Vegetative Assessment of Phosphorus and Nitrogen Status in Corn using Remote Sensing. (S04-ciganda173035-Poster)

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Abstract:

Assess spatial variability of soil P and N is not only costly but also a time consuming processes. Remote sensing measurements of canopy spectral reflectance can provide a rapid and non-destructive method for assessing plant-canopy nutrient status. The main objective of this research was to identify specific wavelengths or combinations of them sensitive to P and N deficiencies in plant during the early corn growth. Two corn experiments were planted in 2001 and 2002 over an old manure experiment in which important soil P content differences were expected among the residual treatments. Reflectance measurements were recorded from canopy at different growth stages (V3 to V7), with two four-narrow-band field sensors (sensor 1: 415, 440, 460 and 550nm; sensor 2: 600, 632, 680 and 800nm). An hyperspectral sensor (300 to 900nm) was used to record the reflectance from collar leaves at vegetative growth stages V3 and V5. The sensitivity of different vegetation indices and individual wavelengths to P and N stress will be discussed.

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