#### HOW GOOD IS YOUR DATA?

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# Precision Ag is about... INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- What you know
- How you interpret what you know
- What you do with what you know

Data – Information – Knowledge – Decisions COLLECT DATA – ANALYZE DATA – INTERPRET DATA – TAKE ACTION



## X-TREME FARMING

What did you think we did with all those government subsidies - buy tractors???

\o/ MotivatedPhotos.com



Spraying weeds Columbia, South America

# SOIL TEST DATA GRID - ZONE - COMPOSITE?

Mobile Nutrients – Nitrate Nitrogen, Sulfur

(Negatively charged, same as soil)

(Influenced by water movement in soil)

Immobile Nutrients – Phosphorus, Potassium,

(Positively charged, adheres to soil)

Calcium, Magnesium, Zinc, Iron, etc

N s P K

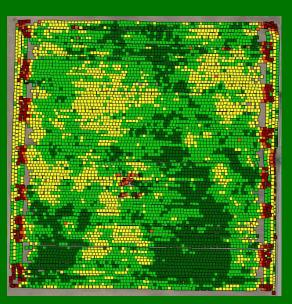
#### ZONE CREATION BY WHAT DATA?

Yield Map?
NRCS Maps?
Farmer Input?
Field Topography?
(LandScape Position)



#### YIELD MAP ACCURACY

- Poor or Inaccurate Calibration
- Time Delays Data Spikes
- Position Offsets Missing Data
- Wobbly GPS Data Overload
- Overlaps
- Multi-Harvesters



#### SOIL TEST DATA

Influenced by:

Manure applications (not done by soil type)

Small fields to large fields (soils disregarded)

Drainage patterns (random, pattern, etc)

Native fertility – not consistent across soil types which are identified mainly by physical characteristics

#### GARBAGE IN - GARBAGE OUT

How quality consistent is field soil sampling?

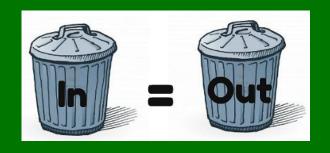
Depth of cores, tilled or compacted soil

Placement of cores, Number of cores

Probe – Auger – Machine – Manual

Time of sampling – Spring, Fall?

Some field softwares are not adequate



#### FARMER INPUT ON MAPS??

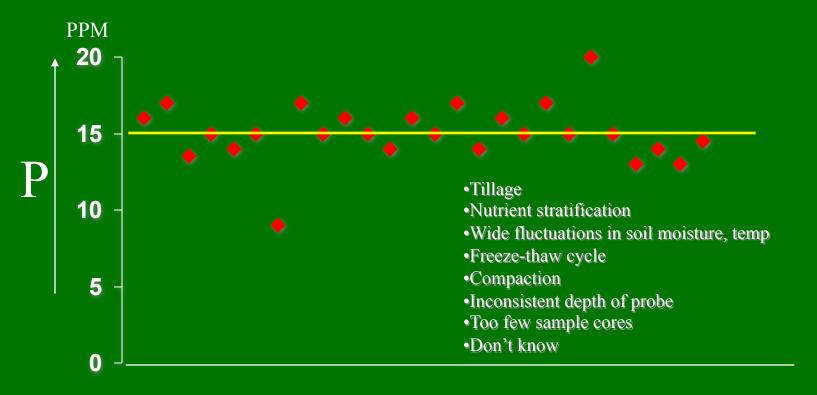
- •Farmer may have recently acquired land.
- •Large farmer may not drive field equipment.
- •May not have all information for decisions.
- •Disease, insects, nutrients, etc cannot always be seen by the naked eye.
- •All farmers, agronomists, consultants have biases.

# DATA INPUT FOR VARIABLE RATE AND/OR SENSOR DECISIONS

<ul> <li>Soil map/topography by EC/EM</li> </ul>	80-100%
•Farmer input	5-60%
•Nutrient & pH maps	20-60%
•Yield map	5-40%
•NDVI map	5-40%
•Satellite imagery	0-5%
•Bare soil imagery	0-5%

## •DOES THE MAP TELL YOU WHAT AND/OR WHY IT DEPENDS

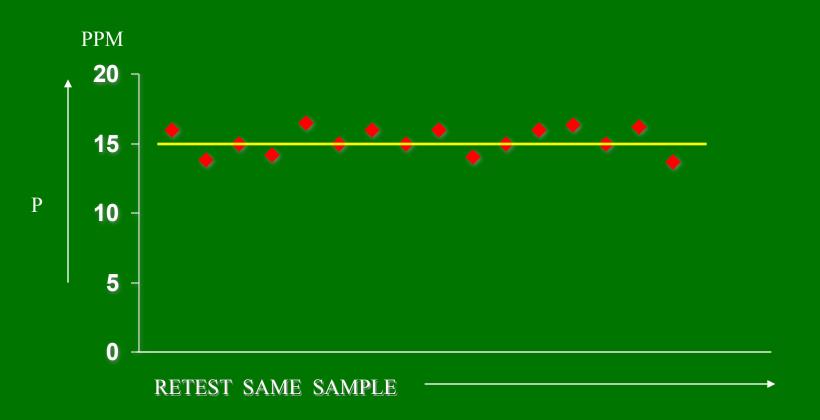
# SOIL NUTRIENT TEST FIELD SAMPLING ACCURACY +/-15%, 90% OF THE TIME

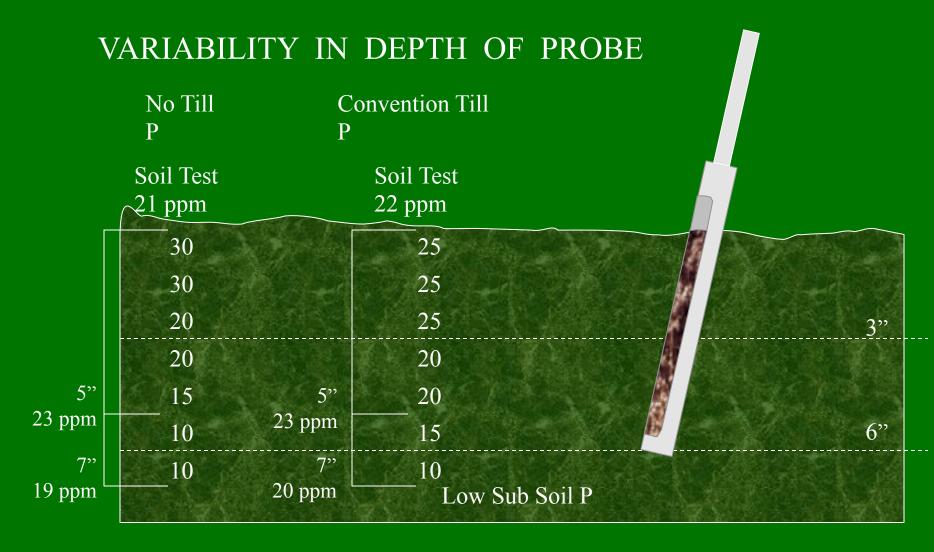


RETEST SAME SPOT IN FIELD

EVERY WEEK or MONTH or SEASON or YEAR

# SOIL NUTRIENT TEST LAB ACCURACY + / - 10%



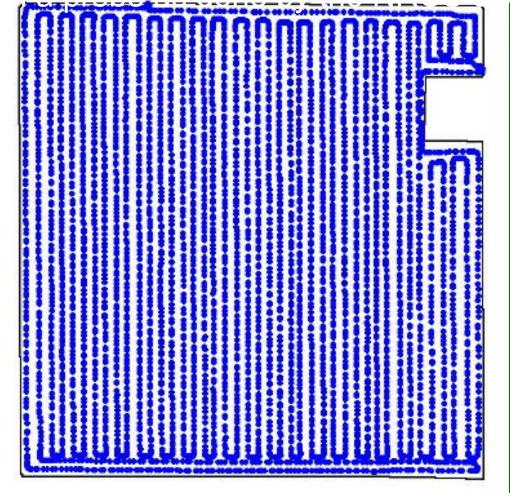


High Sub Soil P would change the soil test very little

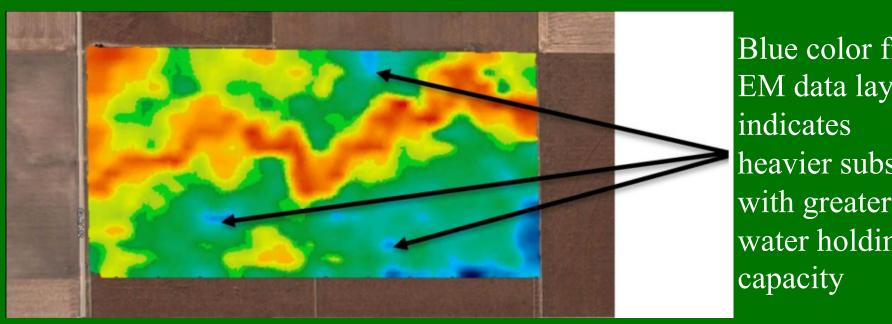
## TRACKING MAP OF EM/EC COLLECTION POINTS Each dot represents a data collection

point

An immense amount of data compared to walking the field with a probe as done by the NRCS decades ago



#### How can data layers help correct over-irrigation?

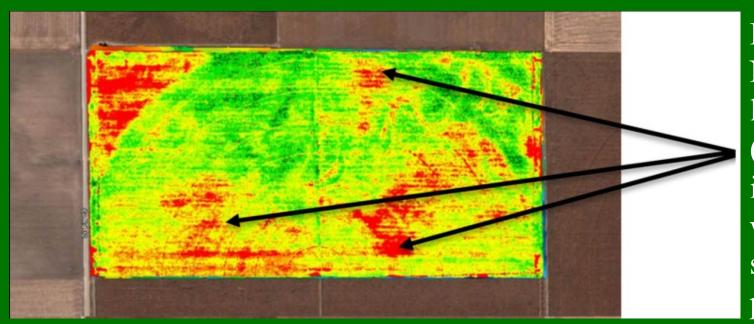


Blue color from EM data layer heavier subsoil with greater water holding

#### CROP METRICS

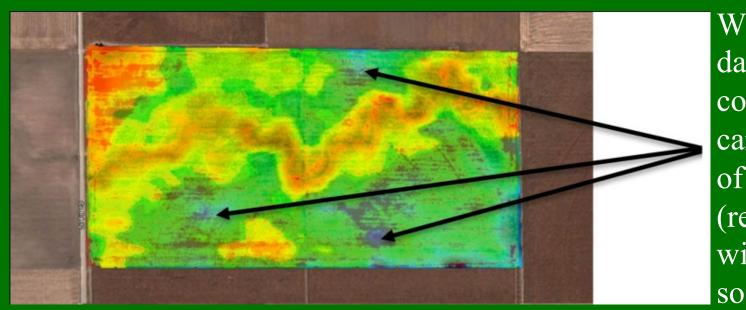
Agronomic VRI Management

This information from the EC subsoil map where much heavier soil contributes to water logged roots and nitrate losses.



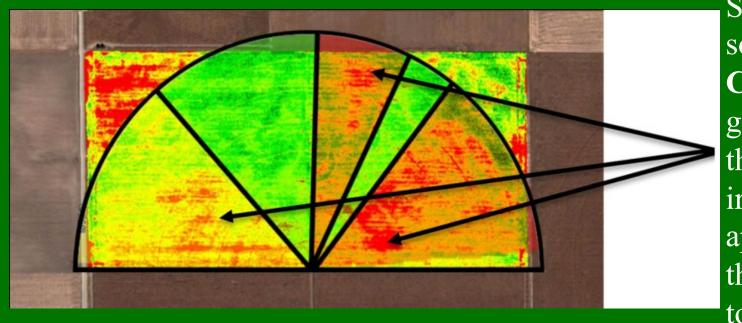
Red color from NDVI data layer (aerial image) indicates areas with high crop stress or low plant health

#### **CROP METRICS**



When above data layers are combined we can see how areas of high crop stress (red) correspond with the heavier soils (blue)

Nick Emanuel founded Crop Metrics and this information is from land the family farms.



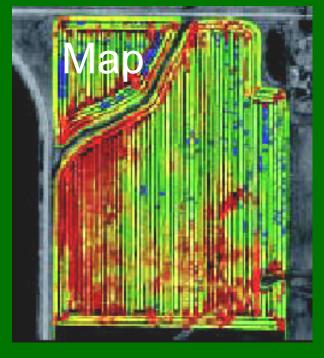
The subsoil EM maps shows where to place water sensors to determine amount and time of irrigation scheduling.

Specialized VRI software allows **CropMetrics** to generate zones that reduce irrigation applications in the heavier soils to eliminate the negative effects of over irrigation

#### Yield

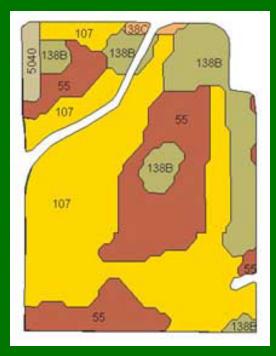
## EC/EM Soil Map





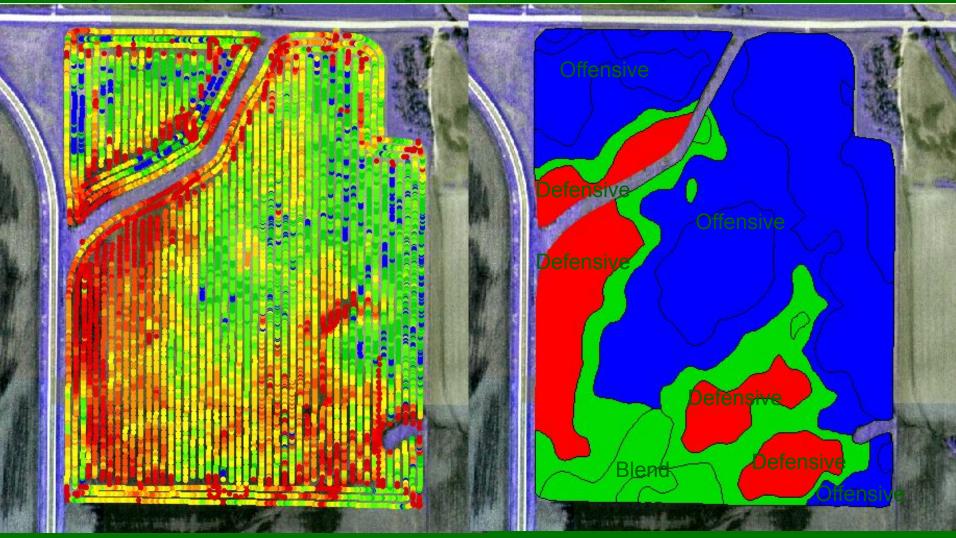


Accurate soils map + yield, track closely for iron chlorosis in glacial till soils





# MAPS MVP (Multiple Variety Placement)

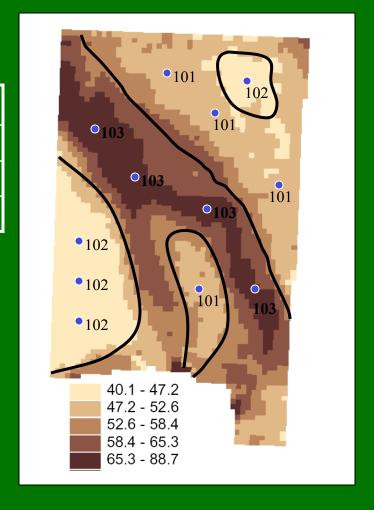


#### SOILS MAPPING BY EC

April – June referred time for EC maps Elevation map (not RTK) also supplied.

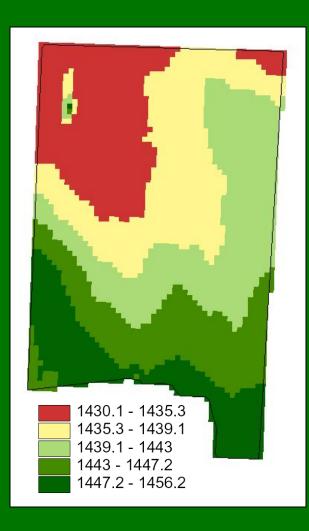
Sample #	P Test Level
101	14 ppm
102	28 ppm
103	11 ppm

P applications are twice the rate for #103 as for #102

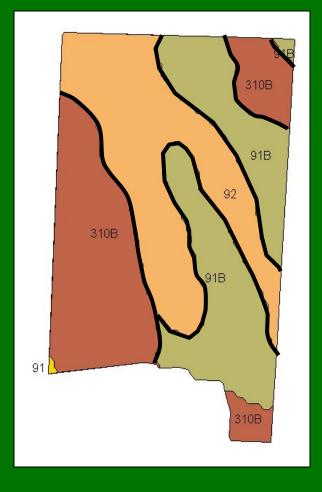


One time fee. Since soils are essential in ag productions, an accurate soil map is necessary to make good agronomic decisions.

### Zone/Soil Type Sampling



- •Landscape Positions
- •NRCS Soils Map
- •No Agreement

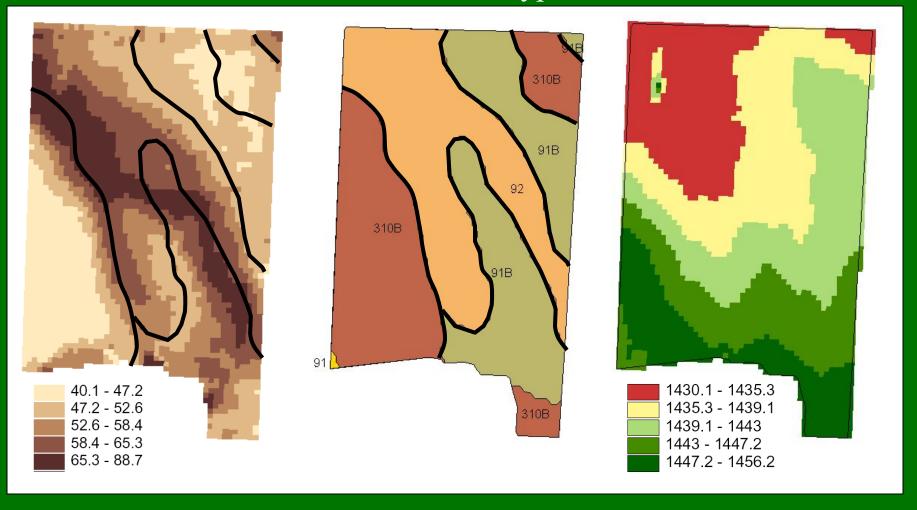


### Zone/Soil Type Sampling

EC Map

NRCS Soil Type

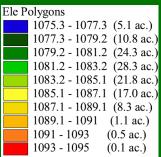
Elevation



#### GLACIAL TILL SOILS, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

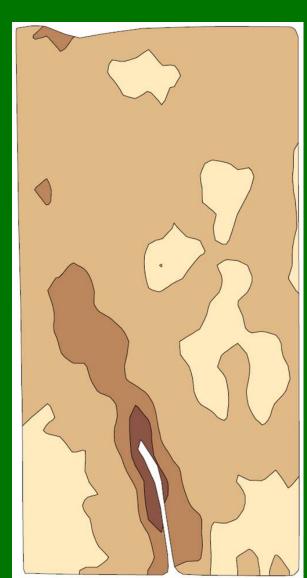
#### **Elevation with Soil Type Lines**

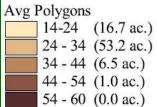




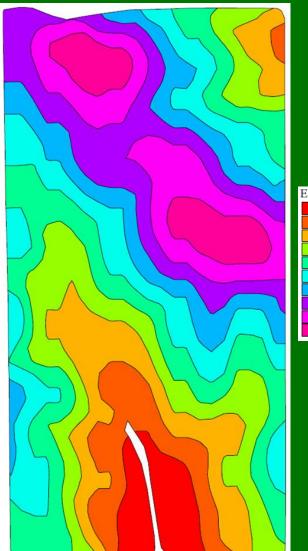
#### **Average EM Map**

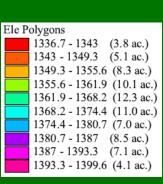
#### **RTK Elevation Map**





Small
Change in
Soils

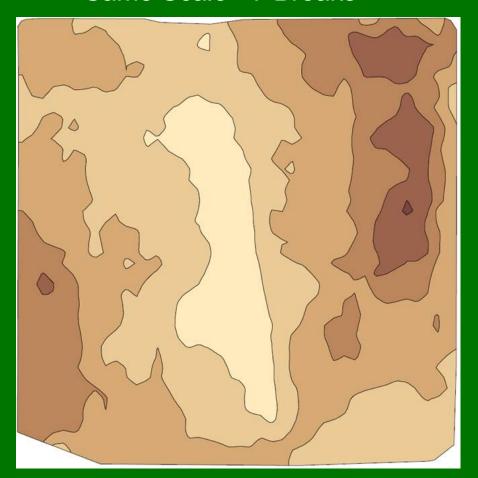


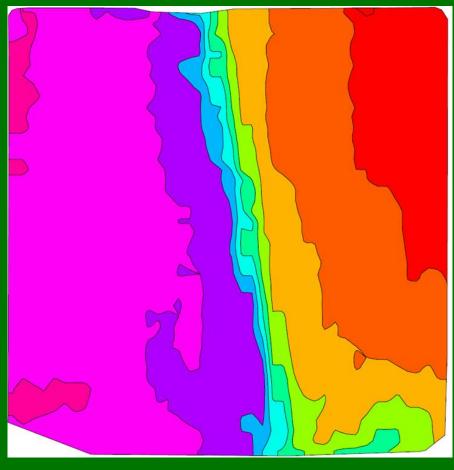


33 feet Elevation Change

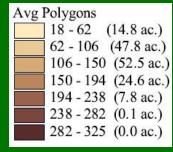
### **Average EM Map**Same Scale - 7 Breaks

#### **RTK Elevation Map**

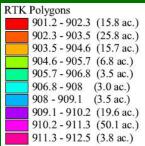




Wide range of soils

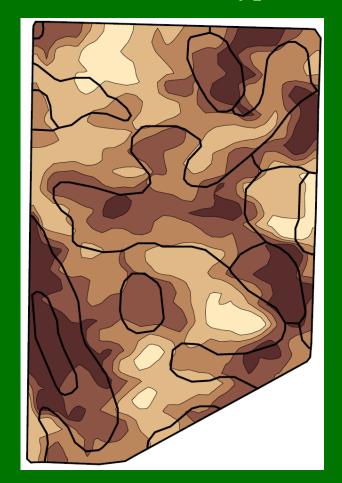


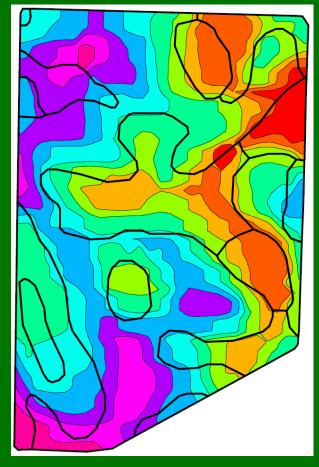
10 feet Elevation Change

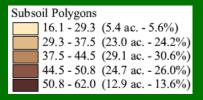


## Subsoil EC Map with NRCS Soil Type Lines

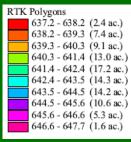
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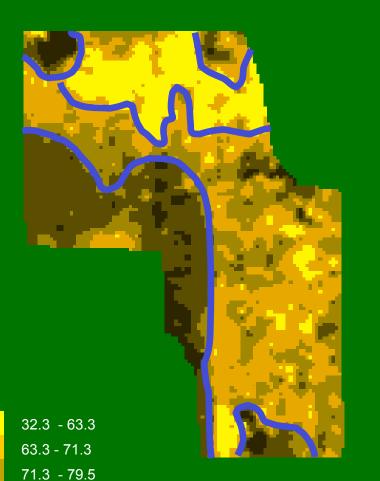




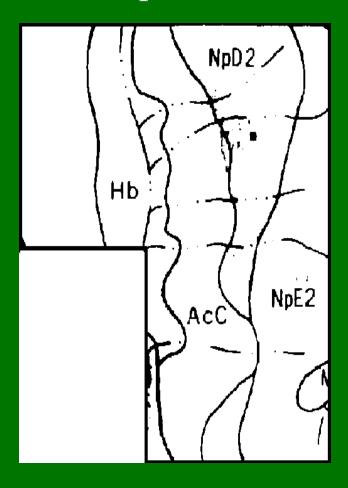
NRCS maps are not accurate enough for Precision Ag



#### East Central Nebraska - EC soil map vs NRCS soil map

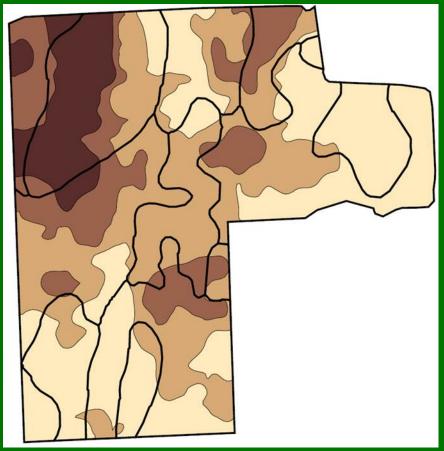


79.5 - 89.6 89.6 - 128.6

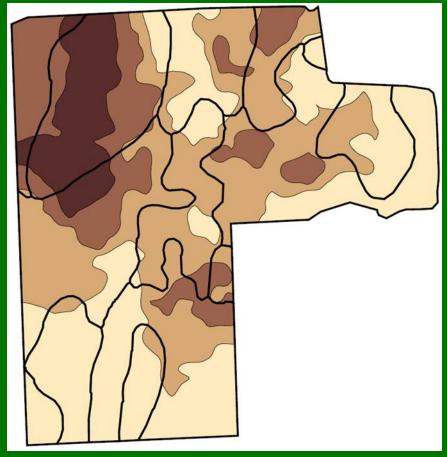


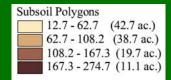
The accuracy of NRCS maps vary widely from state to state and soil type to soil type.

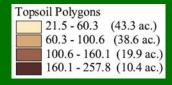
Subsoil EM Map with NRCS Soil Type Lines



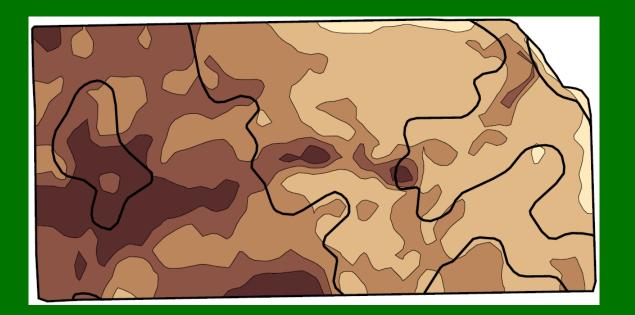
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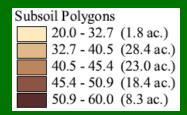


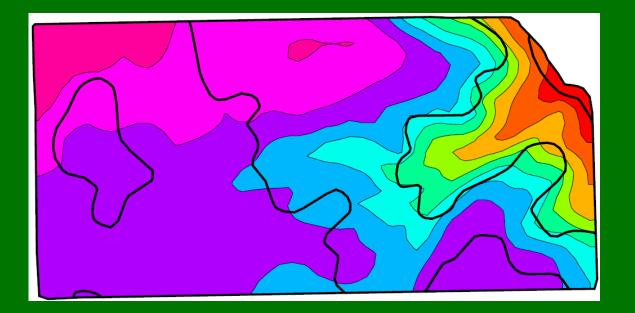


Wilkin Co, MN

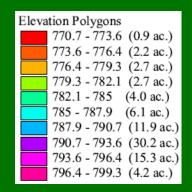


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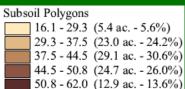
## RTK Elevation Map with NRCS Soil Type Lines



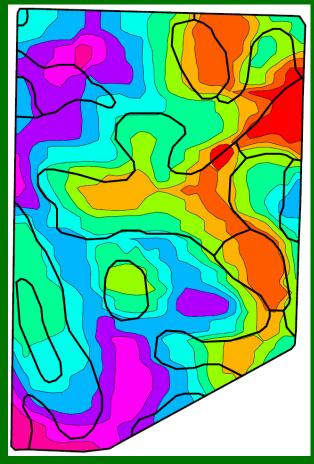
Knox Co, IL 79.97 Acres

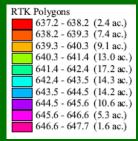
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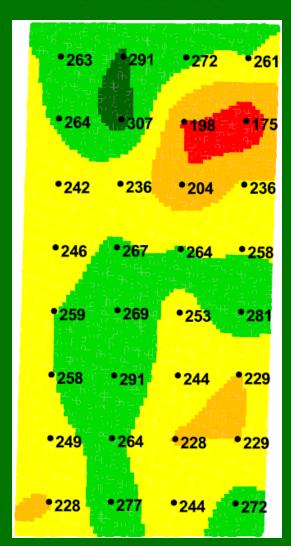


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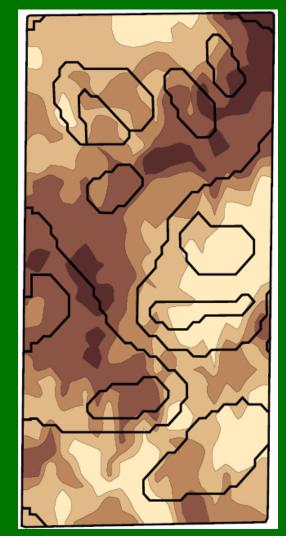


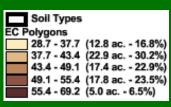


#### **ASNT Surface**



#### EC Surface

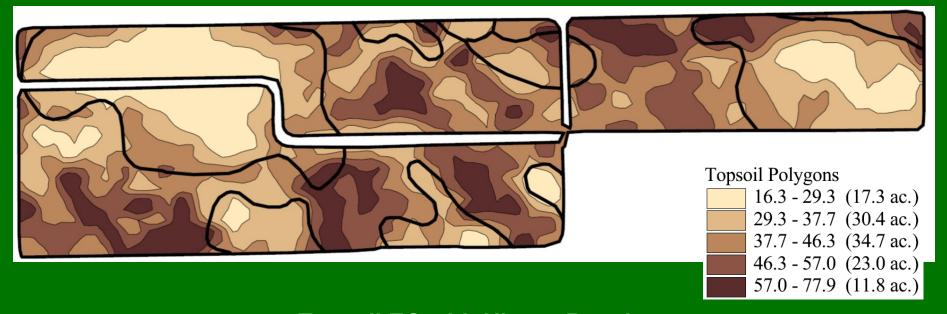




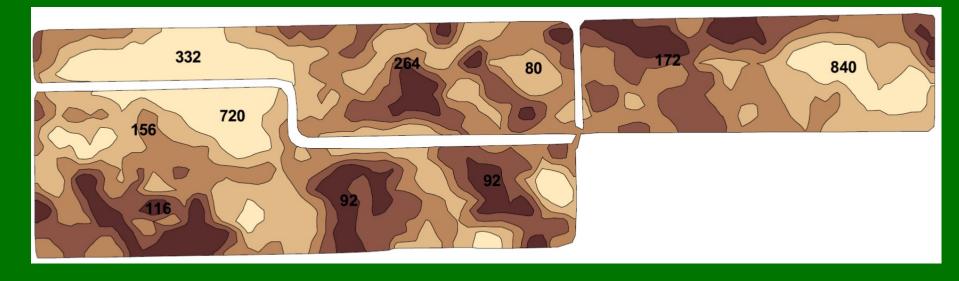
ASNT Surface 0 - 150 150 - 200 200 - 230

230 - 260 260 - 290 290 - 1000

#### **Topsoil EC with Soil Type Lines**

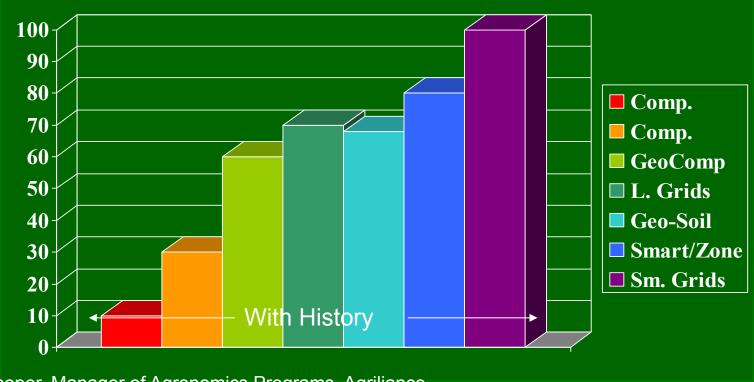


#### **Topsoil EC with Nitrate Results**



Dr. Paul Fixen, Americas Director, International Plant Nutrient Institute, says, "All fields should be **PROPERLY GRID SAMPLED** at least once.

Soil Sampling Systems Decision-making Value

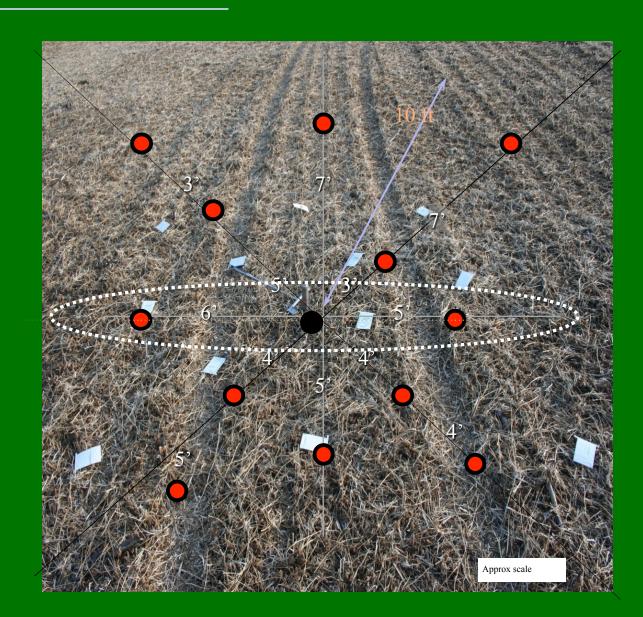


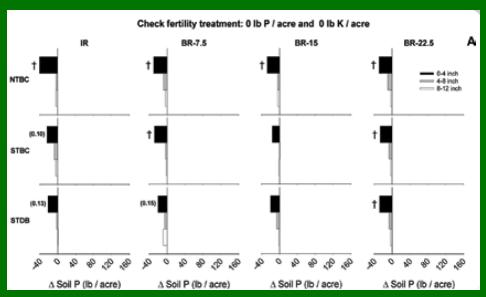
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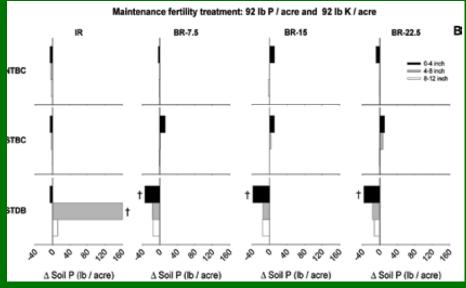
#### Sampling Project

#### Grid Point Sampling Layout

Research by:
Dr. Robert Miller
Colorado State Univ.
Director ALPA
(Agricultural
Laboratory
Proficiency
Association)

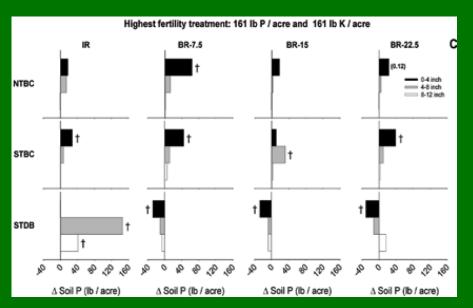




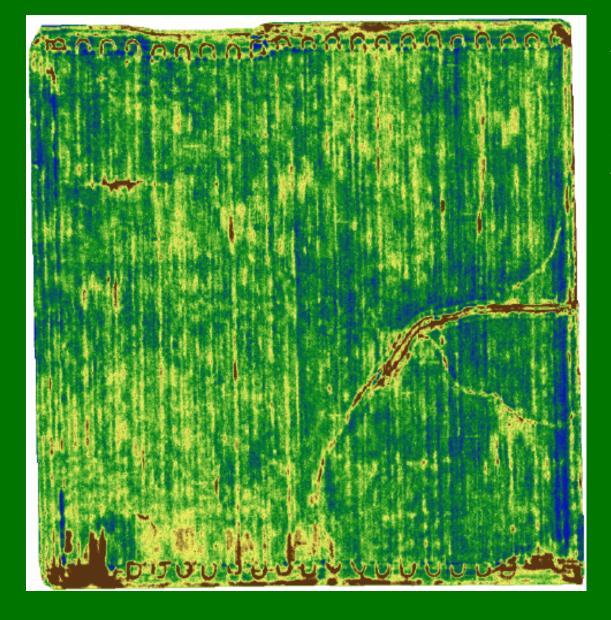


Core position in no till, strip till, or min. till

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Research by Dr. Fabian Fernandez, U of Ilinois



What causes those streaks????? imagery shows end turns of side dress N applications.

Row to row variability Yield monitor check

160 – 216 Bu

170 - 251

198 - 220

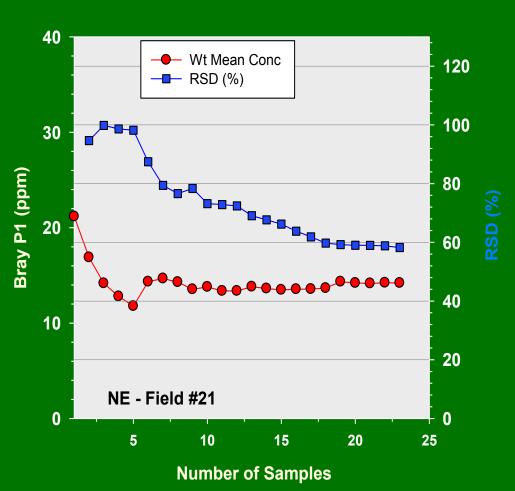
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One meter imagery Satellite 5-10m Yield map 6-10m

# Can More Cores Improve Precision for No Till

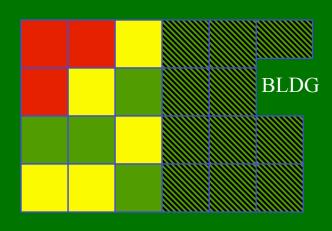




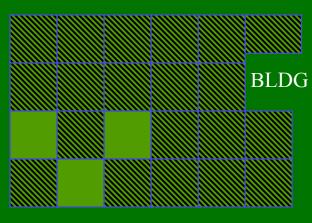


Increasing the number of samples beyond 12 cores at a highly variable site, does not significantly improve the estimate of the mean or reduce the variance for P.

N	24
Mean	14.1
Stdev	8.7
RSD %	58

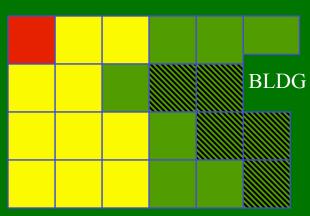


#### **PHOSPHORUS**



**POTASSIUM** 





ZINC

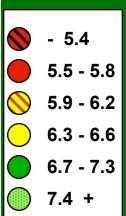
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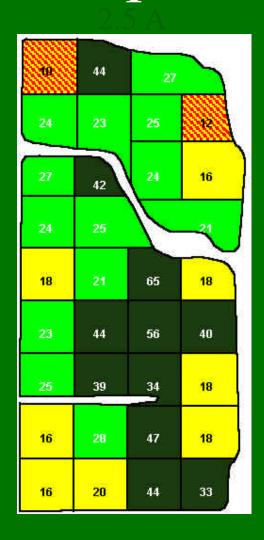
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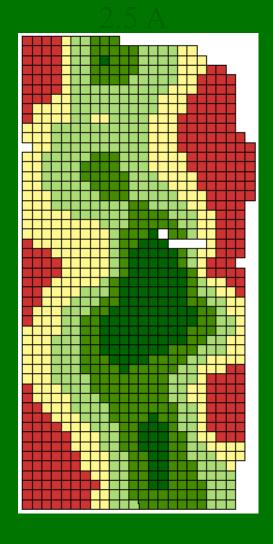


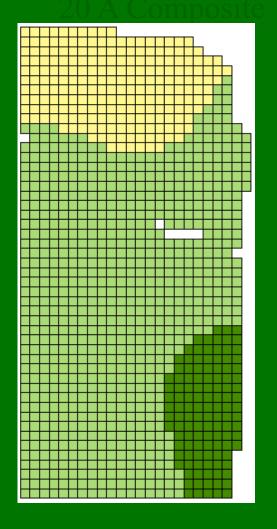
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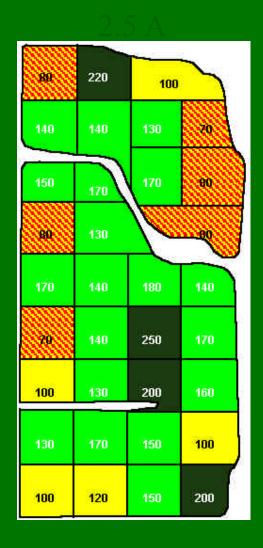


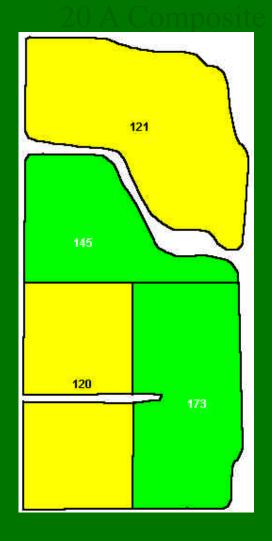
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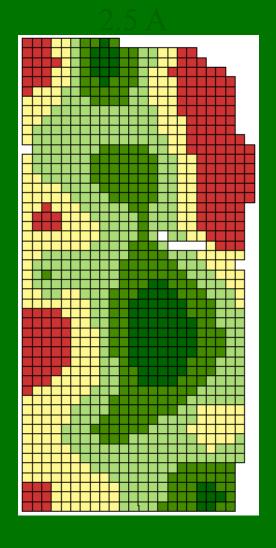


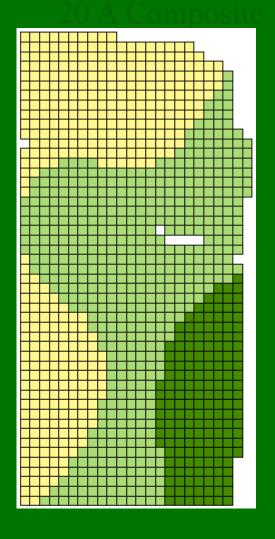
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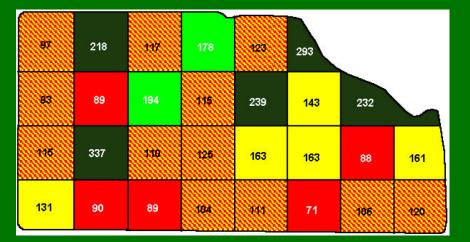


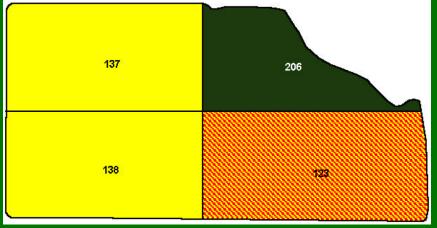


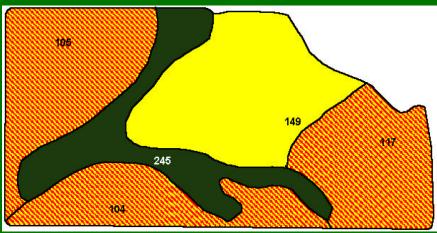
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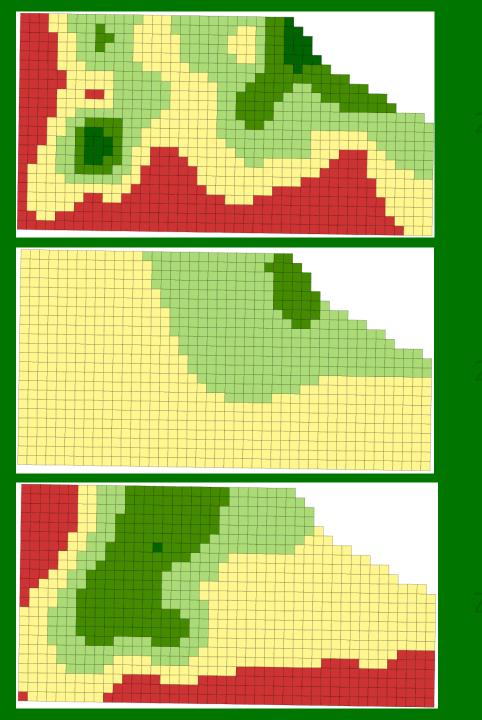








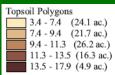
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## Potash Application

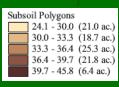


















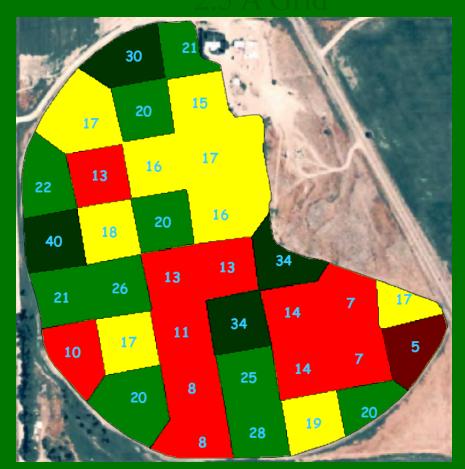






Phosphorous Maps

Grid Zone





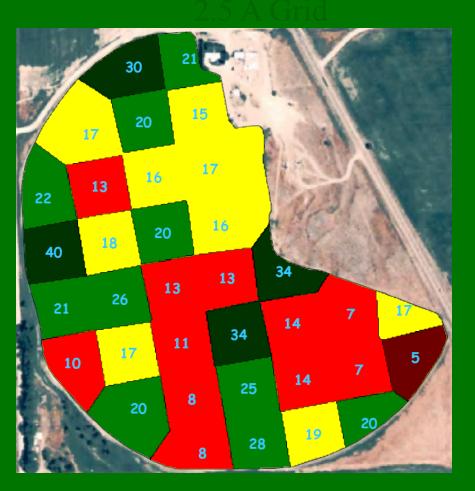


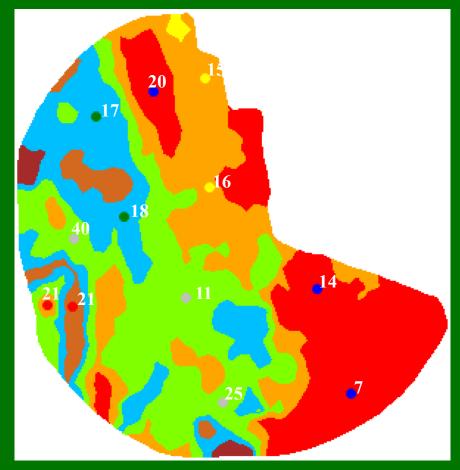


Phosphorous Maps

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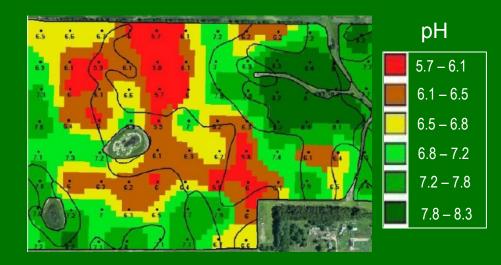
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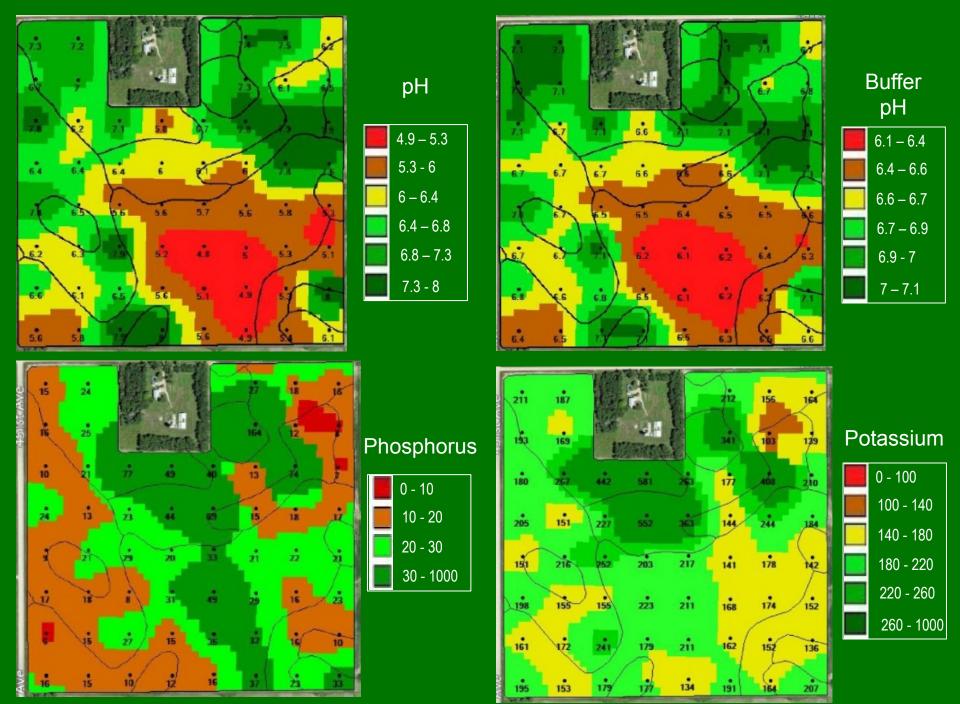




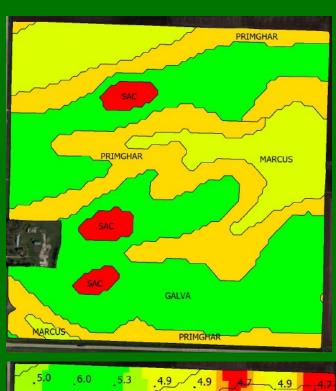




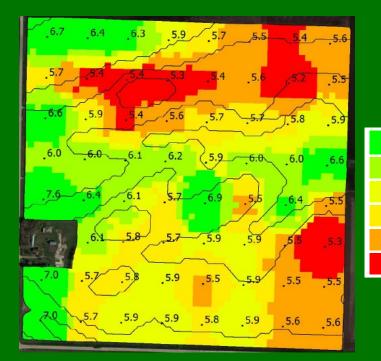




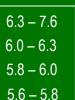
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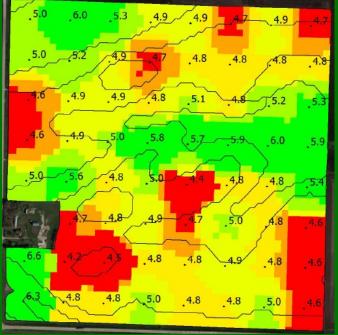




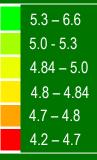


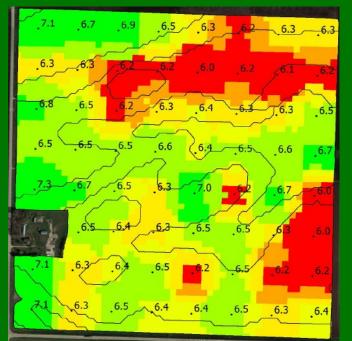




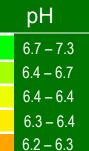




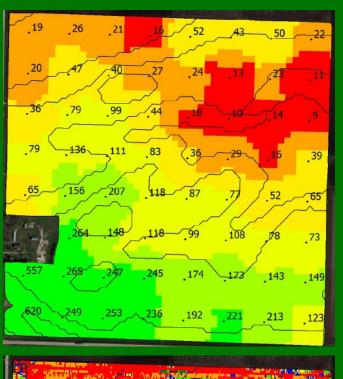




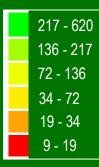
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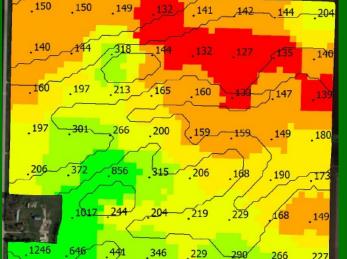


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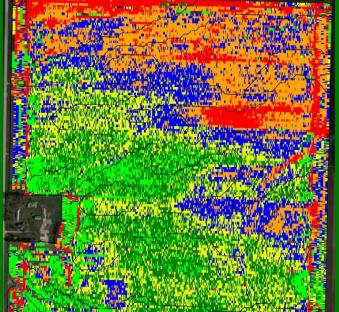




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#### Potassium





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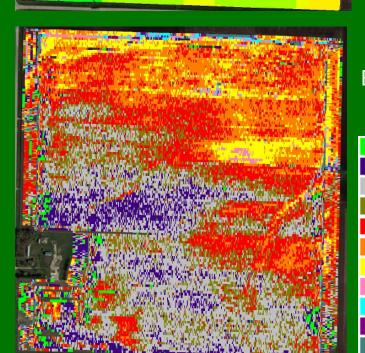
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#### Yield **Estimated** Volume

(Dry)

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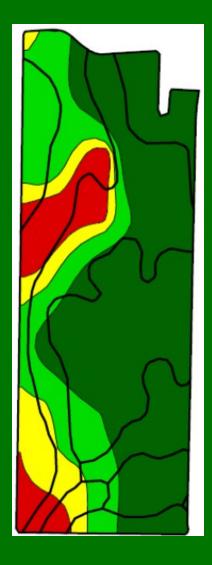
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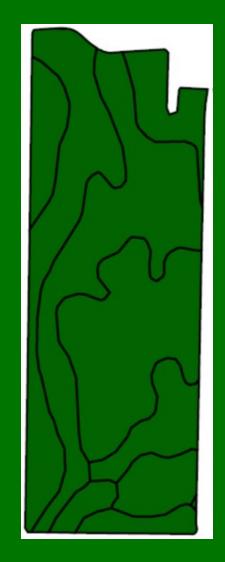
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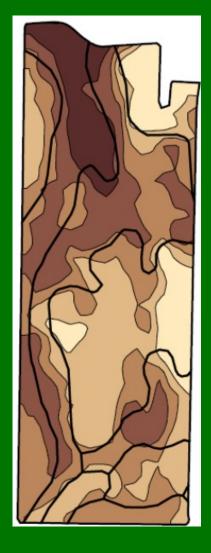
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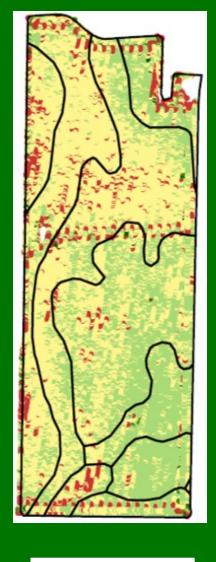
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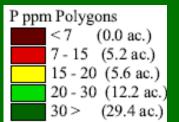
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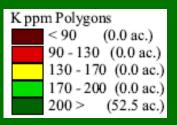


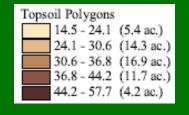




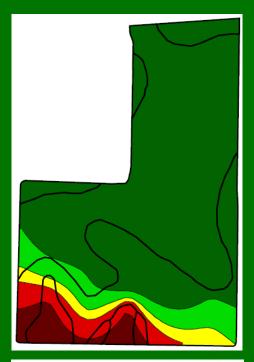


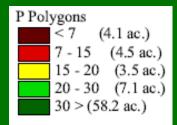


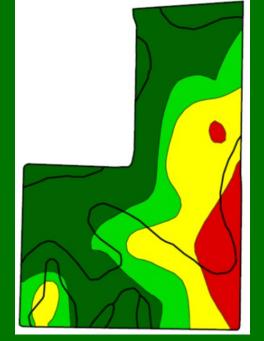


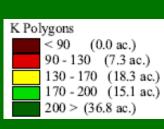


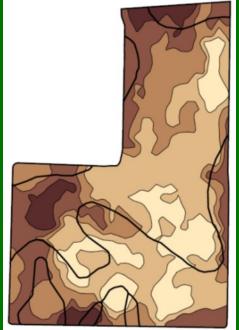
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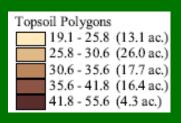


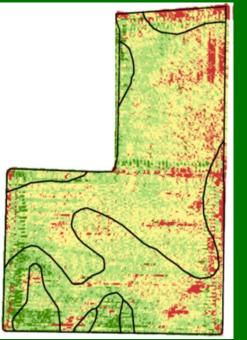




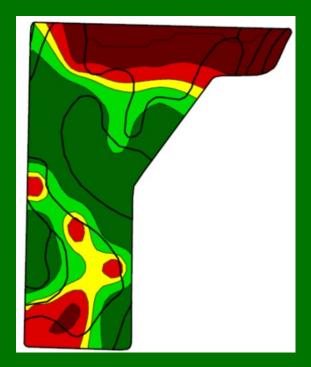


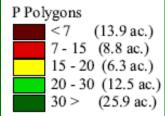


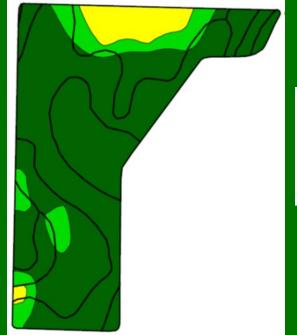


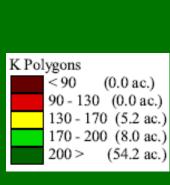


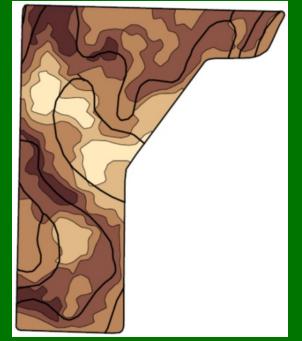
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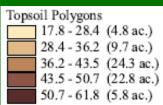


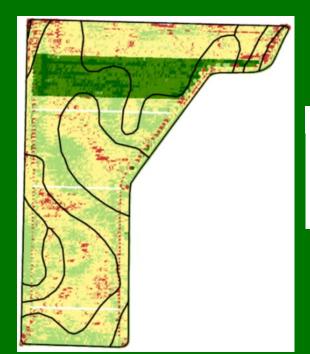




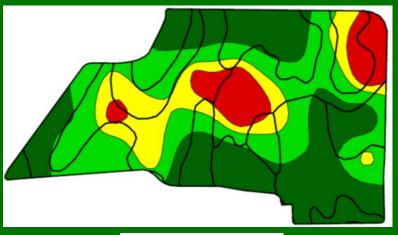


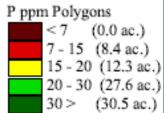


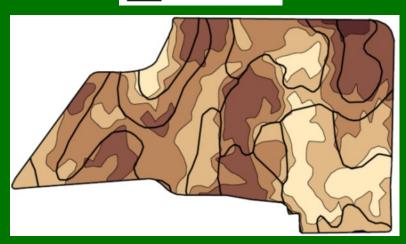


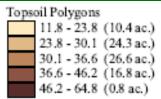


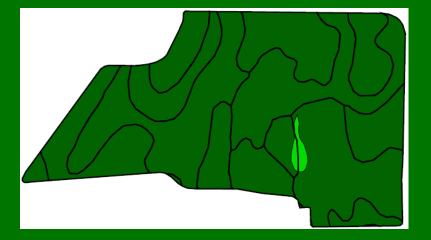
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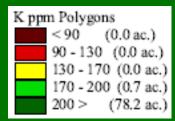


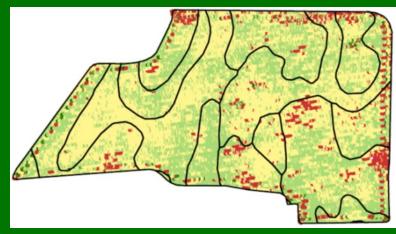












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## REVIEW

CPI may or may not change with soil type. Yield map does not indicate whether nutrients levels are excessive or deficient. Even OM or pH levels do not necessarily follow USDA soil maps or EM/EC maps. Proper grid sampling is essential for fixed nutrients plus OM& pH.

## CONCLUSIONS:

For mobile nutrients, (nitrate nitrogen) sample by zone made from EC/EM maps

For immobile nutrients, (P & K) use a grid system of 2.5A or less.

All soil collection software are not created equal.