

Should We Strive for Higher Yields? (A09-reetz155246-Oral)

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Abstract:

This presentation will summarize the points made by the previous speakers in the symposium session and lead into open discussion among the participants. The need for research and management tools to support high yield production will be discussed. The importance of a complete crop and soil management systems approach will be presented, along with the contribution of high yield management systems to production and resource efficiency. Contributions of high yield crop and soil management systems to environmental stewardship will also be explained and discussed. Developing and implementing systems to produce higher yields on our more productive lands is a critical strategy to future profitability of producers. Properly designed, high yield systems will make the most efficient use of land, management, and financial resources. High yield production can also help protect the environment in the production area and will reduce the need to destroy wildlife habitats and fragile ecosystems in order to meet the world's food, fiber, and energy needs.

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