



HOEGEMEYER HIGH PH STUDY

High soil pH is a common problem here in the Western Corn Belt. At Hoegemeyer, we are committed to providing you products that can tolerate these stressful conditions. High pH soils cause a symptom known as Iron Deficiency Chlorosis (IDC). Several nutrients become harder for the plant to extract from the soil at a pH above 7.5 including phosphorus, zinc, iron, and manganese. This may cause stunting, yellowing, interveinal chlorosis, and even plant death in some hybrids. Decreasing soil pH through management practices is very difficult and typically not economical, so what should a producer do?

The best management practice is usually to plant a hybrid with good tolerance to high soil pH. Starting in 2014, we ramped up our research from one small trial to two large trials at locations with these high pH soil types (Table 1). We conducted 2 trials in 2014 screening over 50 hybrid families at each location to attempt to find the most pH tolerant products on the market (Photo 1). During the 2016 growing season we repeated this same trial with over 70 entries at 2 locations. Yield was taken at both locations and averaged to find the most tolerant products that will work on your farm (Table 2). If you have any questions related to pH tolerant hybrids feel free to contact your local Hoegemeyer DSM or agronomist.

LOCATION	AVERAGE PH OF SITE BY YEAR		
	2014	2015	2016
McCook, NE	8.2		
North Bend, NE	8.2	8.0	8.1
North Platte, NE		8.3	8.5

Table 1. Average soil pH at our testing locations in 2014-2016.



Hoegemeyer product HPT® brand 8359 3000GT™ in a High pH environment (4).

Hoegemeyer product HPT® brand 8408 AM™ in a High pH environment (6).

MATURITY	HIGHLY SUITABLE (RATING 6 OR BETTER)	SUITABLE (RATING 5)
90		6075 Family
94		6411 Family
95	6551 Family	
96		6620 Family
97		6703 Family / 6798 Family
98	6813 Family	
100	7088 Family	7061 Family
101	7102 Family	7166 Family / 7185 Family
102		7224 Family / 7278 Family
105		7541 Family / 7557 Family
106	7644 Family / 7606 Family	
108		7876 Family / 7818 Family
109	7998 Family / 7946 Family	7900 Family
110	8049 Family	8066 Family
111	8122 Family / 8153 Family	
112	8217 Family / 8255 Family	8294 Family / 8239 Family
113	8326 Family / 8330 Family	8691 Family / 8345 Family
114	8408 Family	8469 Family / 8388 Family
116		8652 Family
117		8741 Family

Table 2. Hoegemeyer products with above average tolerance to High pH soils.



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