# MONTY'S RESEARCH UPDATE: MLC CORN

## **TRIAL DETAILS**

LOCATION Roper, NC	<b>CORN VARIETY</b> Pioneer '1077 YHR'	<b>AVG. SEED RATE</b> 34,000	
COOPERATOR	<b>PLANT DATE</b>	HARVEST DATE	
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#### TRIAL DESCRIPTION AND EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

This field trial was replicated 4 times and arranged in a RBCD. Soil type is a Pettigrew muck.

#### TREATMENTS

Treatment	Rate*	Application	<b>Row Spacing</b>	Plot Size	Reps
MLC	2 qt/A	In-furrow	30 in	10ft x 50 ft	4
Control			30 in	10ft x 50 ft	4

\*Treatments were applied with water at 5 gal/a.

#### MAINTENANCE

All plots received 20 gal/a 30% UAN (64 lb N/a) broadcast at planting. On June 7, 42.5 gal/a of 30% UAN was applied with drop nozzles as a layby application. Acetachlor plus atrazine (2 q/a) was applied at planting and Steadfast Q (1.5 oz/a) with atrazine (1 qt/a) and Status (2.5 oz/a) was applied at layby on 7 June using drop nozzles to control weeds.

#### TRIAL RESULTS SUMMARY

Monty's Liquid Carbon (MLC) treatment had significantly greater biomass and greater plant uptake of both nitrogen and phosphorous. MLC had numerically greater yield with 7 bu/a more compared to the control when applied in-furrow at planting. MLC increased plant biomass by 14% compared to the control. MLC increased all nutrients in tissues assessed at V10. MLC increased N and P plant uptake by 15% and 26%, respectively. An average ROI of *\$23.96/A* was achieved from 2 qt/a application of MLC in-furrow.

#### RESULTS



Figure 1. Average yield in Bu/A and ROI calculated at \$5.45 bu.

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Figure 2. Plant Biomass in grams at V10 stage. MLC increased plant biomass by 14% compared to the control.



Figure 3. Plant nutrient uptake at V10 stage (A) Nitrogen, (B) Phosphorous.