

FIELD TRIAL RESULTS

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WATERMELON TRIAL

WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

TRIAL DESIGN

- ◆ Trial performed at the University of Georgia (UGA) research site in Moultrie, Georgia, as a randomized complete block with four replications
- ◆ Experimental plots consisted of 20 plants each in double rows. 10 plants each row, at 6' centers, 42" in-row spacing. Rows were covered in polyethylene plastic mulch
- ◆ Treatments of Concentric's IN-M1* were as follows:
 - 1) 1% pre-plant application to plugs in seeding trays
 - 2) Transplant water as 50mL per hole of 1% solution
 - 3) Foliar application at peak female flower at a rate of 1 gallon/acre
- ◆ Both untreated and treated plots received the UGA standard production program. 1000 lbs/acre of 5-10-5 NPK as preplant broadcast, followed by fertigation of 7-0-7 NPK or CN-9 of 15lbs/N acre every 10 days beginning two weeks after planting. In total, fertigation provided 125 lbs/acre N. All plots were irrigated at the rate of 1 inch of water per week.
- ◆ IN-M1 showed increases greater than 10% across all factors of yield and plant vigor. Results were consistent with previous IN-M1 trials in watermelon production.



FIGURE 1: IN-M1-treated watermelon field

STUDY RESULTS

- ◆ Yield increases of 26.75% lbs/acre.
- ◆ Total fruit count for the treated group was 18.4% higher than the Grower Standard, with treated vines producing 54.3% larger fruit of 30-45 ct.
- ◆ Treated fruits were heavier, averaging 10.5% higher in individual weights.
- ◆ Vigor ratings were 22.5% better in treated plots.
- ◆ Brix were slightly higher in the treated group showing that IN-M1 increases fruit size, yield and weight without affecting the total soluble solids in the fruit.

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*Values in the same comparison followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Fisher's LSD

FIGURE 2: Vigor rating: 1 = dead; 5 = avg.; 9 = extremely vigorous

UGA VIGOR RATINGS



FIGURE 3: Total weight of harvest by fruit size category

WATERMELON YIELD BY SIZE

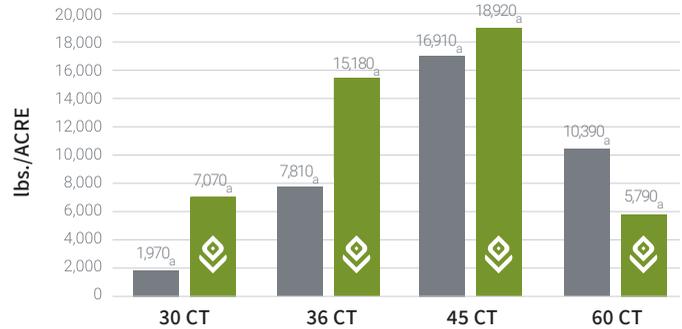


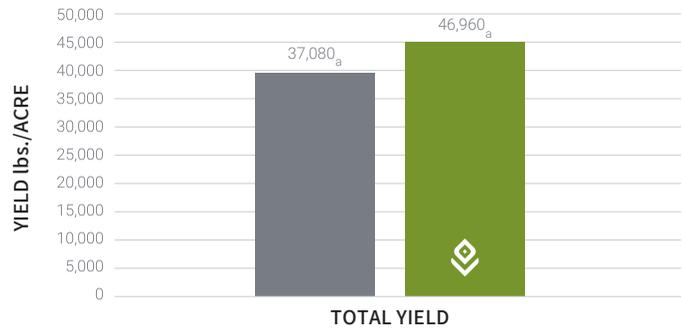
FIGURE 4: Harvest assessments

WATERMELON ASSESSMENTS



FIGURE 5: Total yield measurements

TOTAL YIELD lbs./ACRE



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