

Sunflower Planting Rate

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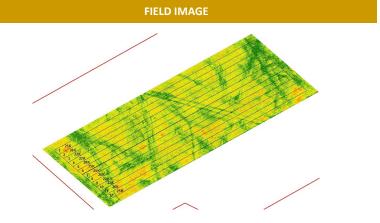
Objective: The purpose of this project is to quantify the agronomic and economic impacts of reducing and increasing normal planting rate in oil-seed sunflowers.

TRIAL INFORMATION			
Location	St. Adolphe		
Previous Crop	Wheat		
Soil Texture	Clay		
Tillage	Conventional Tillage		
Planting Date	May 11, 2021		
Fertilizer (N-P-K-S)	102N 39P		
Variety	Talon		
Row Spacing 20"			
Planting Rate (seeds/ac)	22K, 25K & 28K		
Harvest Date	September 24, 2021		

PLANT STAND @ V2					
Planting Rate (seeds/ac)	22,000	25,000	28,000		
Plants/acre	24,500 ^A	26,000 ^A	29,500 ^B		

SUNFLOWER QUALITY					
	22,000 plants/ac	25,000 plants/ac	28,000 plants/ac		
% Dockage		7.5			
% Moisture		10.1			
TWT (lbs/bu)		34			
Grade		1			
Sizing 8 Slot		36			

OVERALL YIELD			
	Mean (lbs/ac)		
22,000 plants/ac	2,058 ^A		
25,000 plants/ac	1,981 ^A		
28,000 plants/ac	1,995 ^A		
P-Value	0.5854		
cv	5.29%		
Significance	No		



PRECIPITATION†					
	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Rainfall	18	60	9	95	182
Normal	56	83	64	86	289
†Growing season precipitation (mm) - May 01—Aug 31					

YIELD BY TREATMENT

2,500 2,000 1,500 1,000 500 22,000 plants/ac 25,000 plants/ac 28,000 plants/ac

Summary: There was no significant difference in yield between the 22,000, 25,000 and 28,000 seeds/acre planting rates. There was a significant difference in plant stands between the 28,000 seeds/acre vs. the other two planting rates. Rainfall was well below average throughout the growing season.



