Starter Fertilizer on Irrigated Corn

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OBJECTIVE: To determine and document the effect of using starter fertilizer on the profitability of producing irrigated corn.

TREATMENTS:

1998: Soil P = 16 ppm		Cost/os
No starter		<u>Cost/ac</u>
Starter, 4 gal/ac 10-34-0 Application	Total	\$5.13 \$1.50 \$ 6.63

RESULTS:

Grain Moisture (%)	
No starter	16.8***
Starter	16.4
Grain Yield, bu/ac @ 15.5%	
No starter	179*
Starter	182
Plant Population, plants/ac	
No starter	28,200
Starter	28,500

The use of starter fertilizer resulted in slightly drier grain at harvest and a slight **Summary:** increase in grain yield.

^{*} significantly different at 90% confidence level*** significantly different at 99% confidence level