

# Rice Fertility Research in Louisiana

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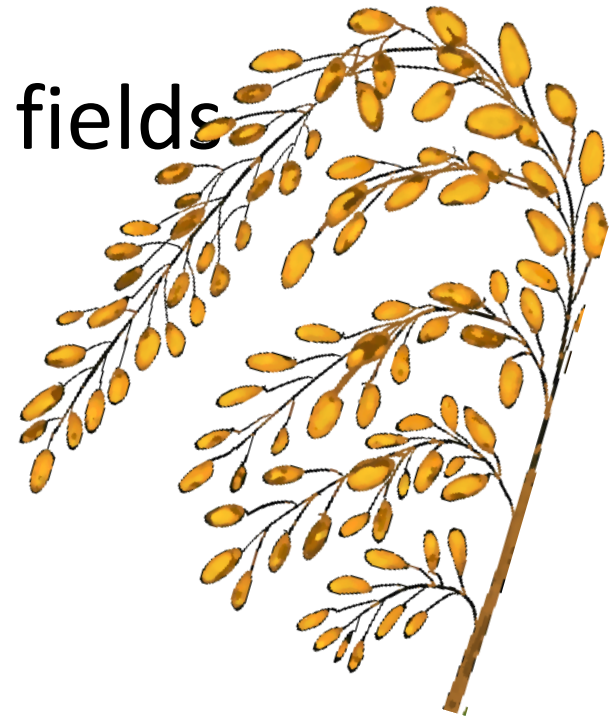


# Outline

## 1. Nitrogen management research results

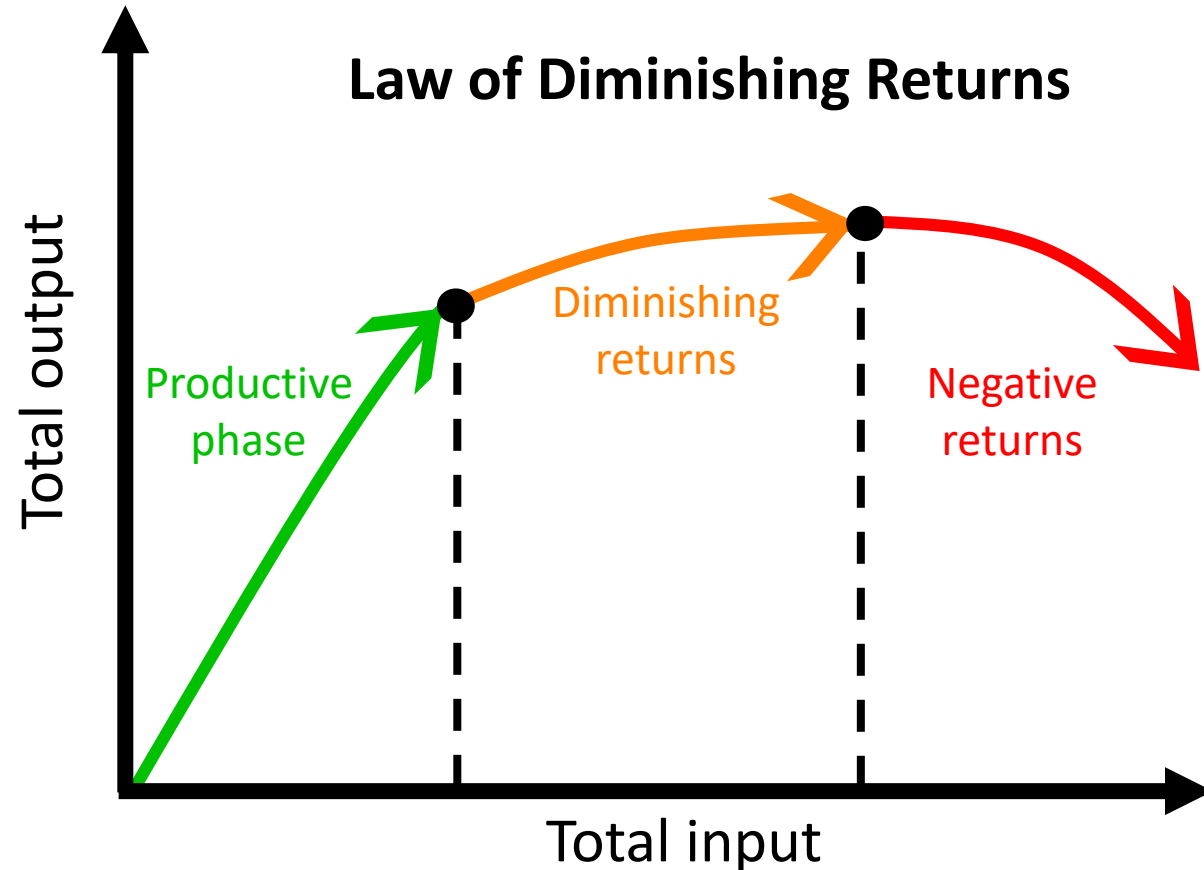
- 2022 growing season
- 5-year meta-analysis (2018-2022)
  - different N rates
  - Rice Research Station and producer fields
  - conventional, Clearfield, Provisia
  - RiceTec, Dyna-Gro

## 2. Questions



# Overview

- High prices of N fertilizer
- Evaluate crop production target
  - Top yields?
  - Maximum profit?
- Law of diminishing returns applies to nitrogen rates
  - max yield ~~→~~ max profit
- Main objective:
  - Provide the agronomic and economic optimum N rate



$$\text{Profit} = \text{Gross earnings from yield} - \text{Cost of production}$$

# 2022 Rice Fertility Study Design

## I. Multiple locations

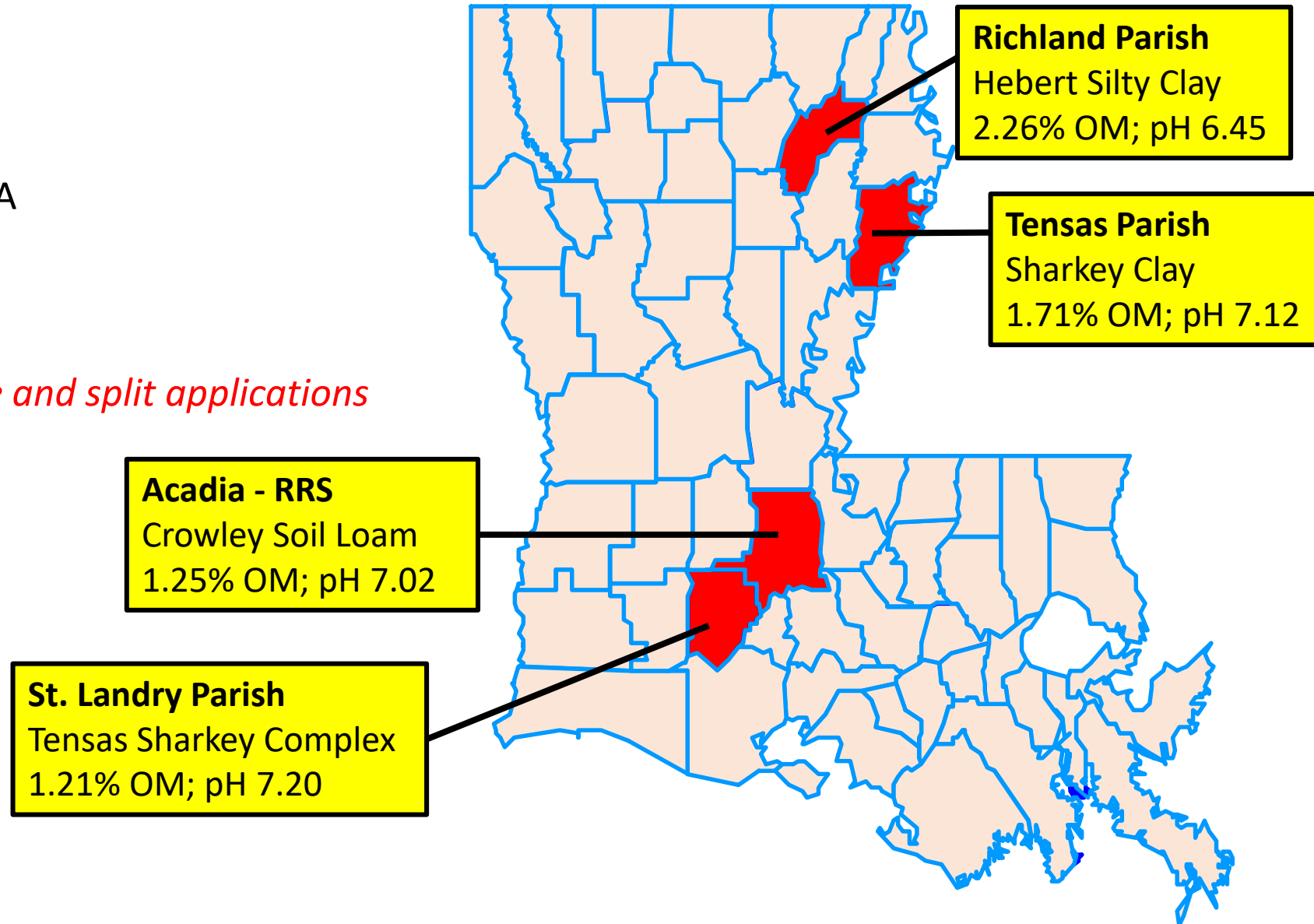
## II. Multiple N treatments

- 0, 45, 90, 120, 150, 180 lb N/A
- Single application at preflood
- Split application

*\*\* no difference between single and split applications*

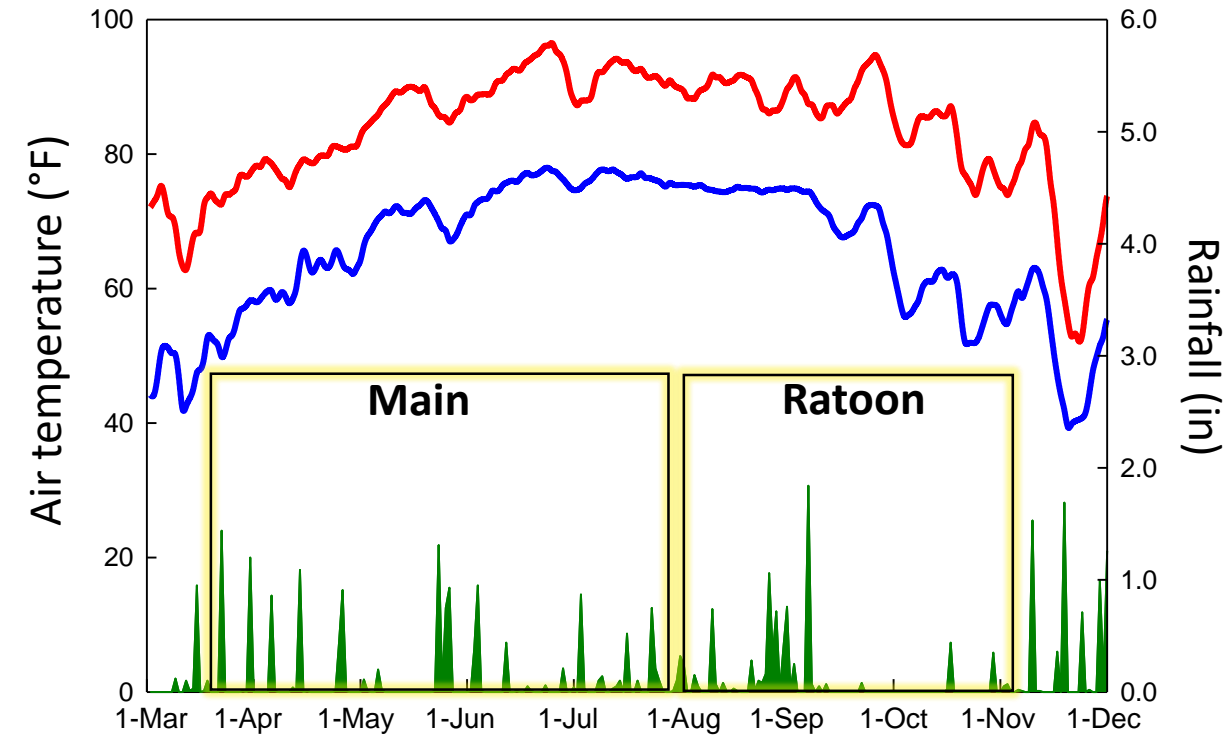
## III. Multiple rice lines

- Conventional
- Clearfield
- Provisia
- DynaGro
- RiceTec



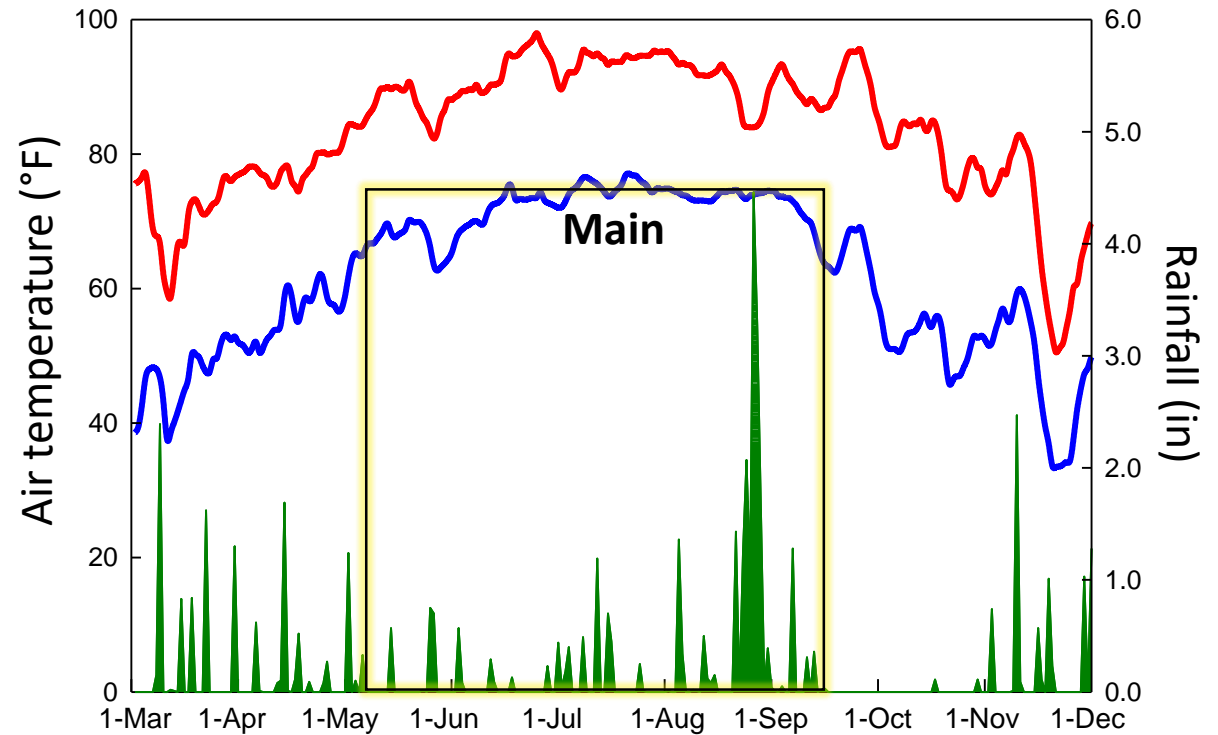
# 2022 Weather

## Crowley - RRS



— Max air temp  
— Min air temp  
■ Rainfall

## Northeast LA

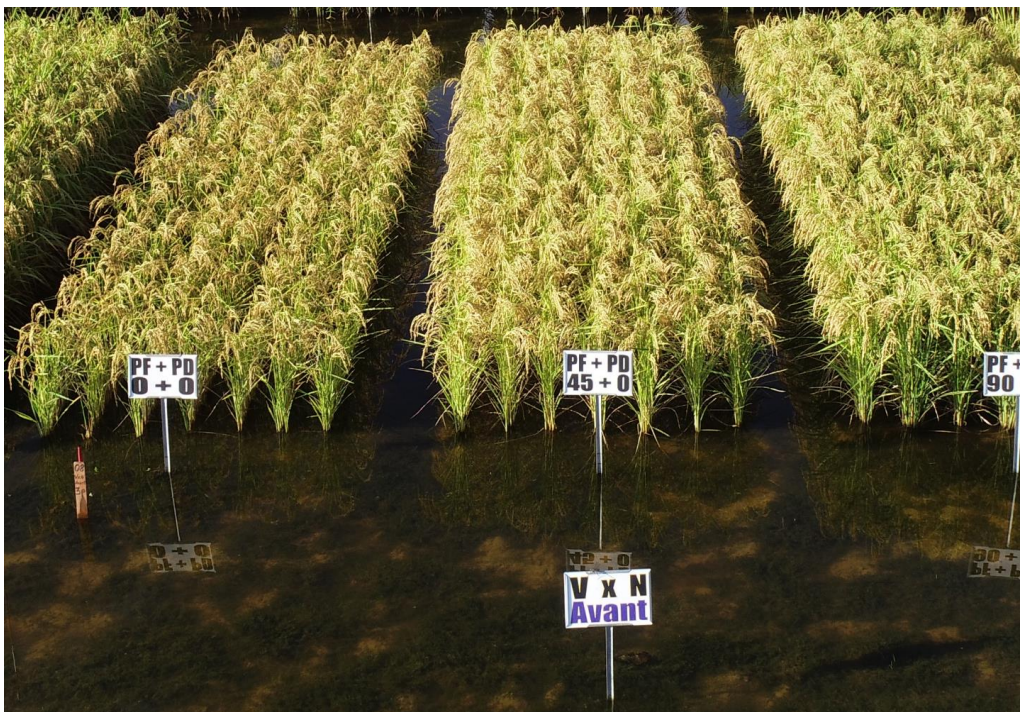


— Max air temp  
— Min air temp  
■ Rainfall

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## Avant

- Long grain, conventional variety
- Very early maturity

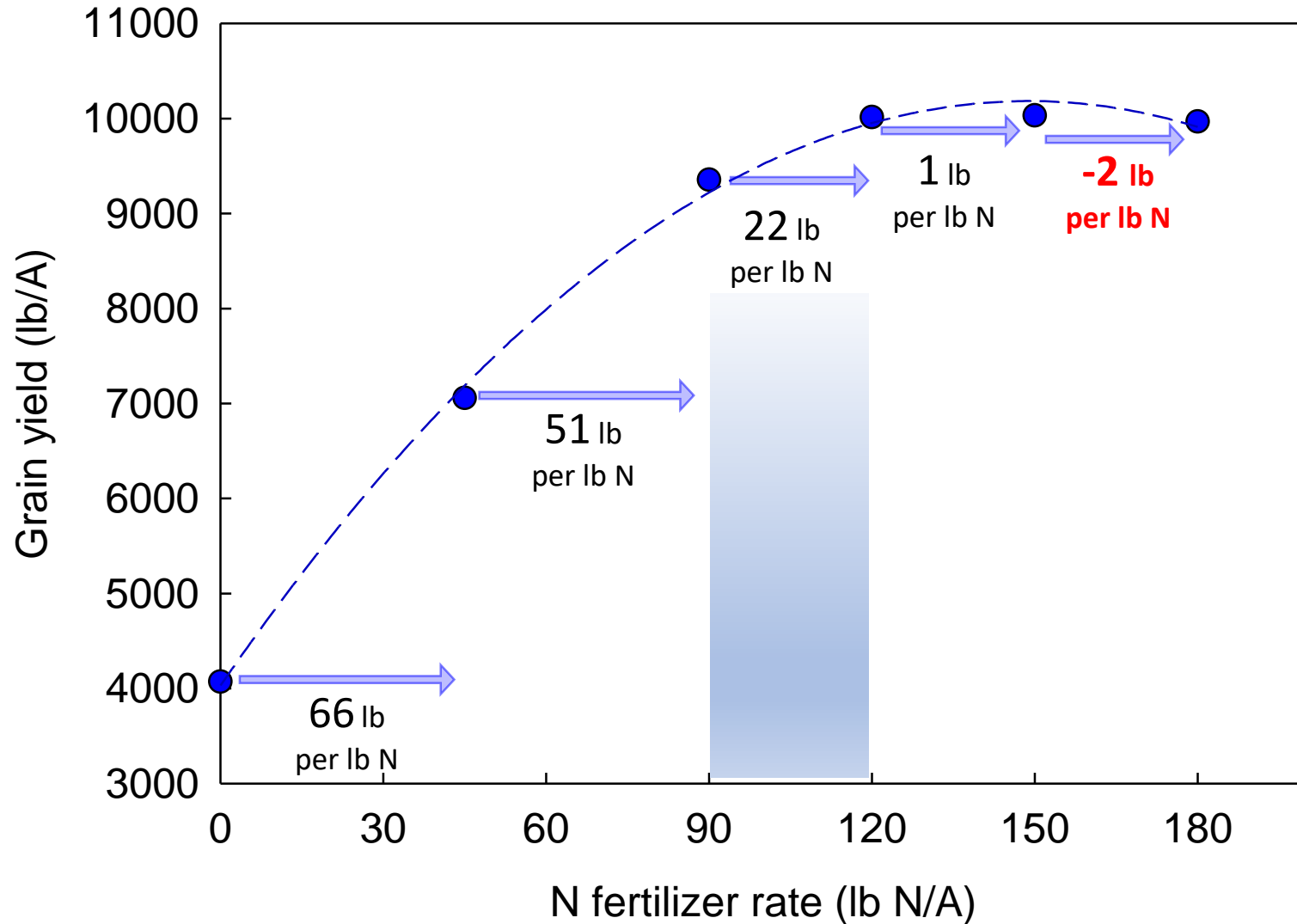


N Rate	Main Crop - Grain yield (lb/A)		
	Crowley-RRS	St. Landry	Tensas
0	4072	3958	4354
45	7058	6189	5947
90	9356	7817	7737
120	10014	8222	8160
150	10033	8432	8452
180	9967	9082	8927

N Rate	Crowley-RRS Grain yield (lb/A)	
	Main	Ratoon
0	4072	2689
45	7058	2871
90	9356	2679
120	10014	2431
150	10033	2304
180	9967	2258

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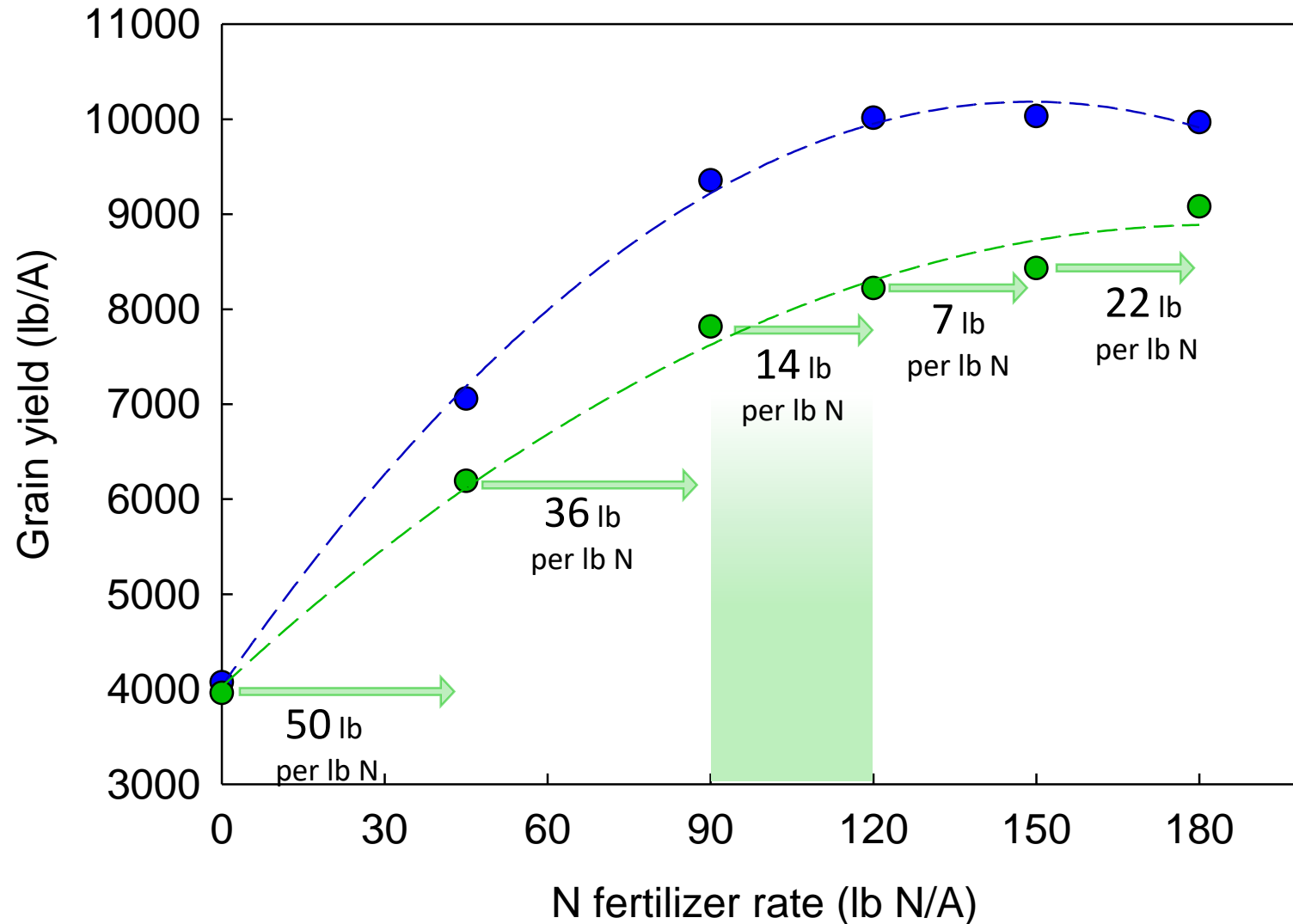
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Crowley-RRS

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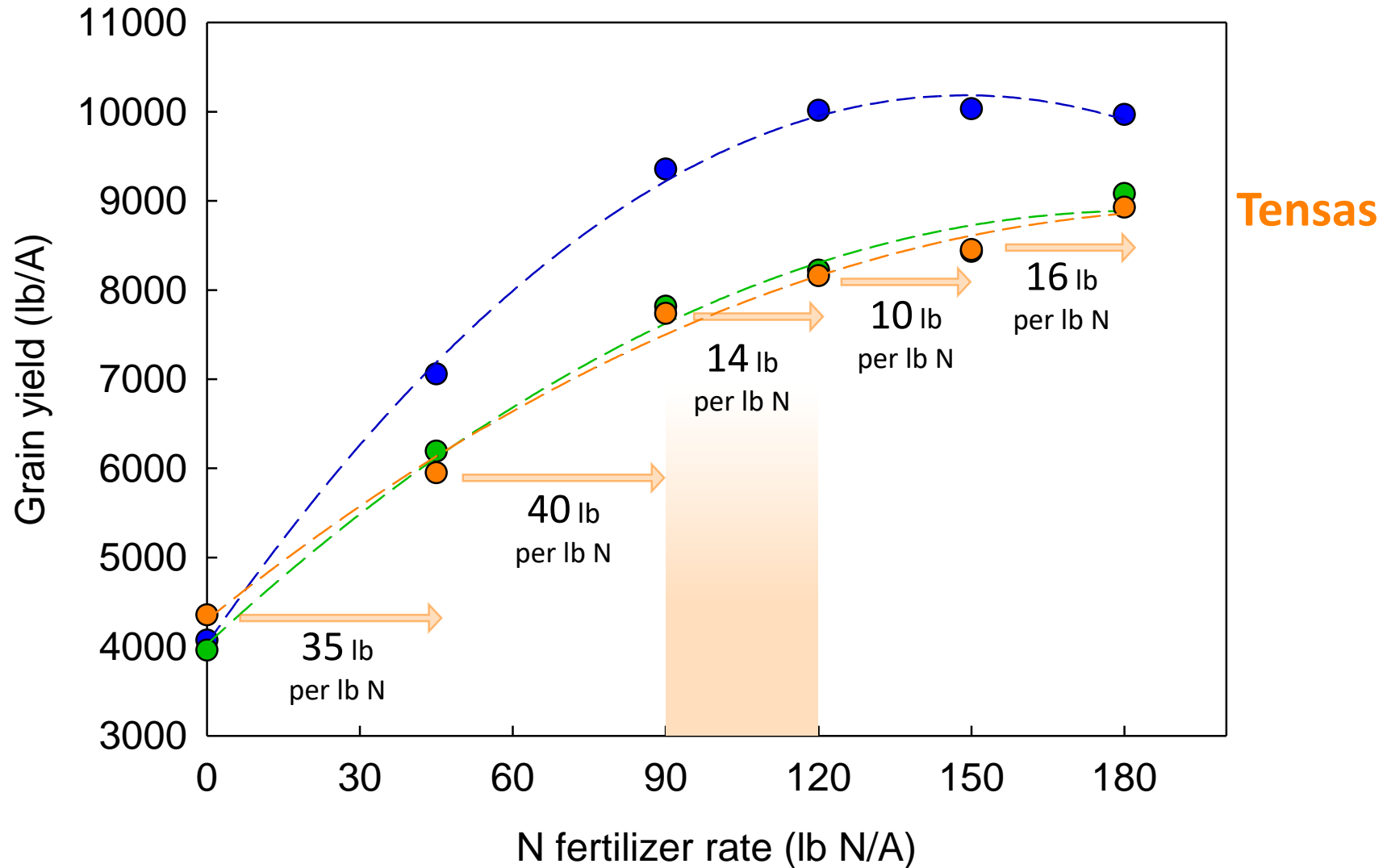


St. Landry



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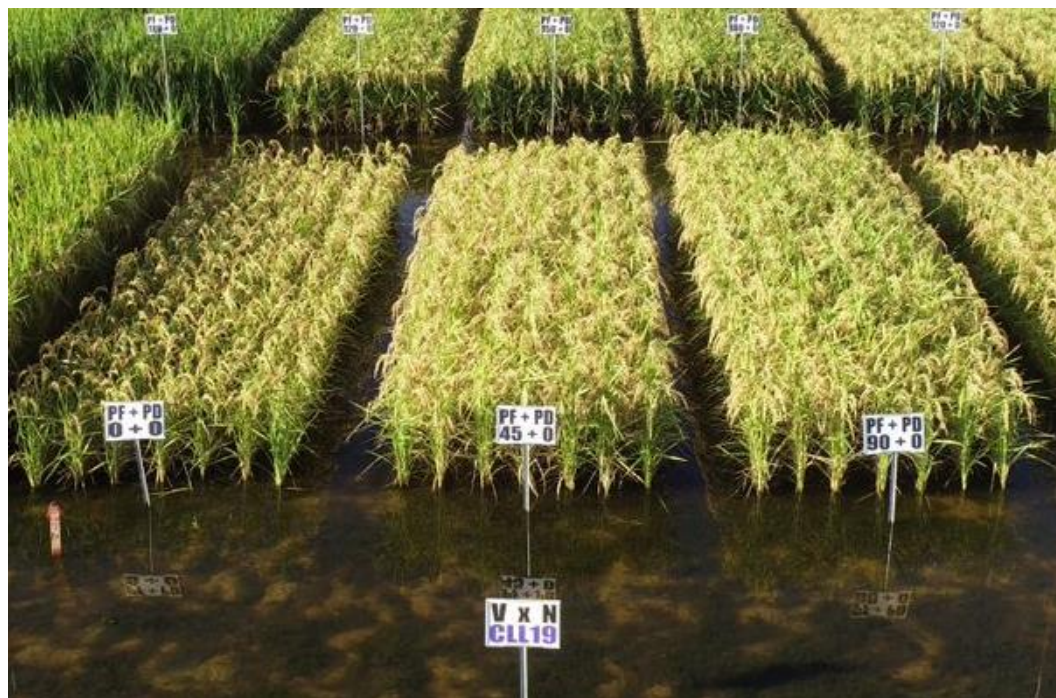
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## CLL19

- Long grain, Clearfield variety
- Early maturity

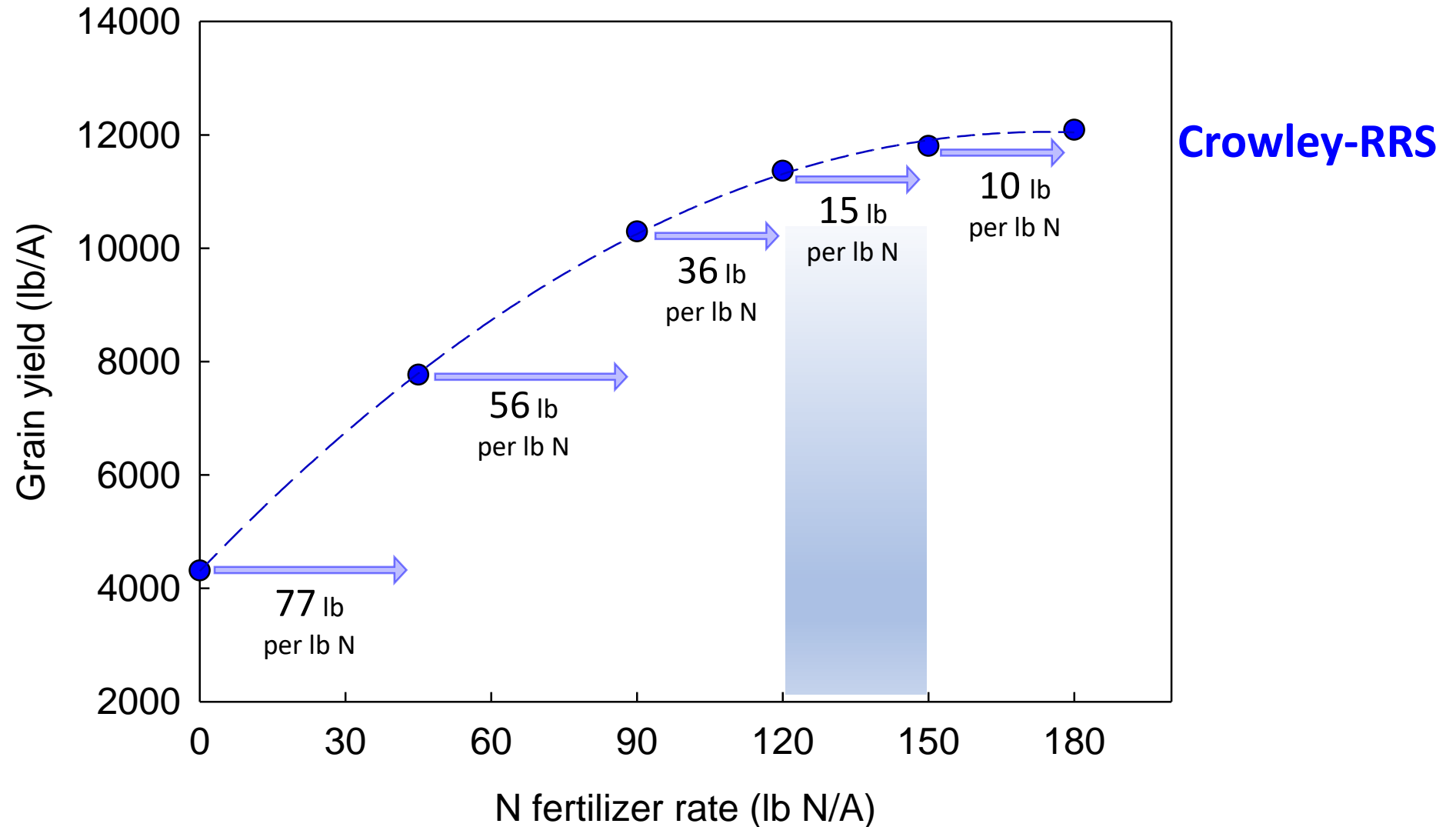


N Rate	Main Crop - Grain yield (lb/A)		
	Crowley-RRS	St. Landry	Richland
0	4311	4116	5325
45	7768	5110	6942
90	10296	6626	8480
120	11364	6286	8518
150	11803	6621	8784
180	12088	7164	9347

N Rate	Crowley-RRS Grain yield (lb/A)	
	Main	Ratoon
0	4311	2161
45	7768	2358
90	10296	2169
120	11364	0
150	11803	1367
180	12088	0

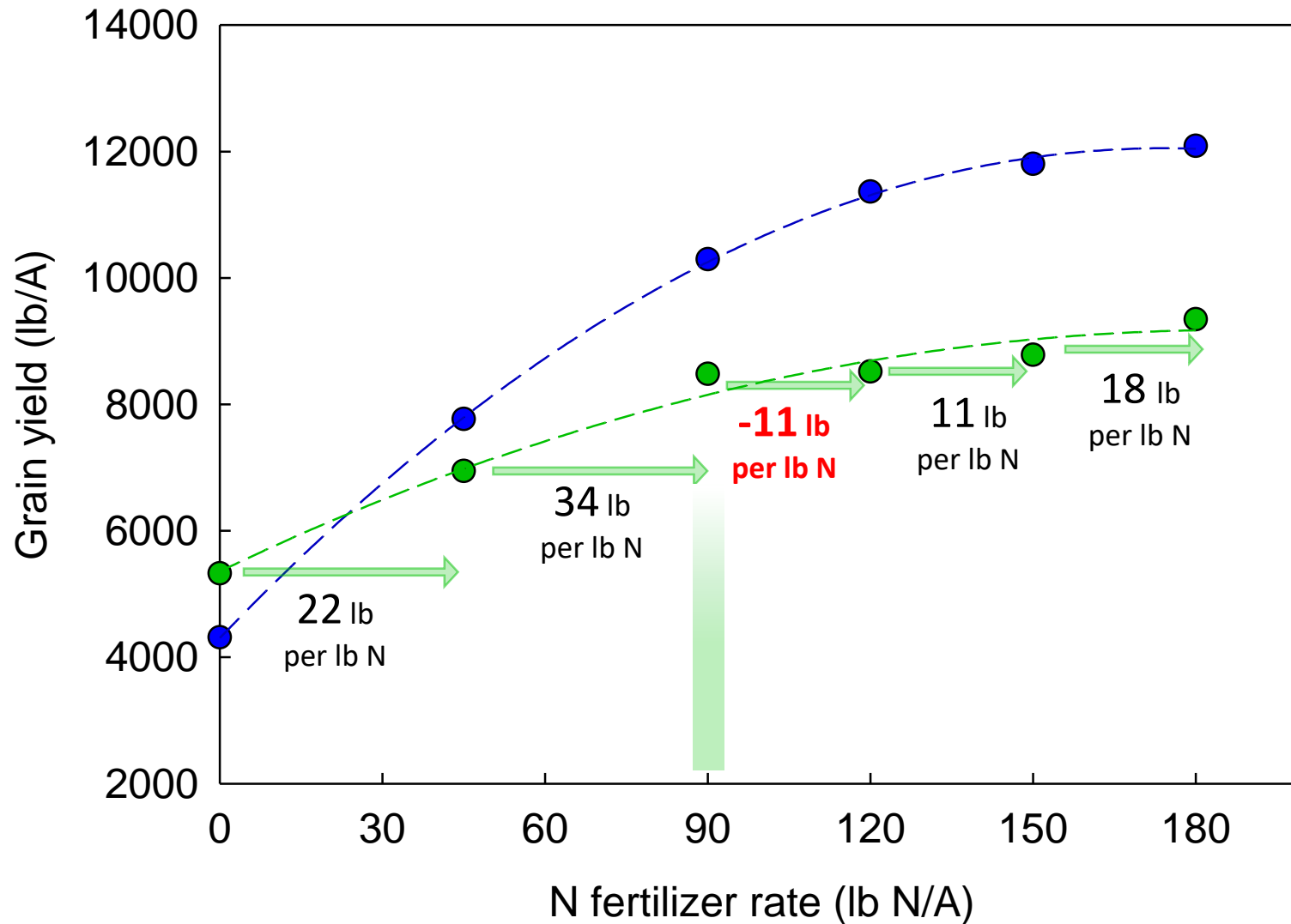
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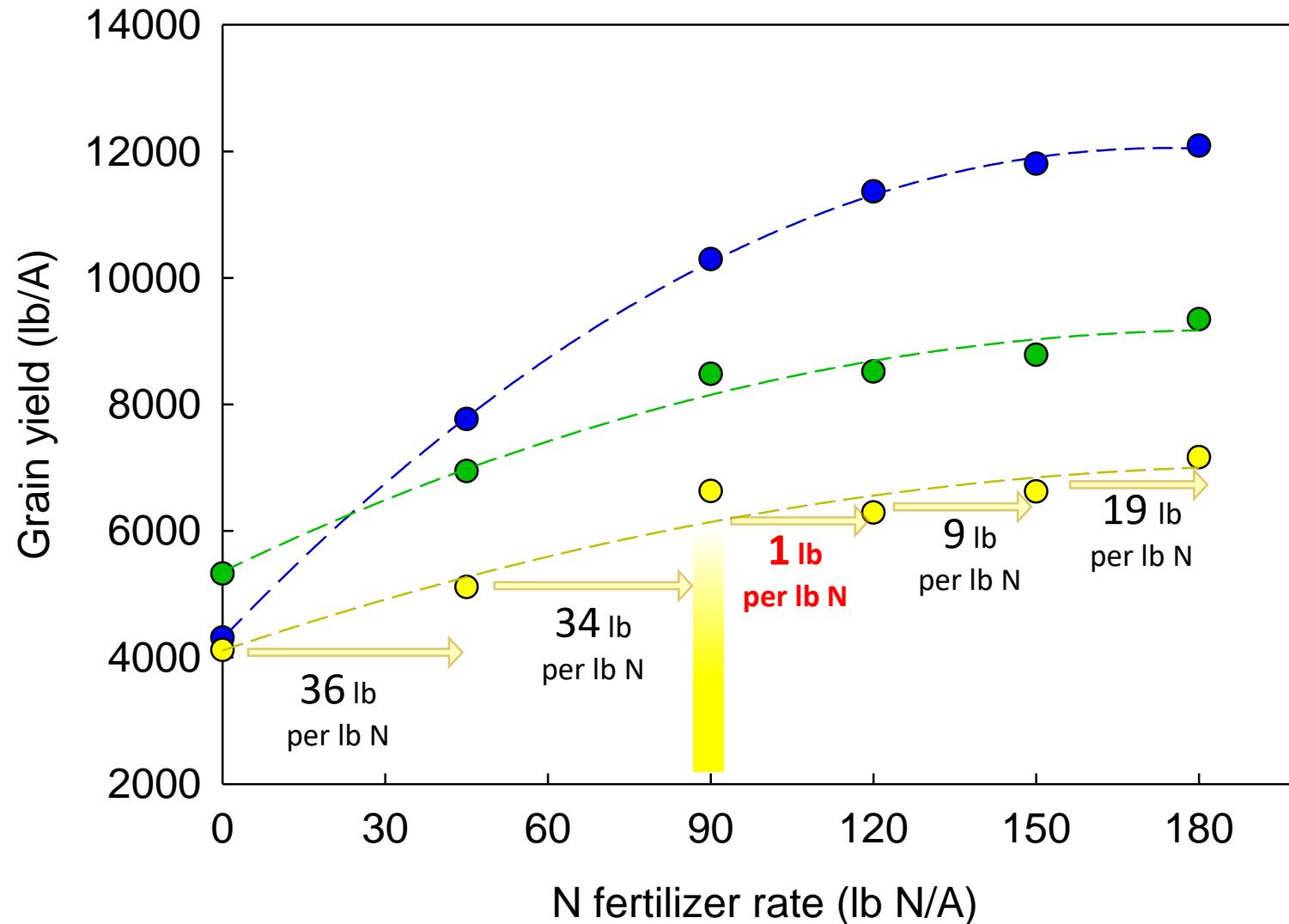
## CLL19



Richland

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## PVL03

- Long grain, Provisia variety
- Early maturity

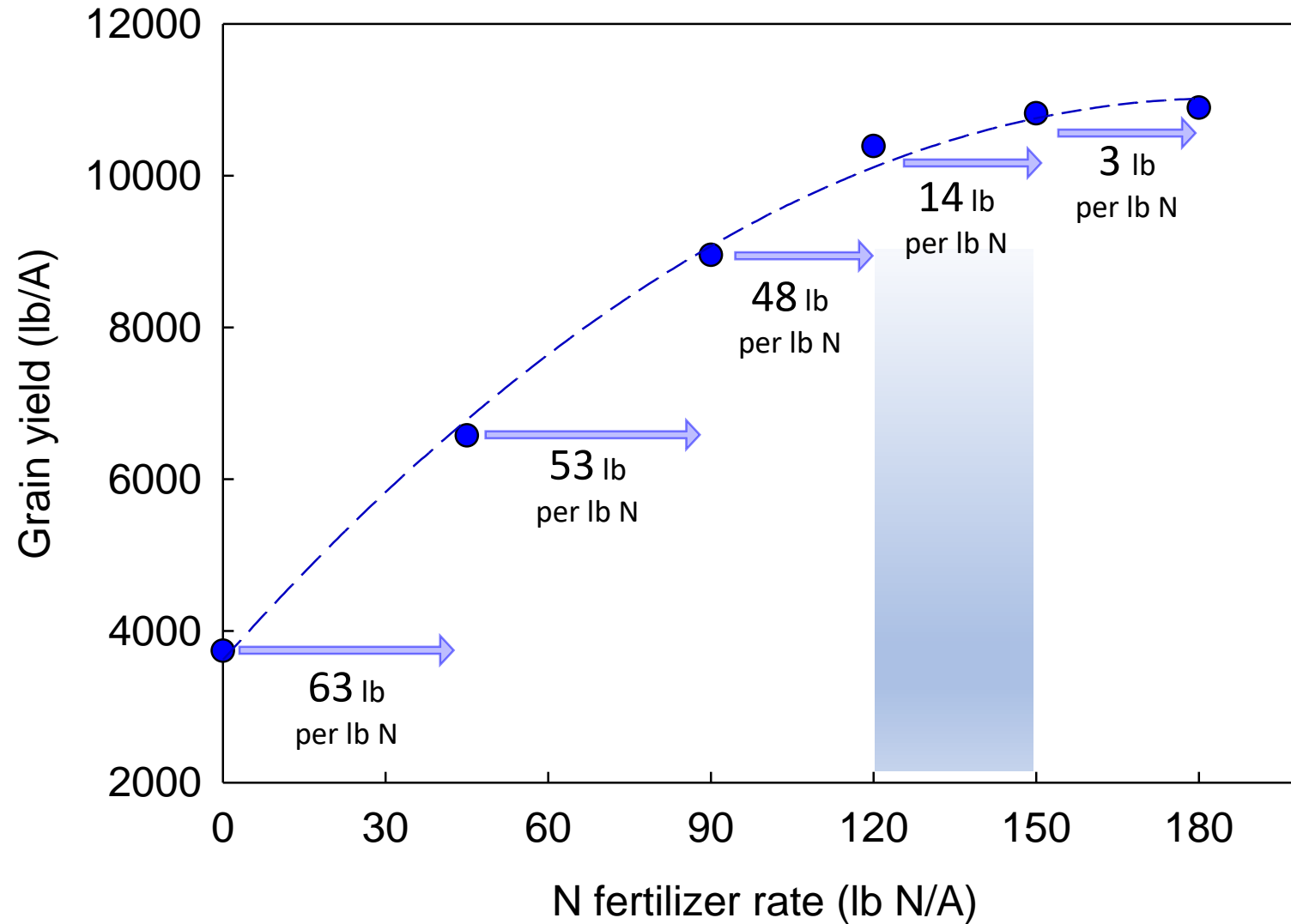


N Rate	Main Crop - Grain yield (lb/A)			
	Crowley-RRS	Richland	St. Landry	Tensas
0	3736	3635	3100	4204
45	6575	4443	5650	5833
90	8957	5373	7473	6747
120	10391	5695	8057	6756
150	10822	5961	8706	6760
180	10897	5805	8893	6761

N Rate	Crowley-RRS Grain yield (lb/A)	
	Main	Ratoon
0	3736	1680
45	6575	1792
90	8957	1493
120	10391	1355
150	10822	1309
180	10897	1382

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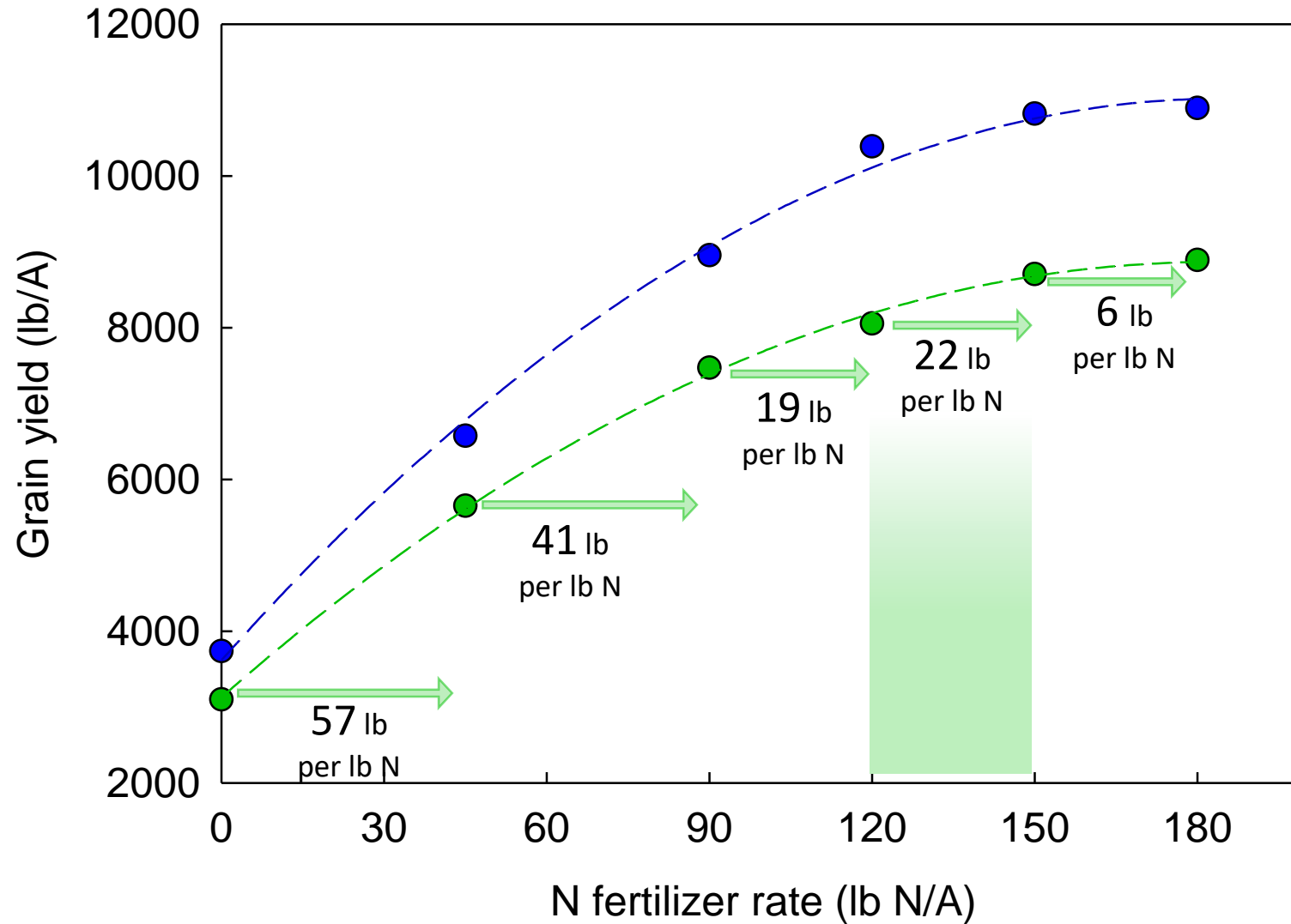
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Crowley-RRS

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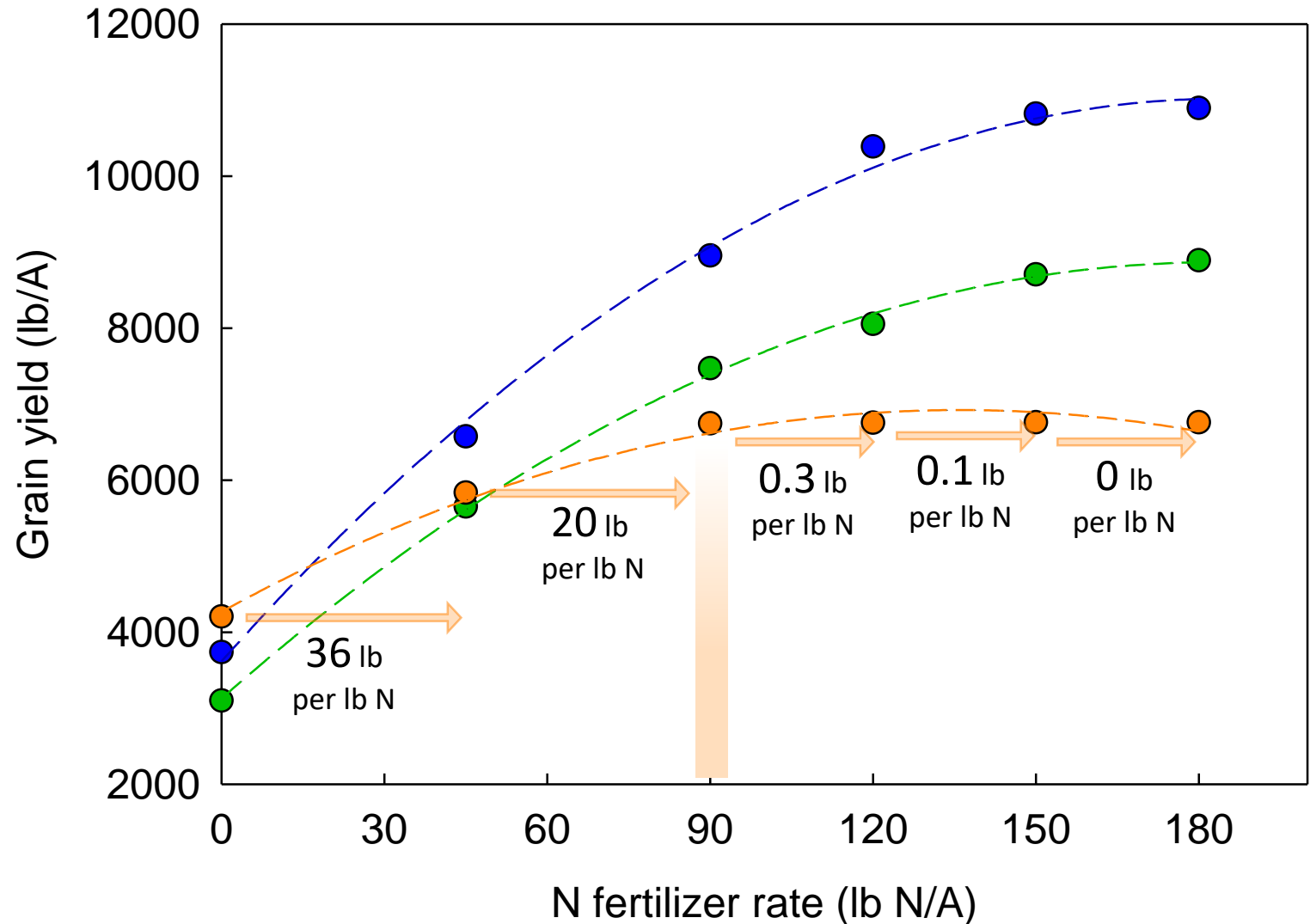


St. Landry



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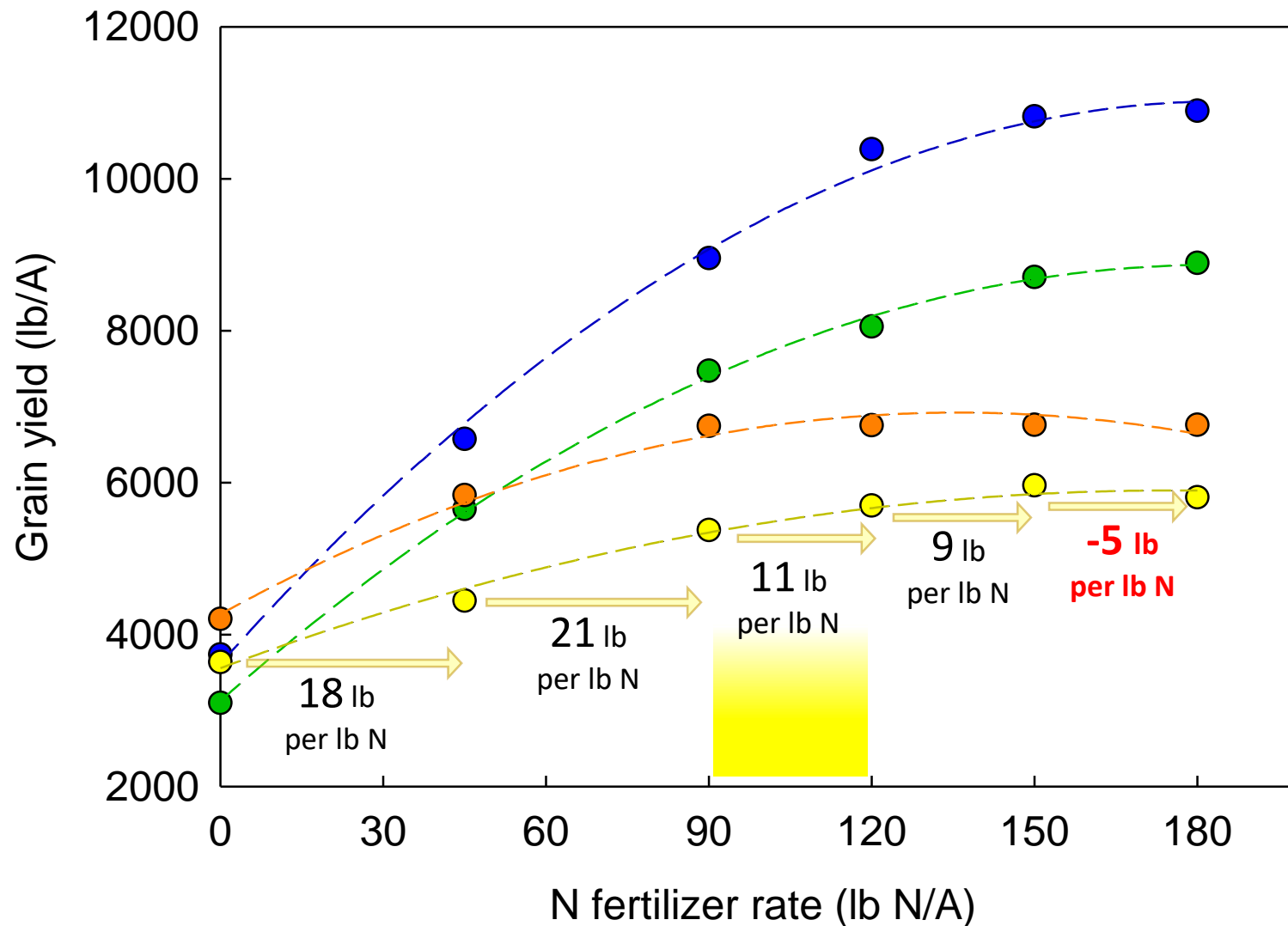
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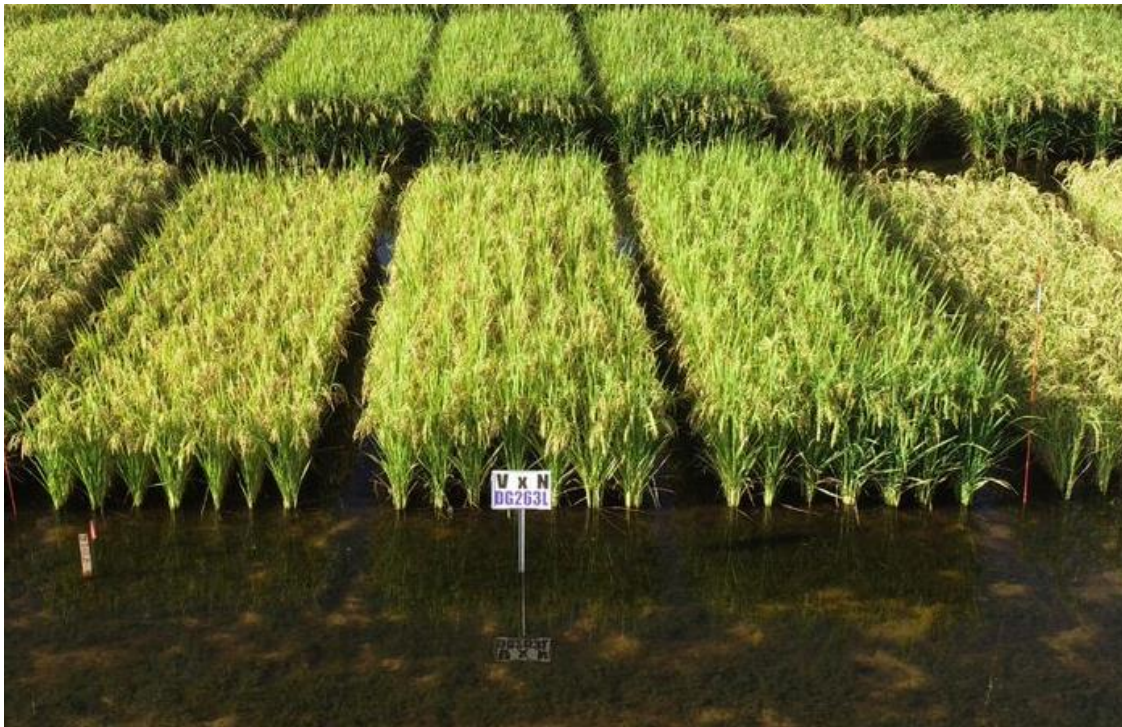


Richland

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## DG263L

- Long grain, conventional variety
- Nutrien Dyna-Gro
- Early maturity

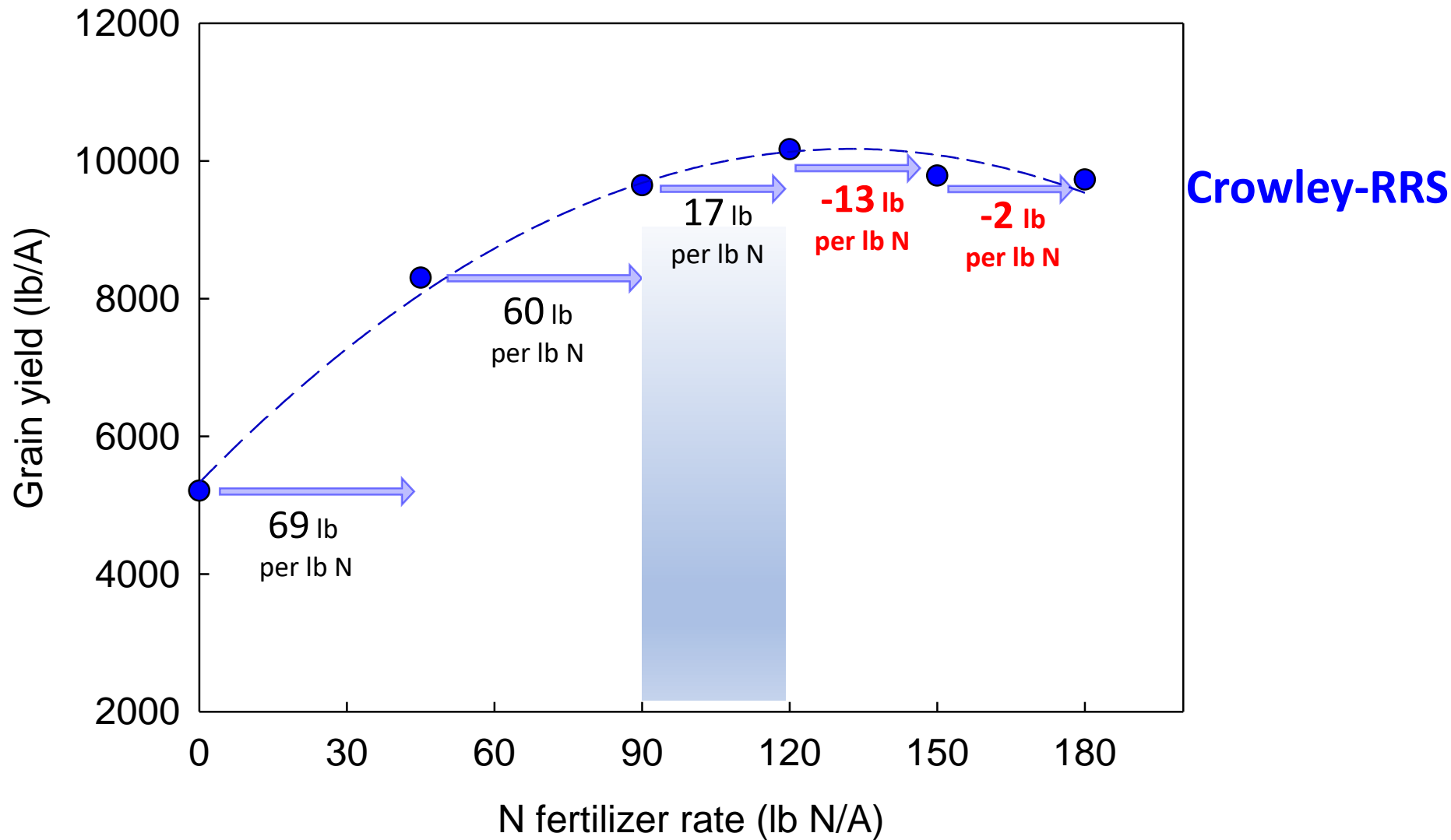


N Rate	Main Crop - Grain yield (lb/A)		
	Crowley-RRS	Richland	St. Landry
0	5208	5385	5953
45	8305	6298	8187
90	9648	6986	9501
120	10171	7079	9704
150	9786	6854	9940
180	9729	6808	9888

N Rate	Grain yield (lb/A)	
	Main	Ratoon
0	5208	0
45	8305	0
90	9648	0
120	10171	0
150	9786	0
180	9729	0

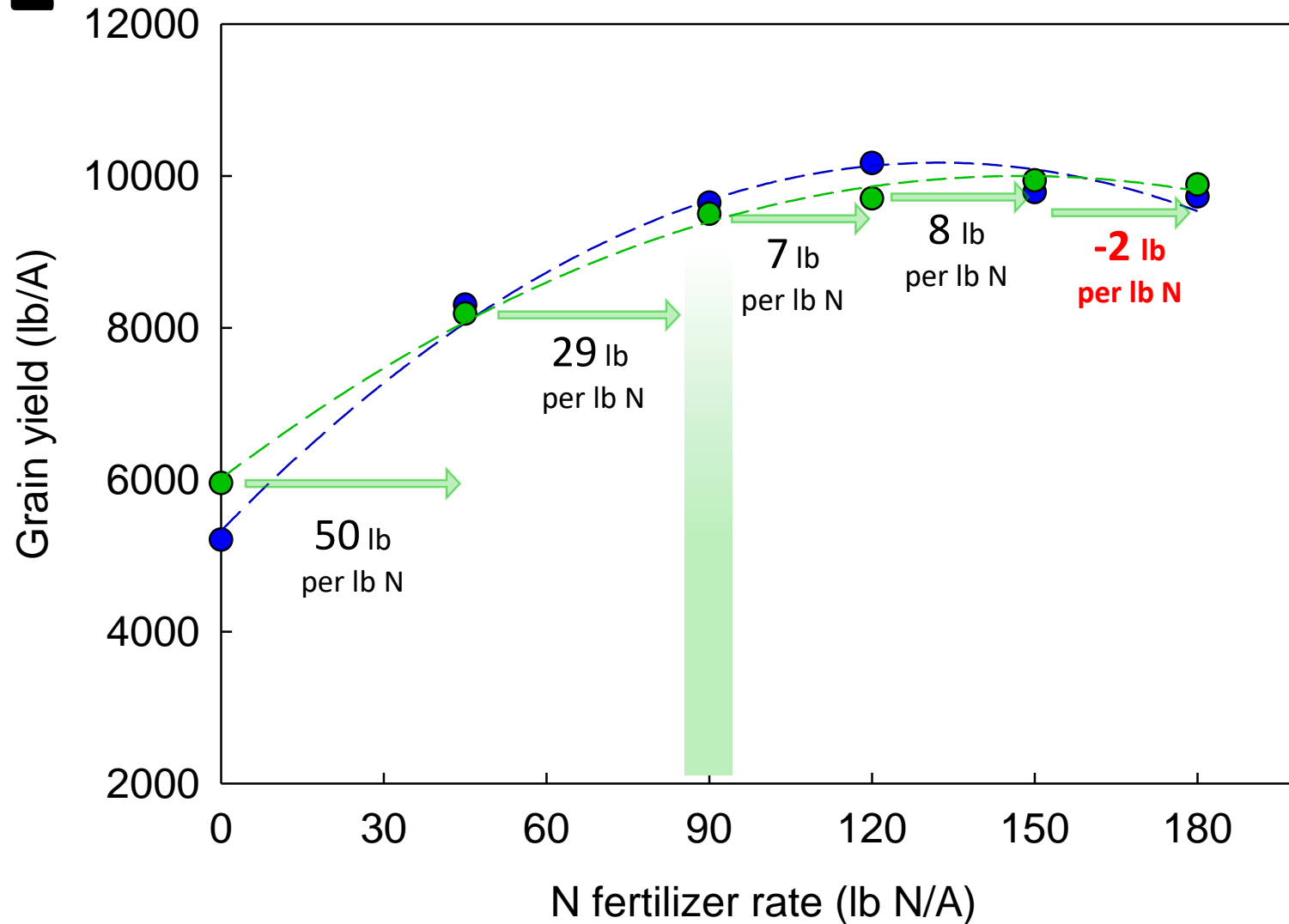
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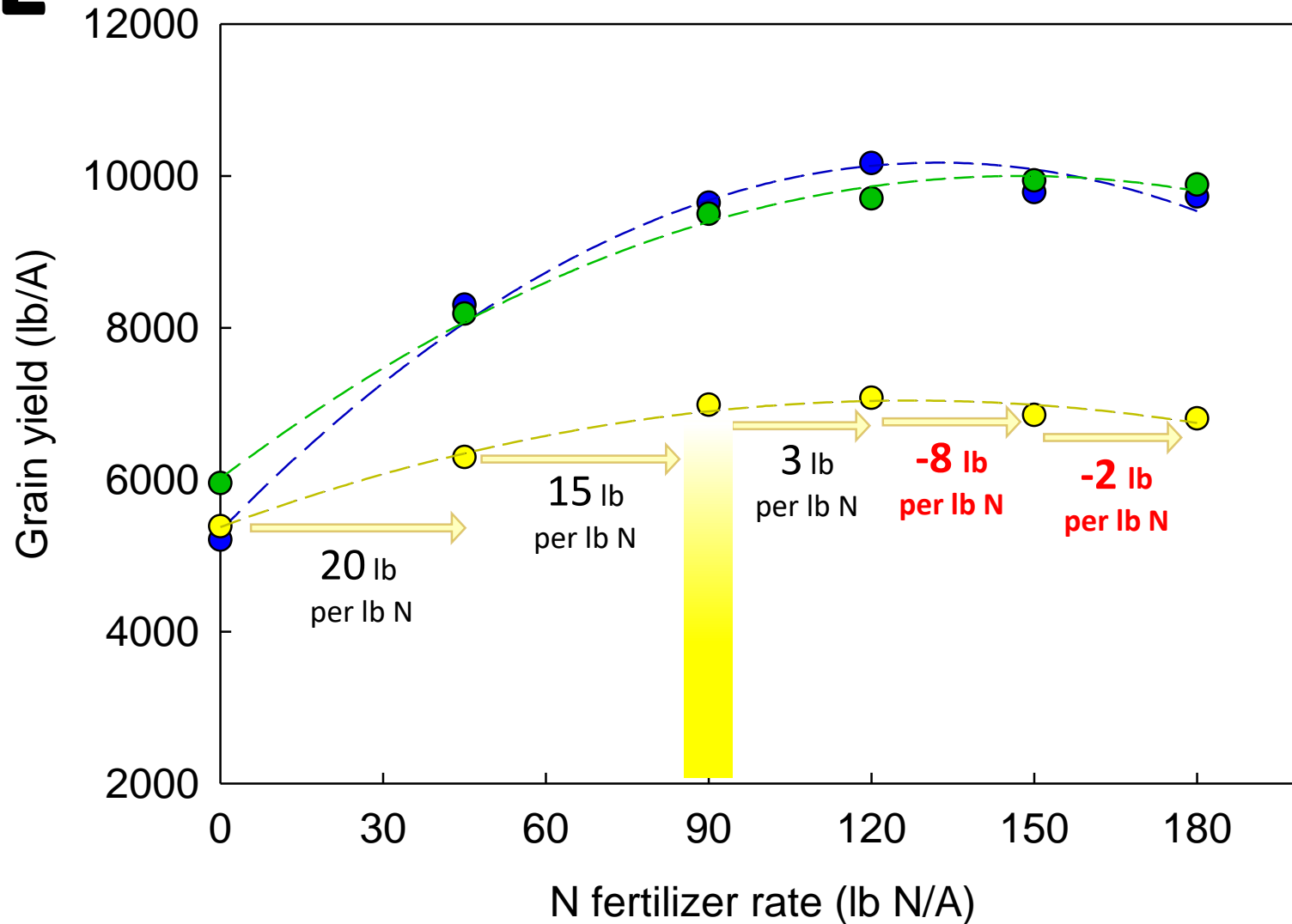
## DG263L



St. Landry

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Richland

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## RT 7331

- RiceTec Max-Ace hybrid
- Long grain
- Early maturity

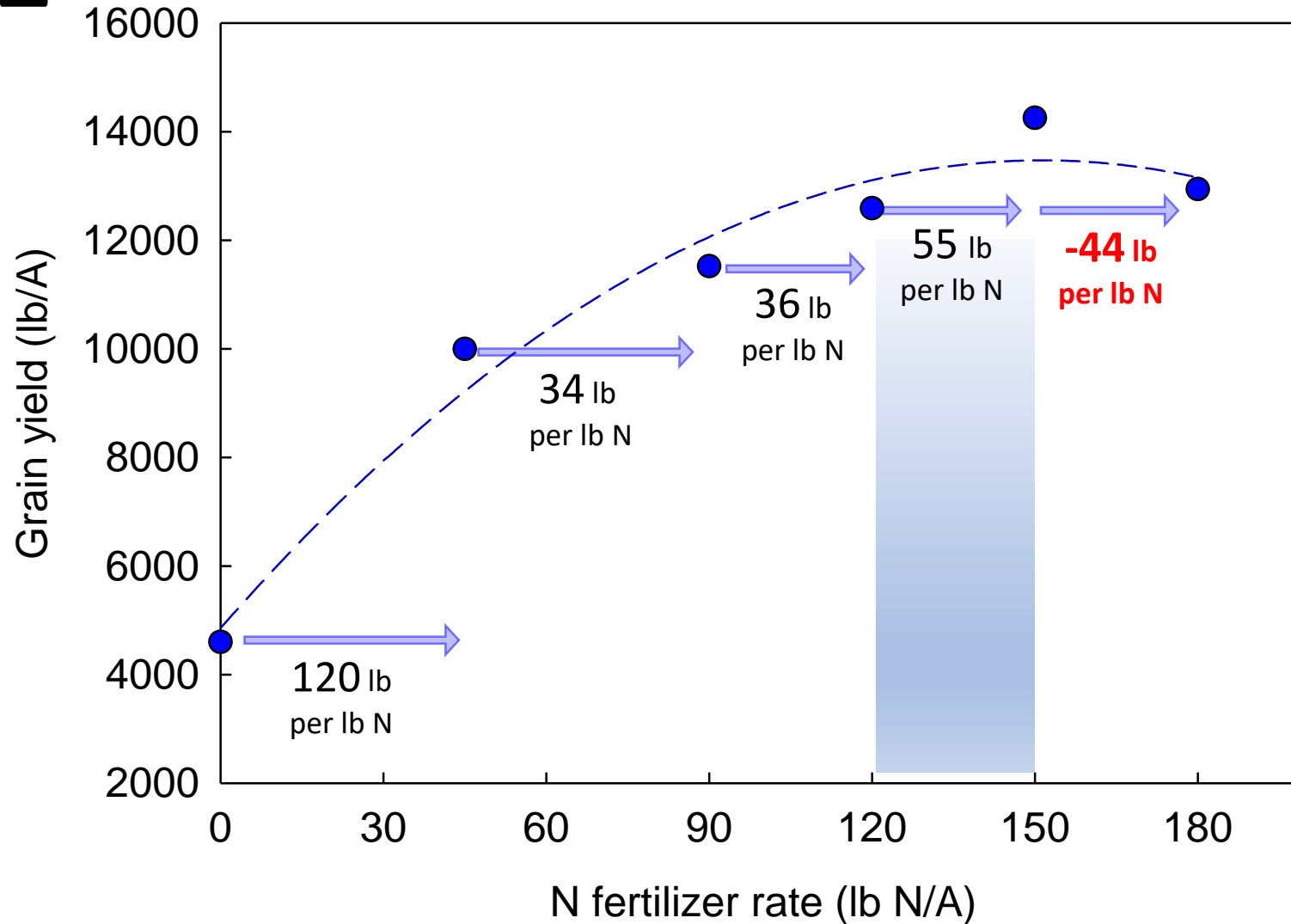


N Rate	Main Crop - Grain yield (lb/A)		
	Crowley-RRS	Richland	St. Landry
0	4597	4690	5547
45	9998	6487	9475
90	11522	7893	10903
120	12590	8165	12055
150	14252	8066	12742
180	12940	8942	13372

N Rate	Grain yield (lb/A)	
	Main	Ratoon
0	4597	2625
45	9998	2433
90	11522	0
120	12590	2355
150	14252	2028
180	12940	1472

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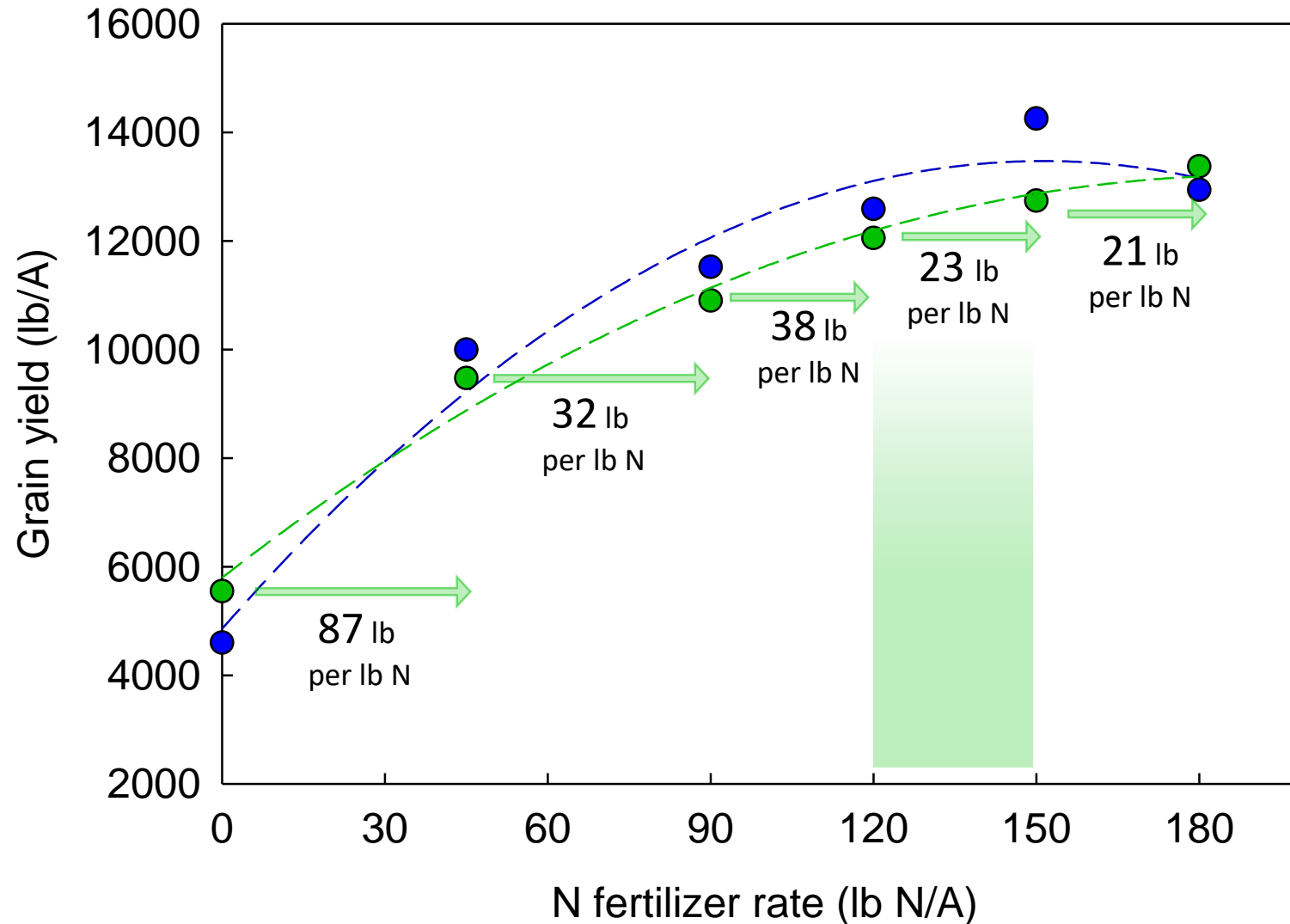


Crowley-RRS



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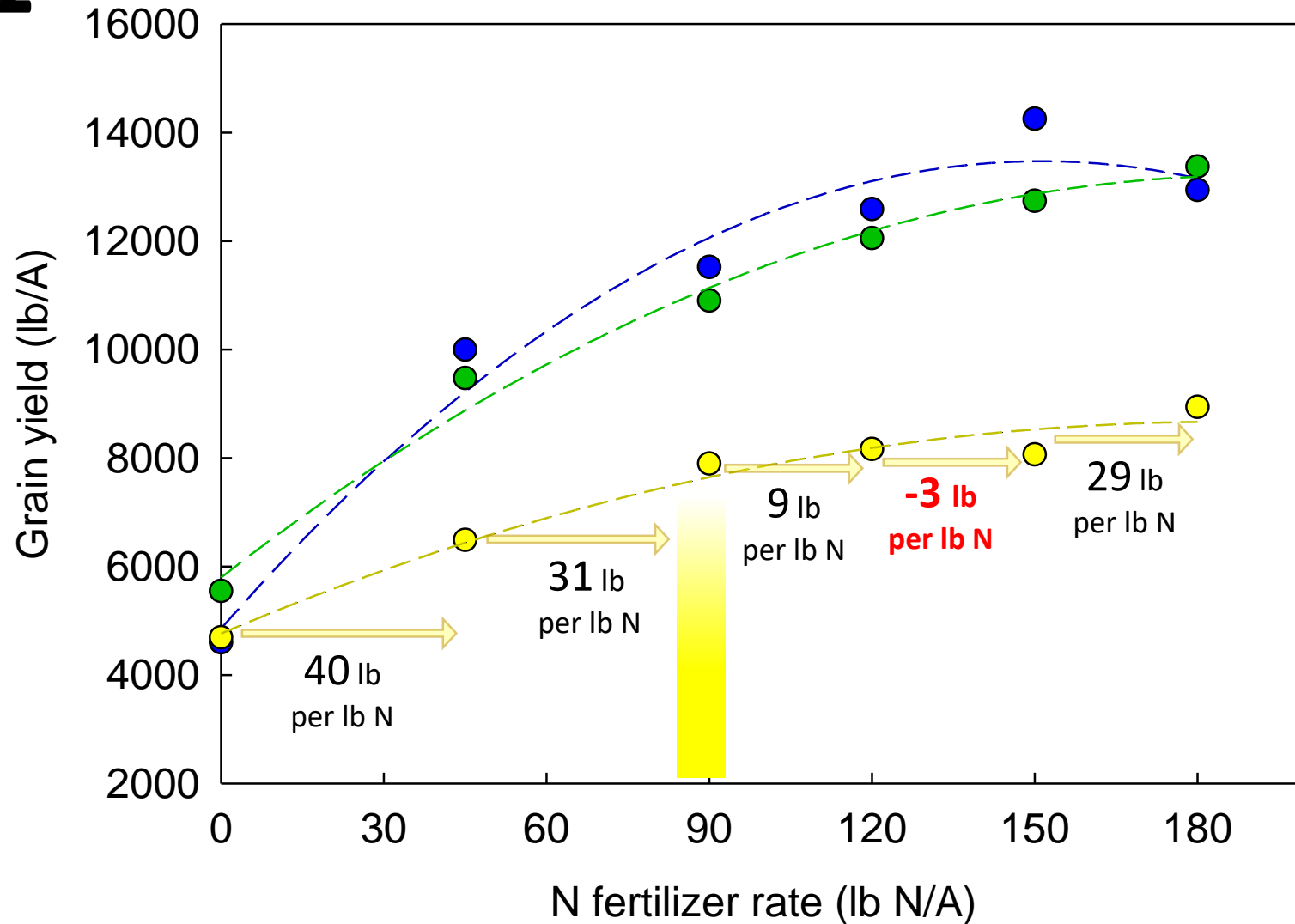
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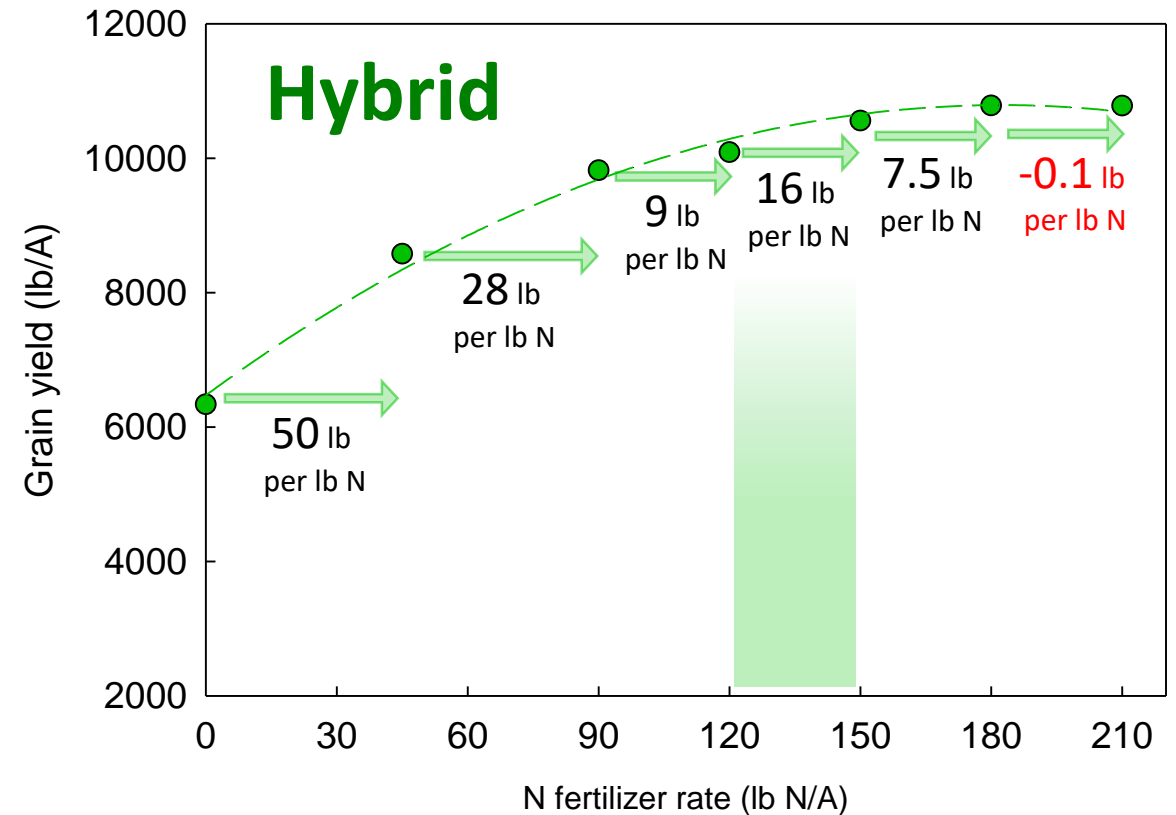
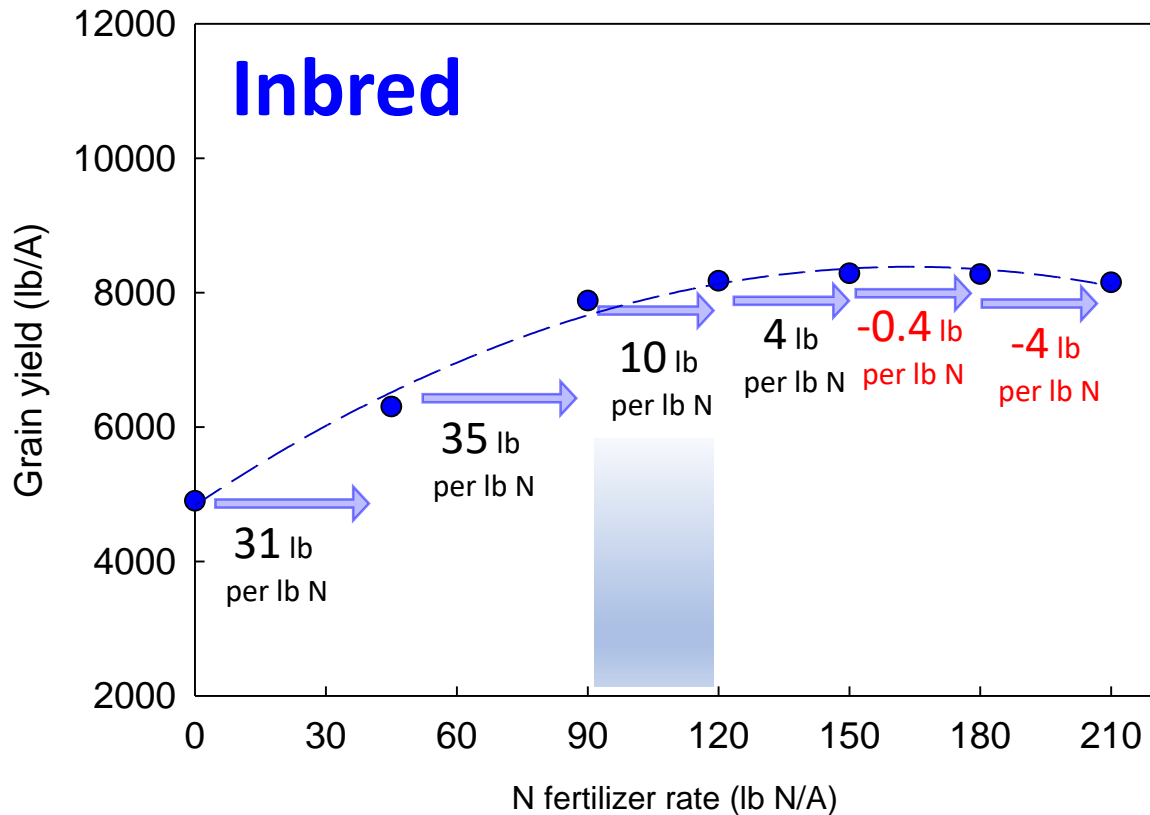
# Rice yield response to N: meta-analysis

**5** years (2018-2022)

**6** locations in LA

**30** inbred lines

**13** hybrid lines



# Summary

1. Less than 90 lb N/A
  - critical in the most productive phase
2. Beyond 90-120 lb N/A
  - increase in grain yield becomes smaller per unit of N added
  - **inbred**: negative return past 150 lb N/A
  - **hybrid**: negative return past 180 lb N/A
3. Agronomic and economic optimal N point varies:
  - rice line, soil, weather, location
4. Updated site-specific N recommendations

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**Thank you!**  
**Questions?**