

Liquid separated dairy manure in a sugarbeet rotation

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Background

 New, large dairies are moving to northwestern Minnesota into sugarbeet growing regions





Bringing new* manure tech

 Liquid solid separation is being used so that solids can replace bedding









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Manure nitrogen distribution



Dairy manure from two of the large dairies

Louriston Liquid Separated

Moisture = 96.4%

Campbell Liquid separated

Moisture = 95.7%



Take home messages

- Incorporation will be key if using these manures to get most out of the N value
 - Ammonium concentration was a bit higher in liquid separated manure
 - Ammonium may be higher than expected for a "solid" manure in separated solids
- P concentrations are a bit lower in liquid separated manure
- K concentrations are about the same

Solids separated from one dairy in southern MN



2022 Study locations







Plot setup – Nutrient management



First year

- Manure applied fall before study started
 - High rate was ~15,000 gal/ac
 - Low rate was ~10,000 gal/ac
 - Control: Spring fertilizer
- Second and third year
 - Fertilizer only, taking credit for manure N and soil test
 P and K as appropriate



Plot setup – Crop rotation

- Three crops all represented each year of study
 - Sugarbeet, soybean, corn
- 4 replications of each crop



Corn yield – First year after manure at Nashua

Corn Yield





Soybean yield – First year after manure



Sugarbeet yields in 1st year of trial at Nashua

Nutrient Source	Yield (tons/acre)	Sugar (%)	Recoverable Sugar (Ibs/ton)	Recoverable Sugar (Ibs/acre)	Payment (\$/acre)
Fertilizer only	39.5a	16.3a	282a	11,195a	
Low dairy manure rate	38.0a	16.3a	283a	10,756a	-\$72
High dairy manure rate	41.5a	15.8a	271a	11,282a	+\$14

Corn & soybean yield – Two years after manure

Corn Yield

Soybean Yield



Sugarbeet yields in 2nd year of trial at Nashua

Nutrient Source	Yield (tons/acre)	Sugar (%)	Recoverable Sugar (Ibs/ton)	Recoverable Sugar (Ibs/acre)	Payment (\$/acre)
Fertilizer only	23.1b	19.4a	343a	7,910b	
Low dairy manure rate	22.1b	19.0a	336a	7,451b	-\$75
High dairy manure rate	26.4a	19.3a	332a	8,777a	+\$141



Thank you!

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