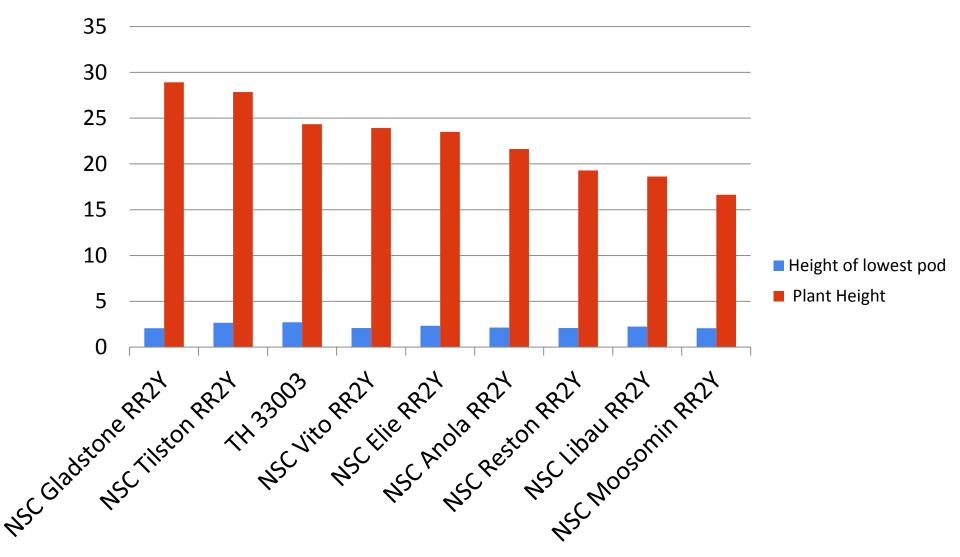
#### Vito direct seeded

Sept 23, 2013

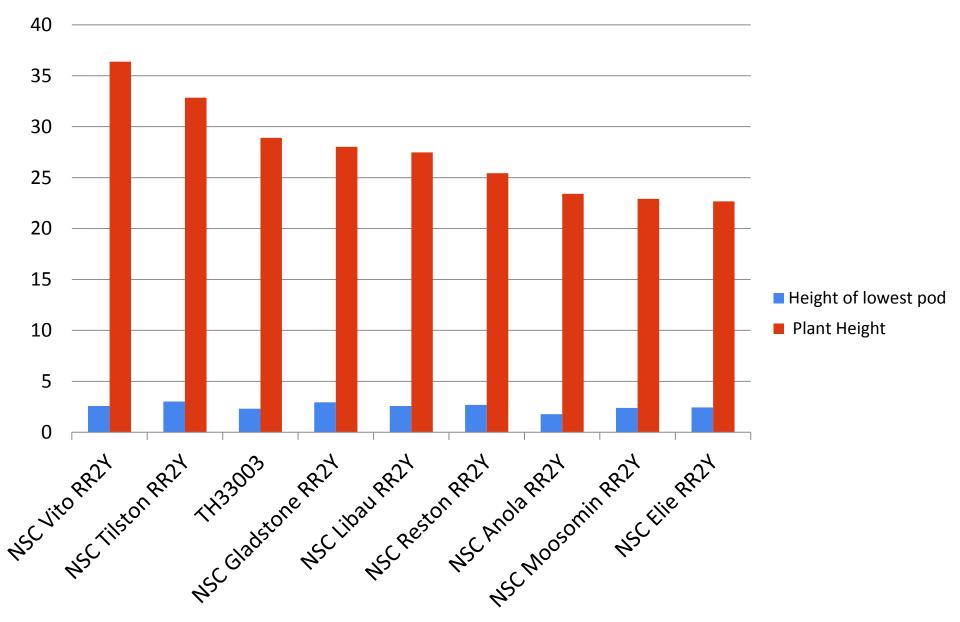




#### Average Soybean height and height of lowest pod (inches) by variety on rotovated soil.



#### Average Soybean height and height of lowest pod (inches) by variety direct seeded



### Days to 10% yellow pods

	Days after		
date	seeding	Direct seeded	Rotovated
September 4, 2013	103	NA	NSC Moosomin RR2Y
September 6, 2013	105	NSC Moosomin RR2Y	TH 33003
		NSC Tilston RR2Y	NSC Reston RR2Y
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September 9, 2013	108	TH 33003	NSC Vito R2
			NSC Anola RR2Y
			NSC Gladstone RR2Y
September 12,			
2013	111	NSC Gladstone RR2Y	NSC Elie RR2Y
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September 16,			
2013	115	NSC Libau RR2Y	
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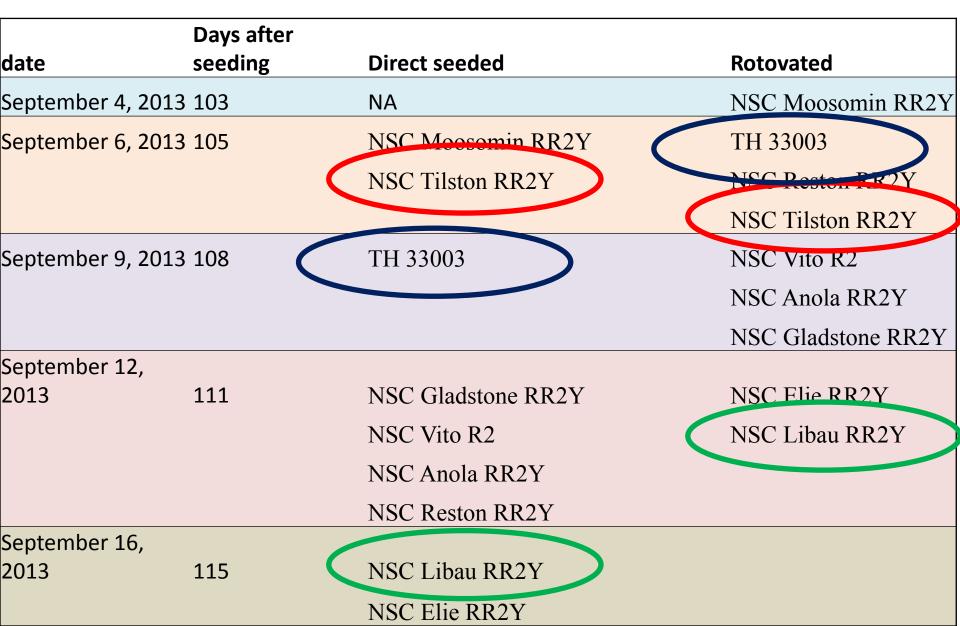
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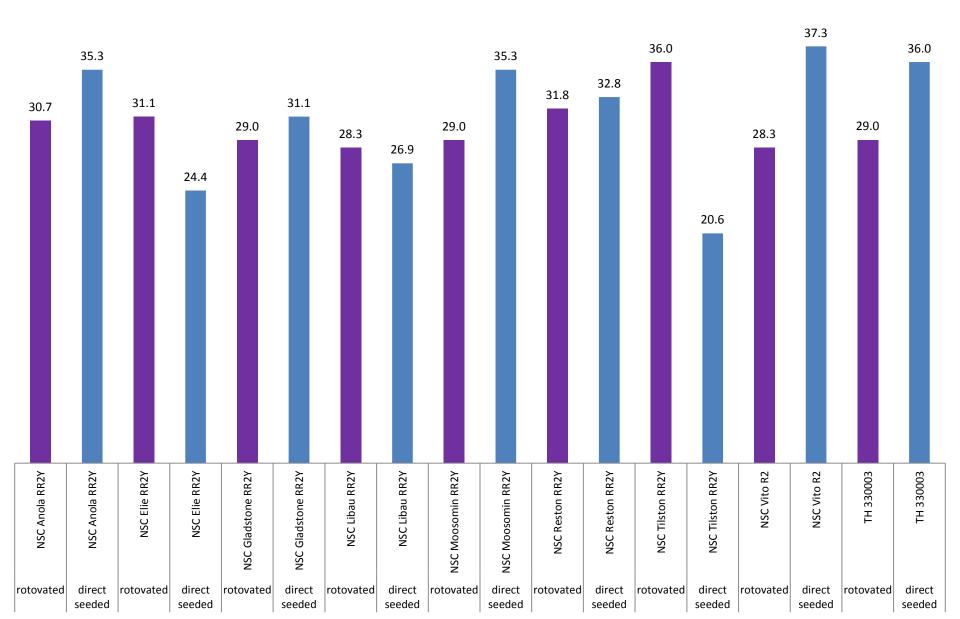


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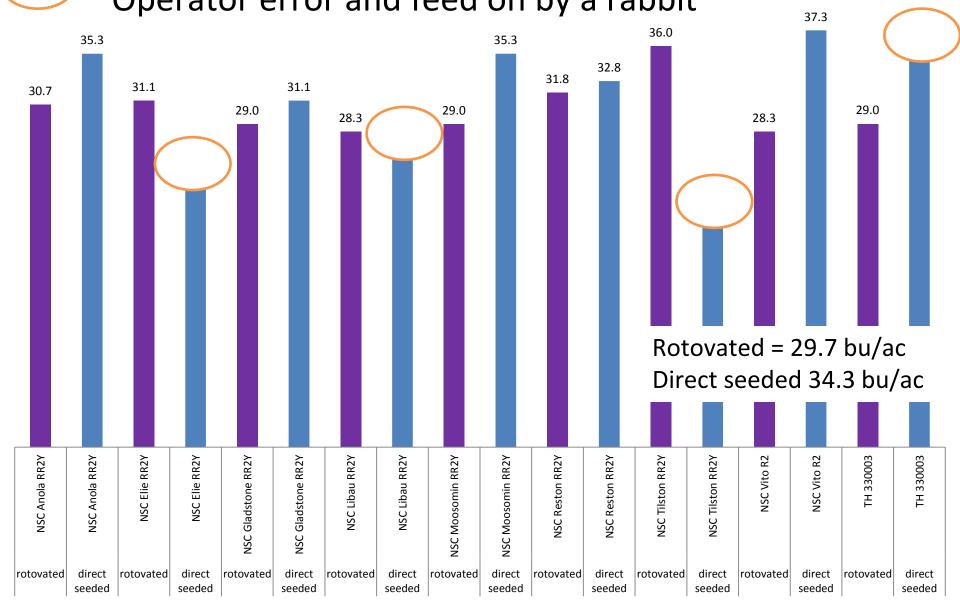


# Direct seeded and rotovated Soybean yields by variety bu/ac

Operator error some of libau went into TH330003



## Direct seeded and rotovated Soybean yields by variety bu/ac Operator error and feed on by a rabbit



# Conclusions

- Rotovated plots were earlier maturing, shorter in stature, had lower pod height and were lower yielding. Why?
  - Possibly seeded deeper in softer soil. However, emergence was not drastically different.
  - Did rotovating change fertility aspects, mychorrhizal associations or nodulation success. Seed was coated with Nodulator Pro liquid inoculant and Hi-Flo spherical granules inoculant was banded to the side.
- For the yorkton area would stay away from long season varieties like Elie or libau
- For yorkton area would consider Moosomin but it has a short first internode
- For yorkton area Tilston is my first consideration because it is a short season variety, with the longest first internode and good yield. TH33003 is a tall early maturing variety.

#### June 22, 2013



#### July 25, 2013

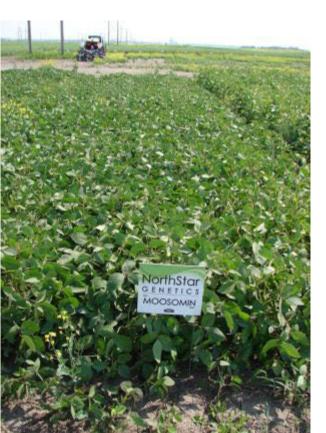


August 13, 2013

Moosomin (short & early)

Tilston (Tall & short season)

Libau (very late)

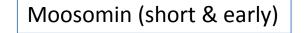




August 31, 2013



September 5, 2013



Tilston (Tall & short season)

Libau (very late)



### Sept 9, 2013



#### September 12, 2013

Moosomin (short & early)



#### Tilston (Tall & short season)



Libau (very late)

September 16, 2013



September 23, 2013



September 23, 2013

Moosomin (short & early) 29 bu/ac Tilston (Tall & short season) 36 bu/ac Libau (very late) 28.3 bu/ac





# **Good Cold tolerance**

- NSC Moosomin, TH33003, Tilston
- Somewhat Cold Tolerant
- Reston, NSC Anola, dk23-10

# **Poor Cold Tolerance**

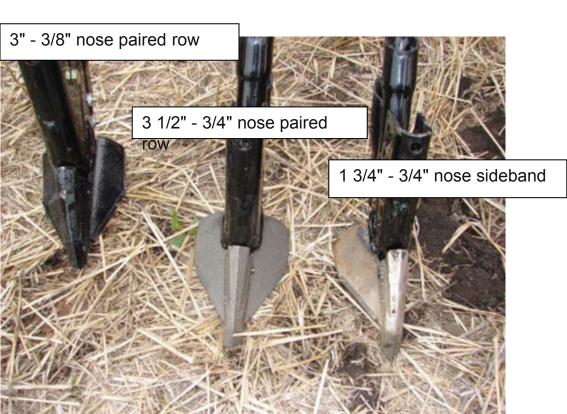
## • NSC Libau, Pekko

Still trying to work out what exactly cold tolerance is and growth chamber studies have been initiated over the winter which we hope to correlate with field studies this year by seeding varieties early into cold soil and late into warm.
We are not sure if it is the cold soils in early spring which lead to lower pod height, later maturity, and lower yield. It may have been the result of the cooler than normal June/July period where some varieties may have their progress put on hold while varieties such as Tilston continued with their normal progression despite those cool temps at flowering.

# AirGuard Trial (Large Scale)

Objective:

to evaluate impact of AirGuard's seed brake technology on the following three openers in terms of seed depth distribution, emergence and yield

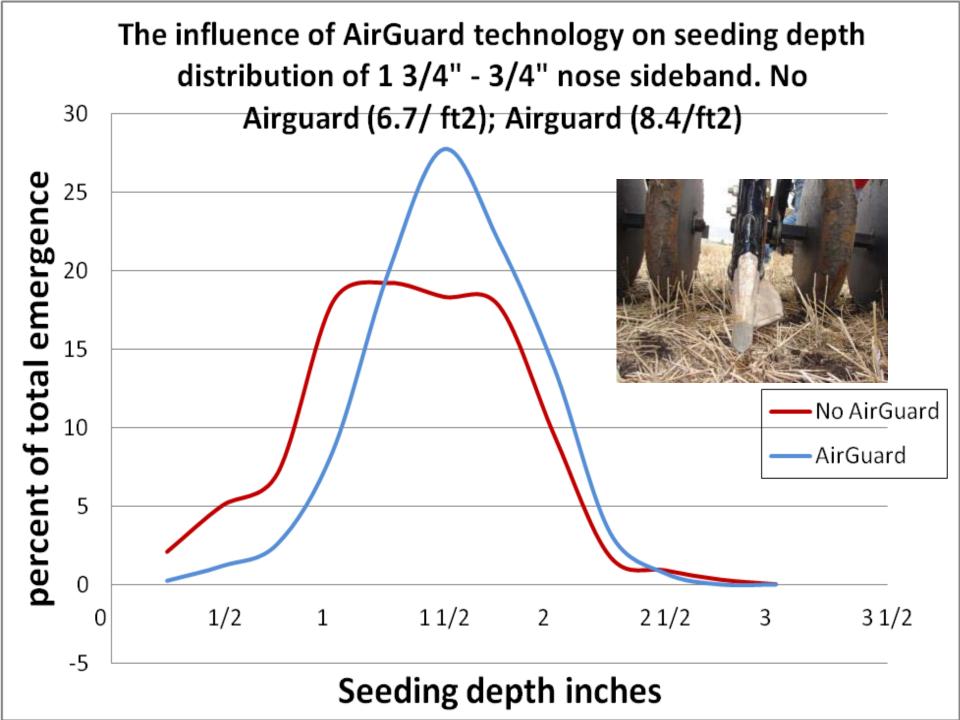






#### Table 7. Plant emergence and yield for field scale trial.

AirGuard	Opener	Yield (bu/ac)	Emergence (plants/ft2)
yes	3" - 3/8" nose paired row	58.5	6.6
no	3" - 3/8" nose paired row	57.9	5.8
yes	1 3/4" - 3/4" nose sideband	62.4	8.4
no	1 3/4" - 3/4" nose sideband	59.7	6.8
yes	3 1/2" - 3/4" nose paired row	61.7	5.0
no	3 1/2" - 3/4" nose paired row	61.1	5.1





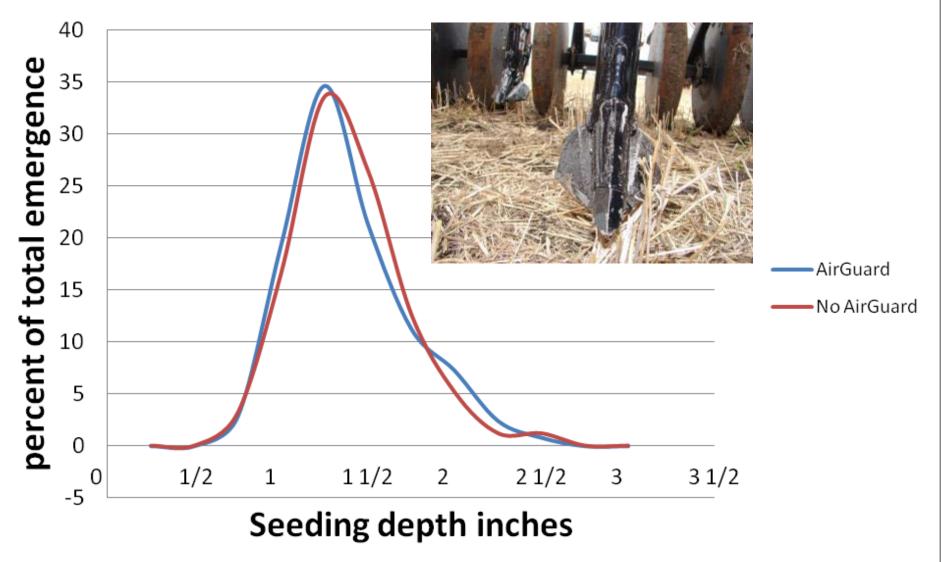




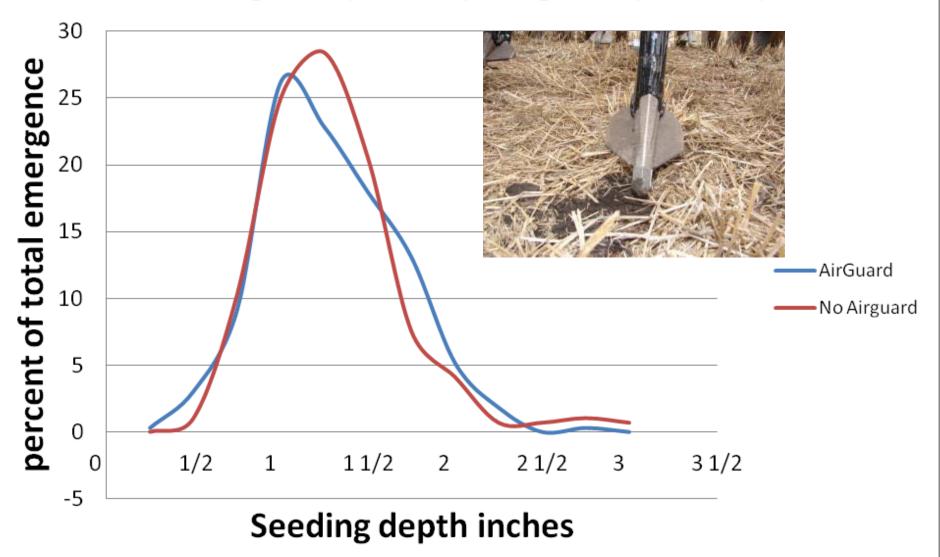


	AirGuard -	3" - 3/8" nose paired row
Rep 1		1 3/4" - 3/4" nose sideband openers
		3 1/2" - 3/4" nose paired row openers
	No AirGuard	3" - 3/8" nose paired row
		1 3/4" - 3/4" nose sideband openers
		3 1/2" - 3/4" nose paired row openers
Rep 2	AirGuard	3 1/2" - 3/4" nose paired row openers
		1 3/4" - 3/4" nose sideband openers
		3" - 3/8" nose paired row
	No AirGuard –	3 1/2" - 3/4" nose paired row openers
		1 3/4" - 3/4" nose sideband openers
		3" - 3/8" nose paired row

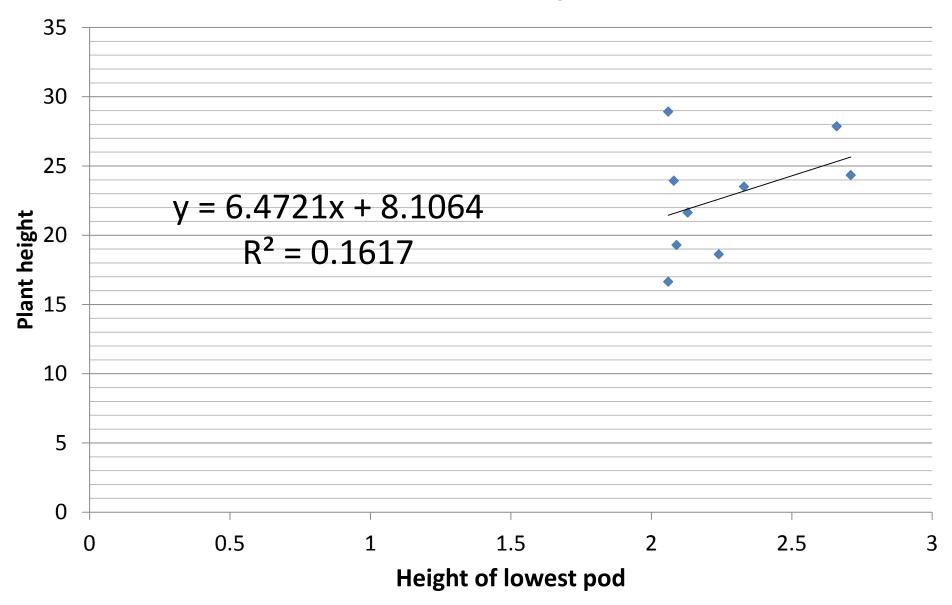
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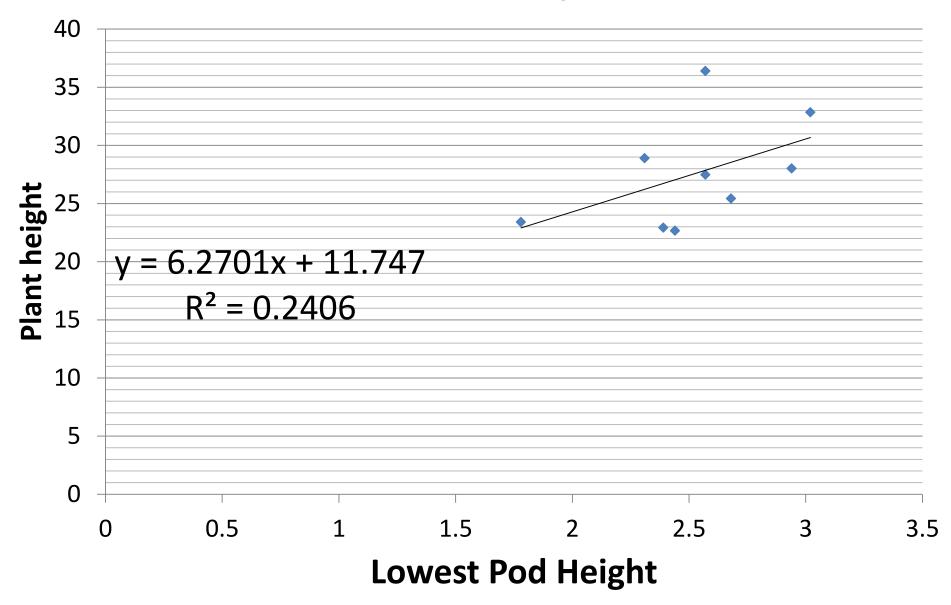
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# Plant height versus height of lowest pod for rotovated soybeans



# Plant height versus lowest pod height for direct seeded soybeans



# Days to 95% pod color change

	Days after		
date	seeding	Direct seeded	Rotovated
September 12,			
2013	111	NSC Tilston RR2Y	NSC Tilston RR2Y
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			NSC Vito R2
			TH 33003
			NSC Moosomin RR2Y
September 16,			
2013	115	TH 33003	NSC Gladstone RR2Y
		NSC Reston RR2Y	
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		NSC Gladstone RR2Y	NSC Anola RR2Y
		NSC Vito R2	
		NSC Anola RR2Y	
September 29,			
2013	127	NSC Libau RR2Y	NSC Libau RR2Y