
SHOULD SOYBEAN N CREDITS BE TAKEN IN 2005?

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Soybean growing season in 2004

- Late planting dates
 - Delayed maturity
 - Low grain yields
 - Harvested as forage
 - Residues removed after grain harvest
 - Abandoned acreage
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- Grain harvest, expected yields
 - Grain harvest, low yields, < 20 bu/acre
 - Grain harvest, residue removed
 - Harvested as forage
 - Abandoned acreage, dry matter left in field
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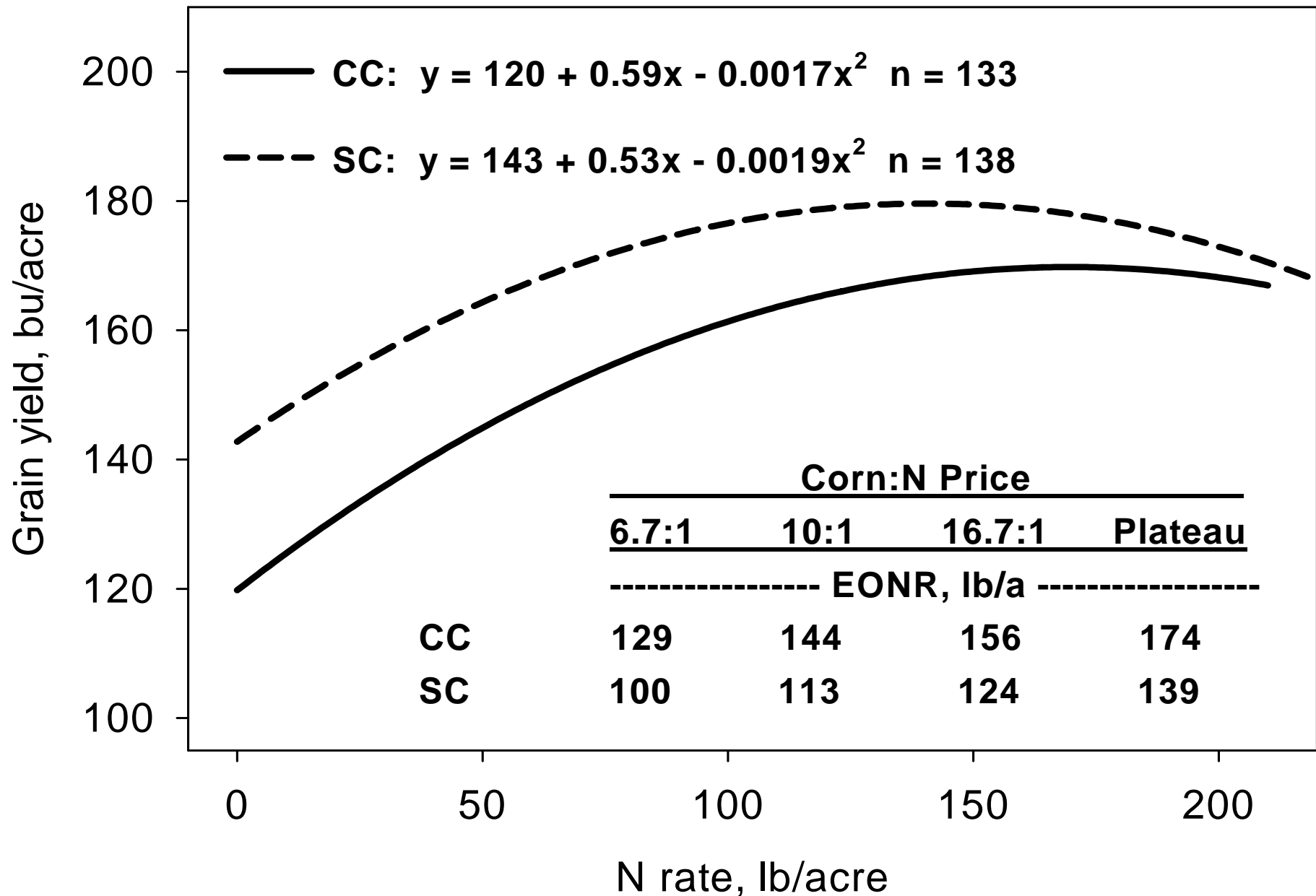
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 - Harvest of grass
 - Abandoned crop, dry matter left in field
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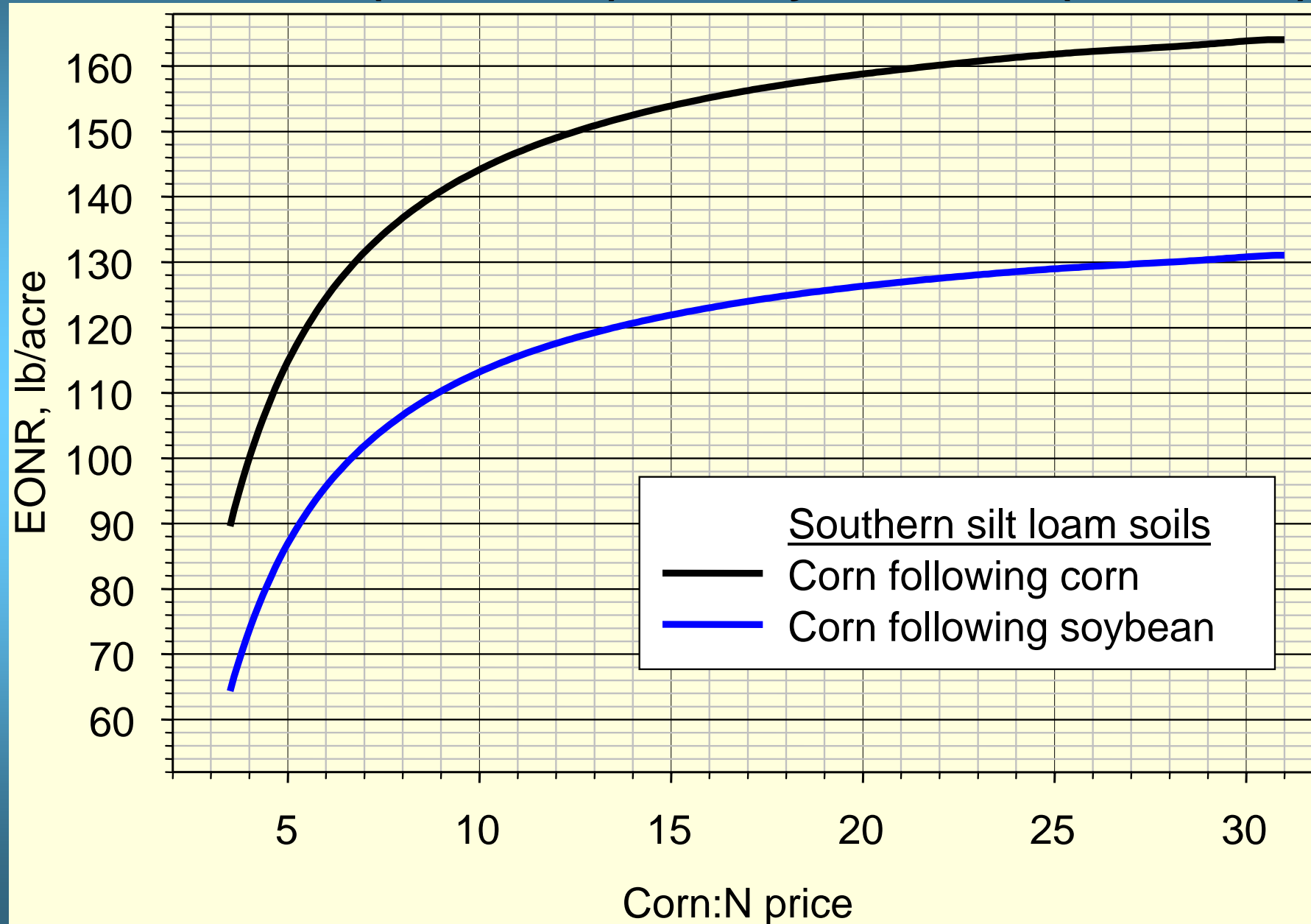
SOYBEAN NITROGEN CREDITS

- Credit 40 lb N/acre
 - Use preplant soil nitrate test to fine-tune credit
 - No credit on sandy soils
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Effect of corn:N price on EONR for corn following corn (1991-2003) and corn following soybean (1994 to 2003)



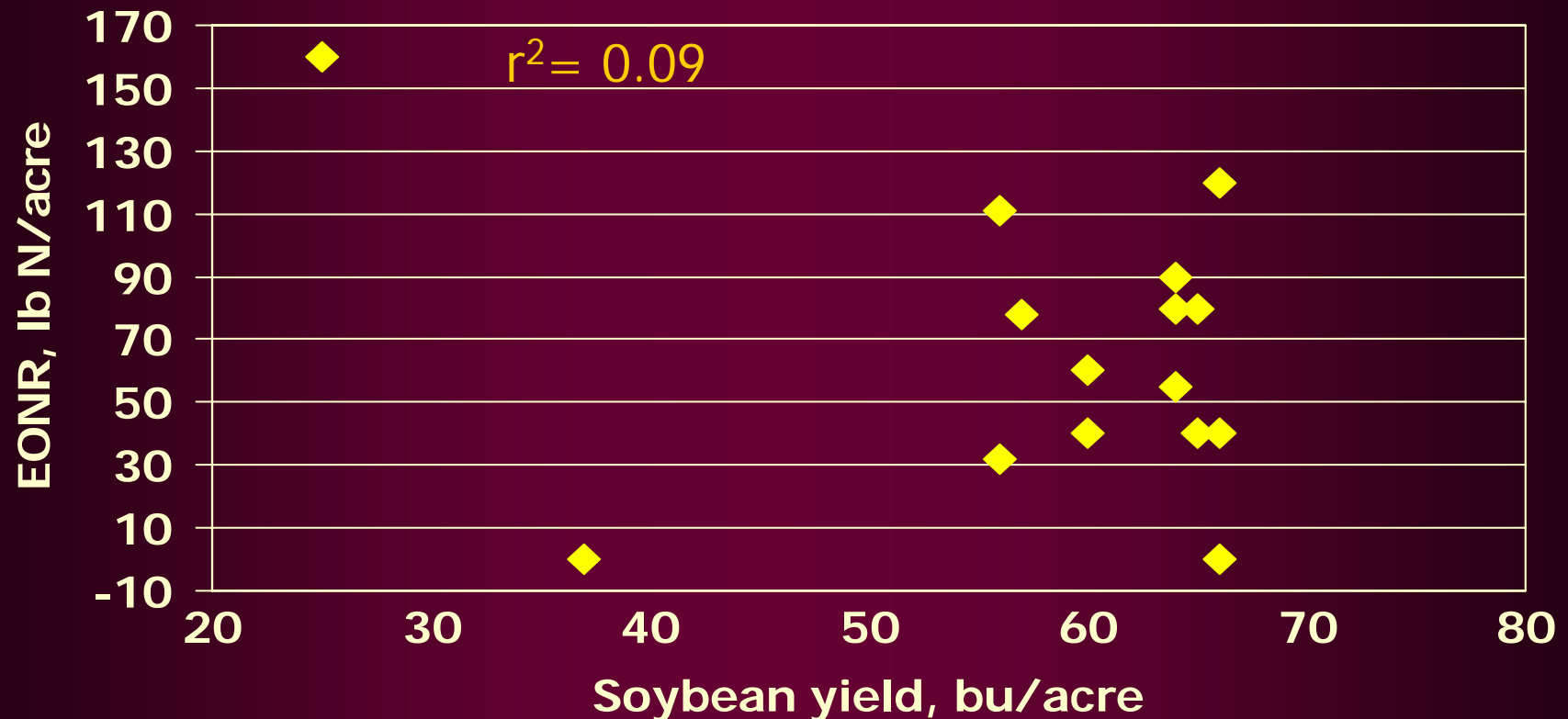
Relationship between corn:N price and EONR for corn-corn (1991-2003) and soybean-corn (1994-2003)



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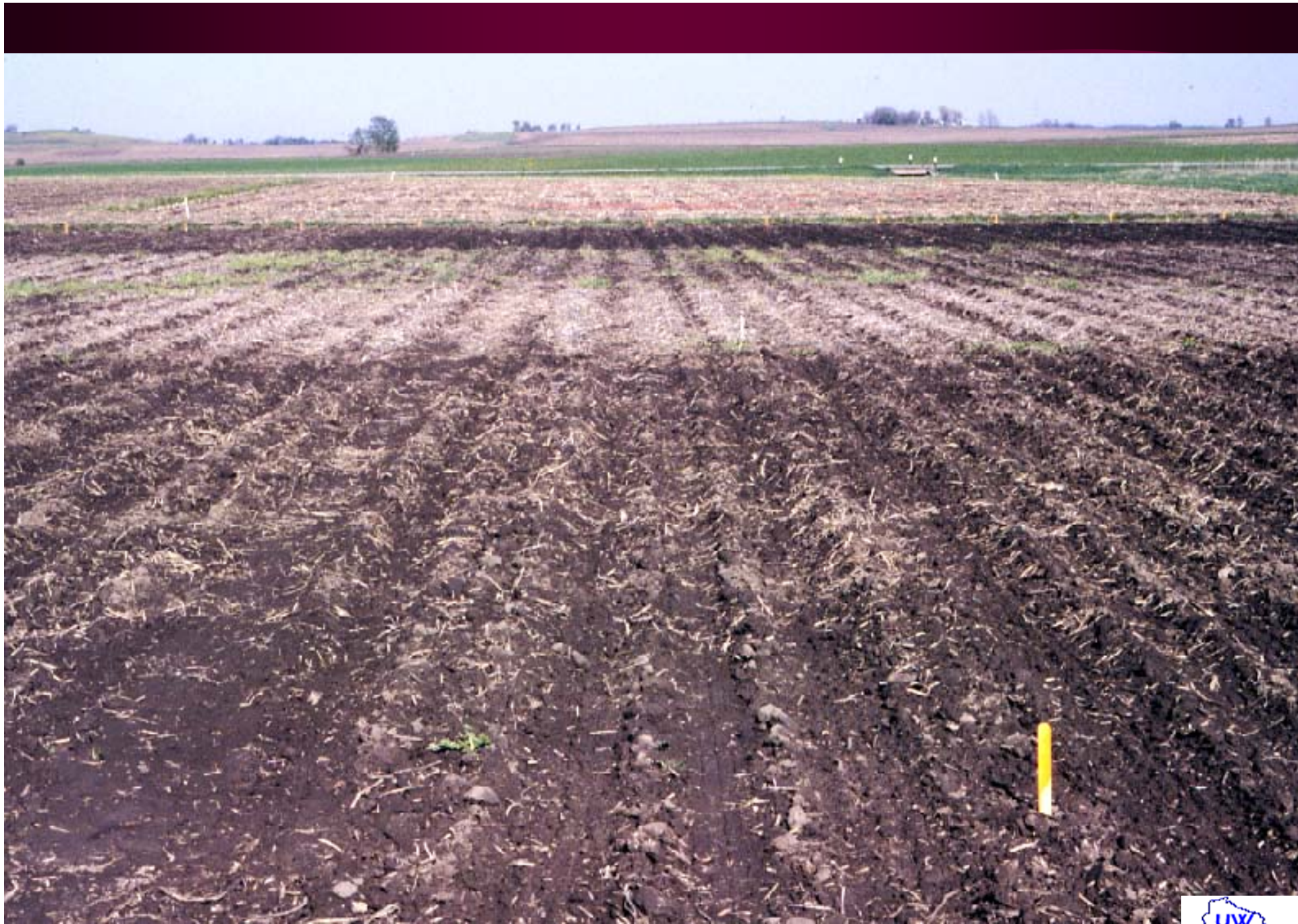
Relationship between EONR for corn following soybean and soybean yield in the previous year, 1994-1996.



EONR = economic optimum N rate

What is soybean N credit for these situations?

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 - Grain harvest, residue removed
 - Harvest loss
 - Abandoned crop, dry matter left in field
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Soybean residue dry matter yields and nitrogen contents in several Wisconsin experiments

| Location | Residue | N conc. | N content |
|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | Yield | | |
| | lb/acre | % | lb N/acre |
| Arlington | 4443 | 0.98 | 45 |
| Lancaster | 6088 | 0.60 | 35 |
| Platteville | 6167 | 0.78 | 47 |
| Belmont | 8380 | 0.90 | 76 |

Schoessow (1996)

Corn yield and response to N with soybean residue returned or removed (Schoessow, 1996)

| Location | Residue Mgmt. | N rate, lb/acre | |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------|-----|
| | | 0 | 120 |
| | | -- Yield, bu/acre -- | |
| Arlington | Returned | 183 | 207 |
| | Removed | 180 | 200 |
| Lancaster | Returned | 123 | 201 |
| | Removed | 122 | 216 |
| Belmont | Returned | 175 | 214 |
| | Removed | 174 | 214 |

Effect of soybean residue and N fert. additions on corn yield*

| Amendment | Dry Matter | | Corn Yield |
|-----------|------------------|-------|------------|
| | Rate | N | |
| | ----- lb/a ----- | | bu/a |
| None | ----- | ----- | 73 |
| Soybean | 5321 | 51 | 71 |
| Residue | 10641 | 102 | 76 |
| | 15962 | 153 | 64 |
| Ammonium | ----- | 20 | 98 |
| Nitrate | ----- | 49 | 113 |
| | ----- | 111 | 117 |

* Fribourg & Bartholomew (1956).

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| | Forage | 191 | 199 |
| Lancaster | Returned | 123 | 201 |
| | Forage | 130 | 213 |
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| | Forage | 194 | 208 |

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Soybean N credit for abandoned acreage

- Credit 40 lb N/acre
 - Add additional N for un-harvested grain
 - N content of 15 bu grain = 47 lb N
 - Conservative addition = 20-25 lb (total credit = 60-65 lb N/acre)
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SUMMARY

- Soybean N credit important for 2005.
 - The standard 40 lb N/acre credit is appropriate for most 2004 soybean production situations
 - Increase credit -abandoned ac.
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