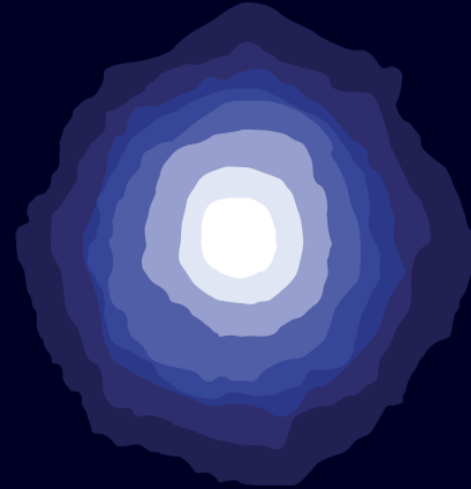


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Silage corn field trial – Warwick University

Development of the corn agronomy programme into the forage market



Key information

- Corn harvested for silage is an important feed for animals, especially in areas where crop land for grazing is limited
- Managed well the crop can provide a high yielding, nutrient rich, source of protein crucial for animal diets produced at a lower cost than silage grass
- Silage corn is proven to be an effective route around the yield ceiling associated with silage grass dairy systems
- The European Union grows ~5 million hectares silage corn equivalent to a potential 7mtpa POLY4 market¹
- Potassium offtake from a silage corn crop is up to 10 times as much as a corn grain crop², the K_2O requirement is potentially 220kg K_2O /ha
- Where soil potassium levels are normal, agronomic practice dictates that off take is replaced by a fertilizer source nutrient.
- High quality mineral supplements can be incorporated into silage corn in order to create the optimal animal feed ration



Notes: 1)FAO 2012 2)The removal of plant biomass accounts for the additional nutrient offtake
Sources: Warwick University, University Missouri

Visualisation of POLY4 compared to MOP

Silage corn approaching final stages before harvest¹



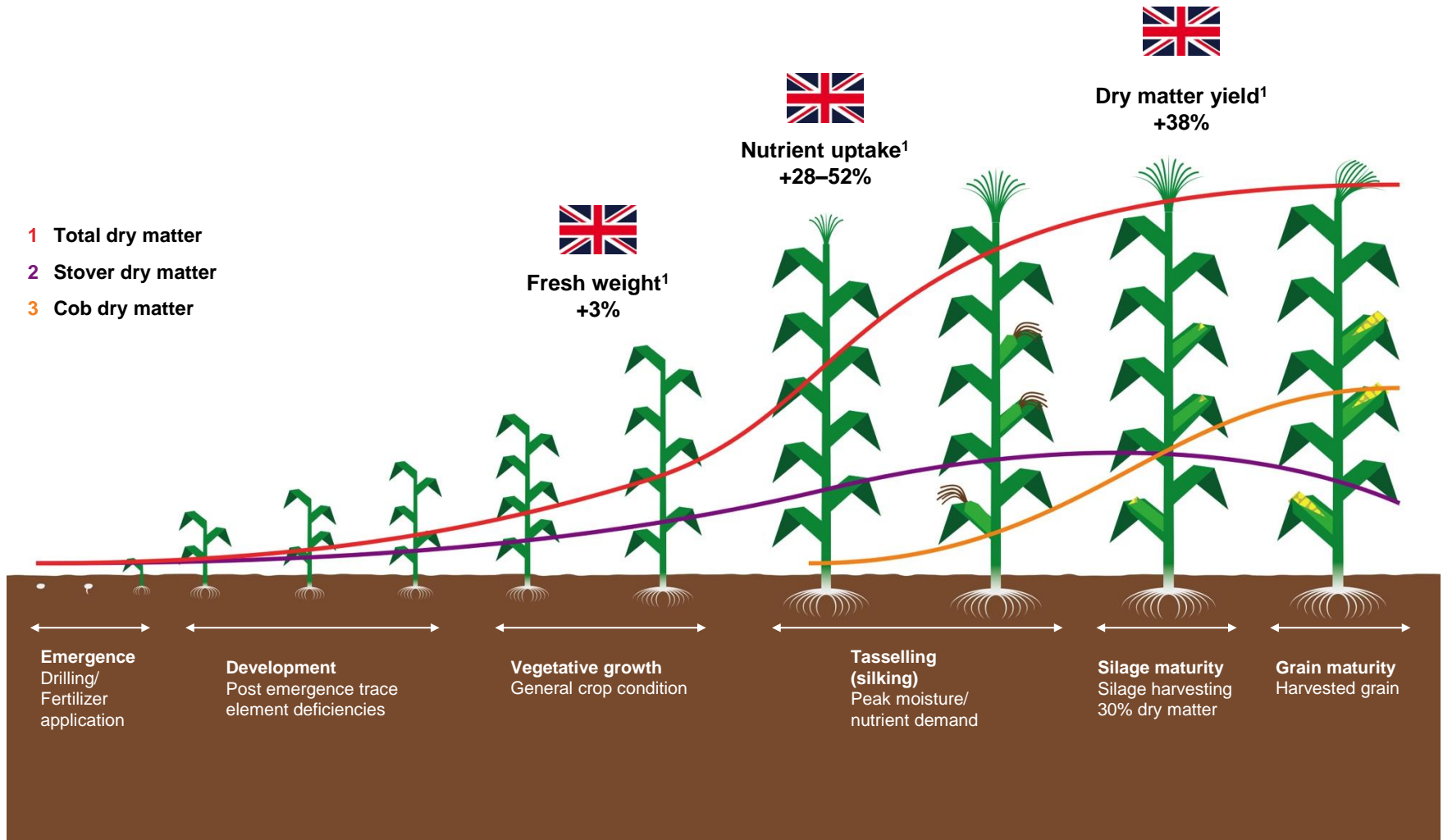
POLY4 outperforming MOP as a fertilizer source for silage corn

Silage corn crop study results

Sirius Minerals agronomic programme continues to deliver impressive corn results

Silage corn crop trial results

(% increase over MOP)

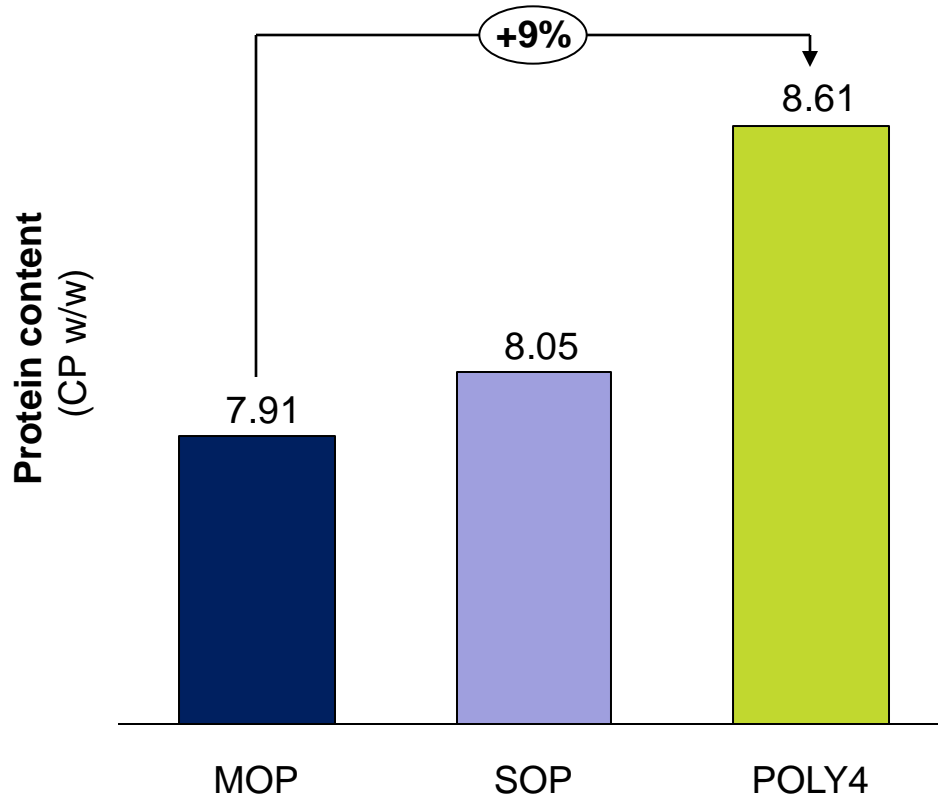


Notes: 1) Silage corn field study results from Warwick university
 Sources: Warwick University, Sirius Minerals

Protein content field study results

Protein content for silage corn is directly linked to nutritional value for animals

Corn crude protein content ¹ (in CP w/w)



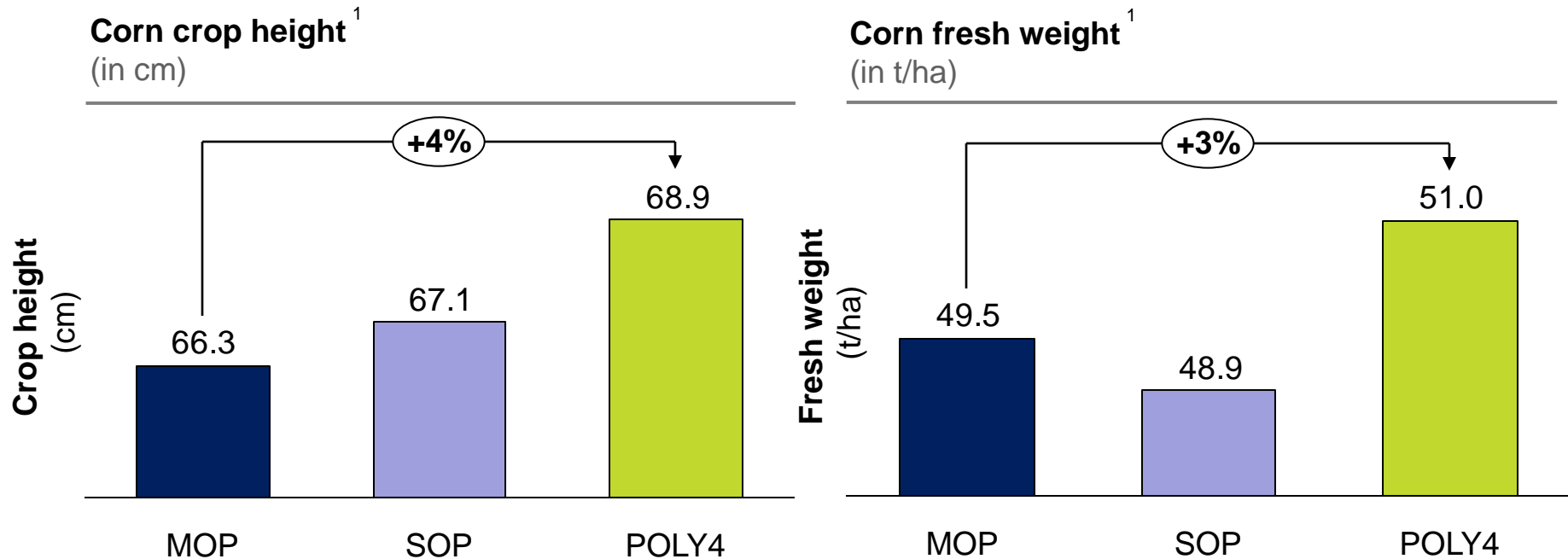
Key findings

- POLY4 improves corn crude protein content which is important for animal nutritional value, POLY4 outperforms MOP by 9% and SOP by 7%
- Crude protein content in silage corn should be ~8% for beef cattle
- POLY4 elevates protein content making it a highly desirable fertilizer source for the silage crop
- Silage corn grown on POLY4 minimises the supplementary protein required in the animal diet

POLY4 supports a higher value crop by increasing corn protein content

Silage corn field trial results – crop growth

Crop growth is vital for reaching a maturity stage in preparation for harvest



- POLY4 supports an appropriate crop height with no risk of crop lodging which improves crop recovery
- Fresh weight yield is an indicator of crop output with a normal yield expectation of 30-50t/ha fresh weight
- POLY4 grown silage corn is supportive of greater yields

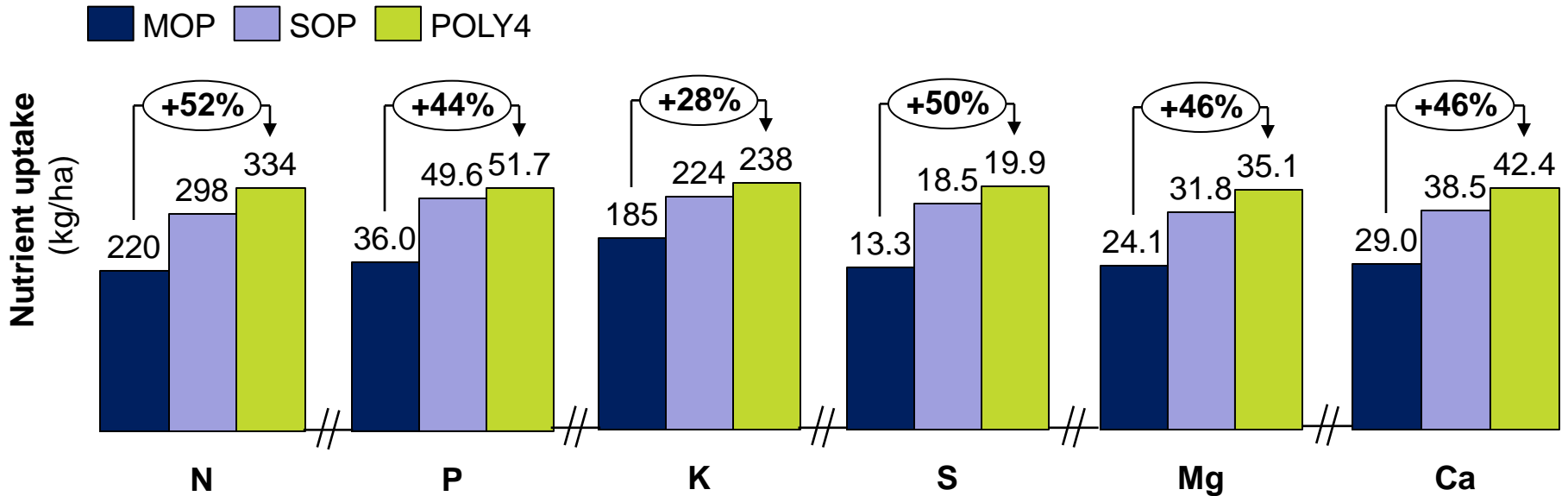
POLY4 improves plant fresh weight and height indicative of a greater yield

Silage corn nutrient uptake results

POLY4 nutrient uptake results in comparison to MOP and SOP



Corn tissue nutrient uptake ¹ (in kg/ha)



- POLY4 sulphate seems to be supportive of nitrogen uptake which appears to be linked to POLY4 nutrient release rates
- Potassium is the highest demanded nutrient by corn and POLY4 supports 44% greater uptake compared to MOP
- POLY4 seems to be the preferred source of macro-nutrients for corn, consistently improving nutrient uptake

POLY4 maximises nutrient uptake of macro-nutrients

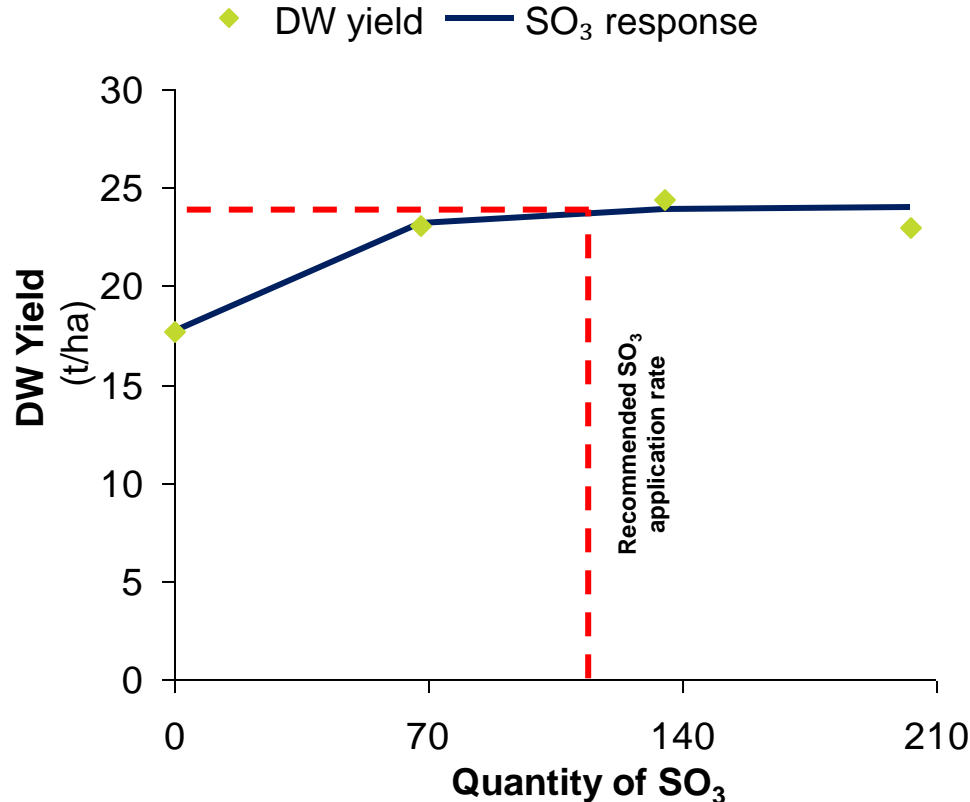
Notes: 1) Actual mean results from 75-300kg K₂O/ha; Initial soil analysis pH 6.8; P 36mg/kg, K157mg/kg, Mg 157mg/kg, Ca 1554mg/kg, SO₄ 11.9mg/kg
Sources: Warwick University

Demonstrating sulphur value in maximising yield



An application of sulphur is advocated in order to increase yield above normal expectations

Sulphur response of dry weight yield¹ (t/ha)



Key findings

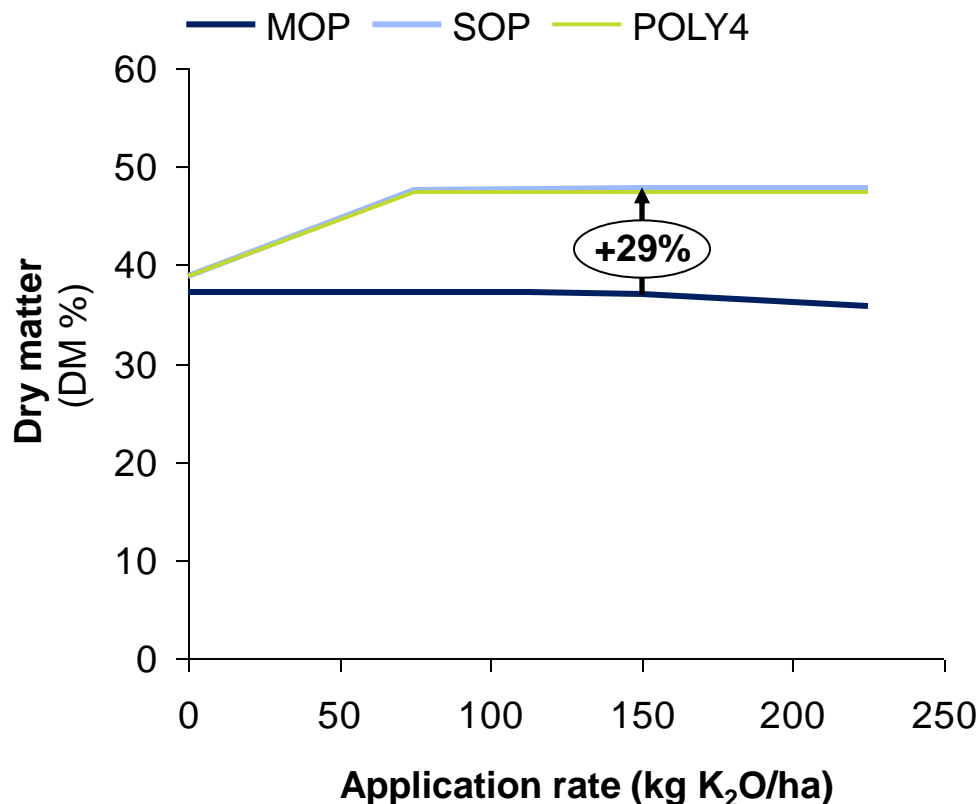
- A recommended application rate of 126kg SO₃/ha is shown to maximise the yield potential
- Even at high application rates of sulphur there is no deleterious yield effects from the sulphur provided by POLY4
- POLY4 achieves a 40% recovery rate of sulphur in comparison to a 26% recovery rate from MOP

POLY4 provides a source of readily available sulphur supportive of yield maximisation

Corn quality characteristic field study results

Dry matter results are crucial in determining the overall crop quality

Dry matter results ¹ (in % dry matter)



Key findings

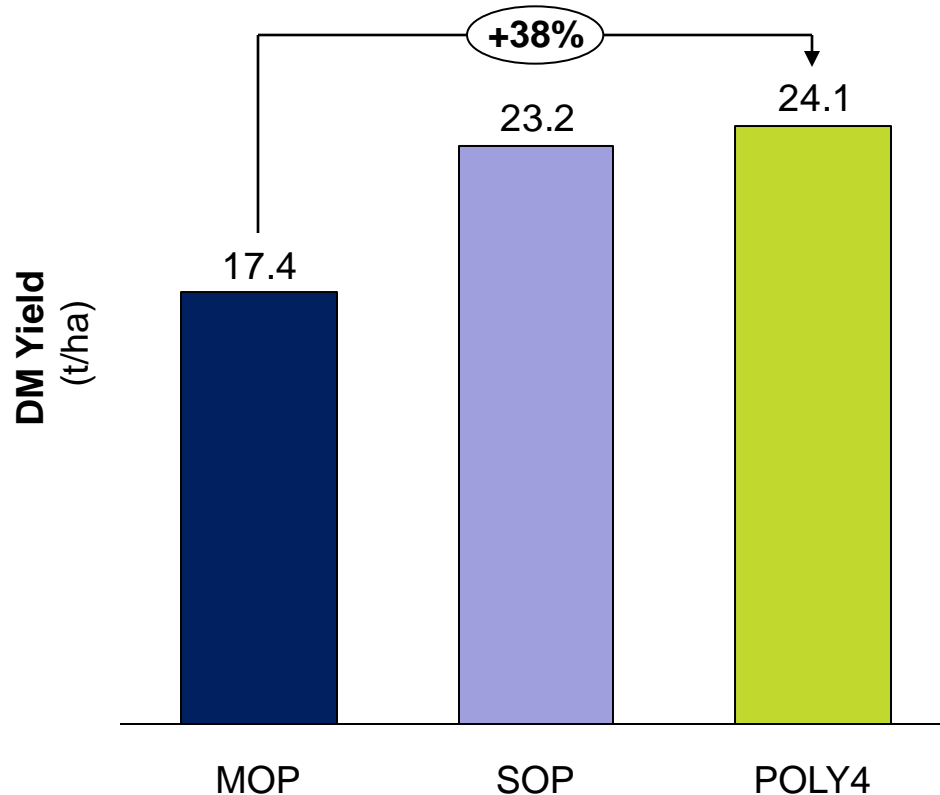
- POLY4 supports maximum tissue dry matter content, maintaining dry matter in a range which is not detrimental to animal digestion
- A high moisture content is undesirable since it hinders fermentation
- POLY4 is supportive of quality by reducing the risk of aerobic spoilage
- In order to achieve a high quality silage grade dry matter content should be >30% regardless of K₂O application rate POLY4 exceeds this benchmark

POLY4 maintains silage corn crop quality in preparation for final product stages

Silage corn overall yield outcome results

Dry matter yield for silage corn farmers represents sufficient livestock feed for the year

Corn dry matter yield¹ (in t/ha)



Key findings

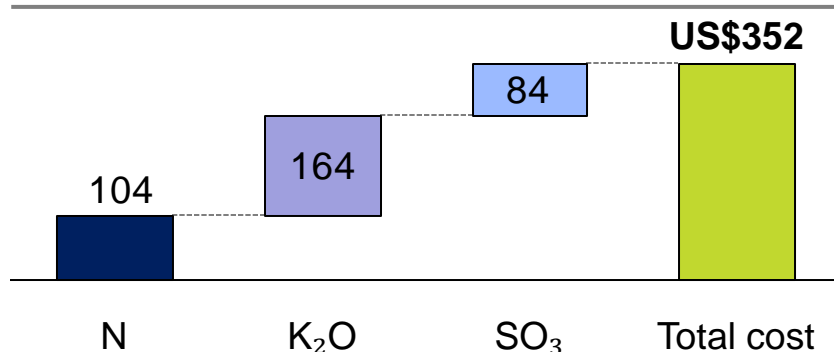
- The dry matter yield is the most important yield parameter
- Dry matter yield represents the feed and energy value for the animal
- POLY4 significantly outperformed MOP by 38% and outperformed SOP by 4%
- POLY4 demonstrates an opportunity to improve farmers' margins

POLY4 outperforms the traditional and premium potassium fertilizer sources

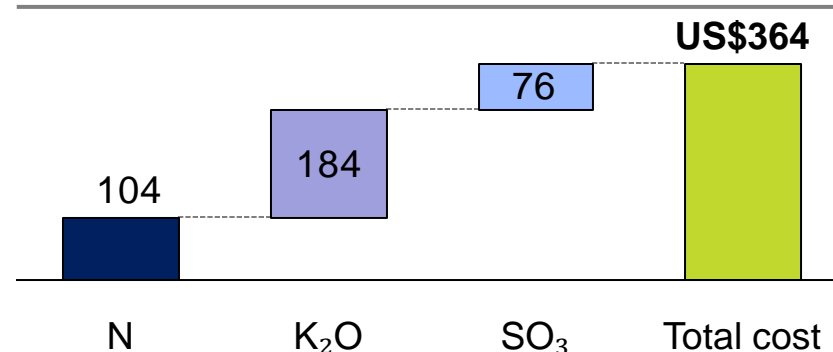
Fertilizer options for silage corn farmers

Options to maximise yield by supplying crop sulphur requirement

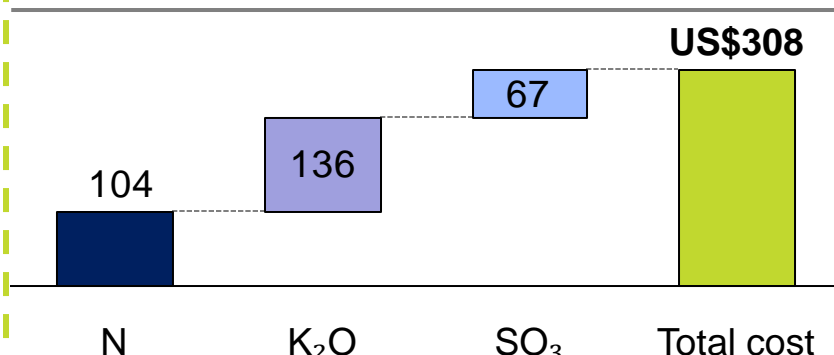
① Conventional MOP+S fertilizer solution¹ (MOP+DoubleTop+Urea)



② Premium SOP fertilizer solution¹ (SOP+MOP+Urea)



③ Balanced multi-nutrient POLY4 fertilizer option¹ (POLY4+MOP+Urea)

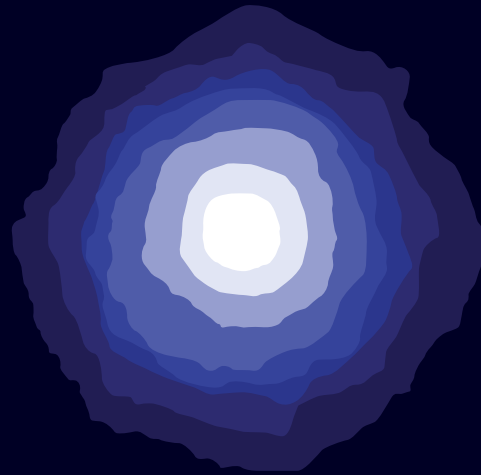


Key findings

- POLY4 is shown to be a high value source of potassium and sulphur providing nutrient requirements at a competitive price point, even at a high input cost of US\$250/t
- In addition POLY4 supplies beneficial micro-nutrients not supplied by MOP or SOP
- Sulphur containing potassium sources are the most economical choice for the farmer with POLY4 reducing total fertilizer cost by US\$56/ha over the SOP based option

In order to maximise yield potential POLY4 is the preferable source of sulphur

Notes: 1) Assumed costs per hectare based on retail pricing available January 2015; SOP US\$800/t, MOP US\$450/t, Urea US\$480/t, POLY4 US\$250/t, commercial N/S top dressing US\$450/t



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