



SPECIALTY FERTILIZER PRODUCTS

Nutrisphere-N for Enhanced Nitrogen Use Efficiency

Fertilizer Outlook and Technology Conference





Nitrogen – The Problem

Research shows that 50-100% of your nitrogen can be lost.

- **Through volatilization**
- **Through nitrate leaching**
- **Through de-nitrification**

- NutriSphere-N helps overcome these causes for nitrogen loss!



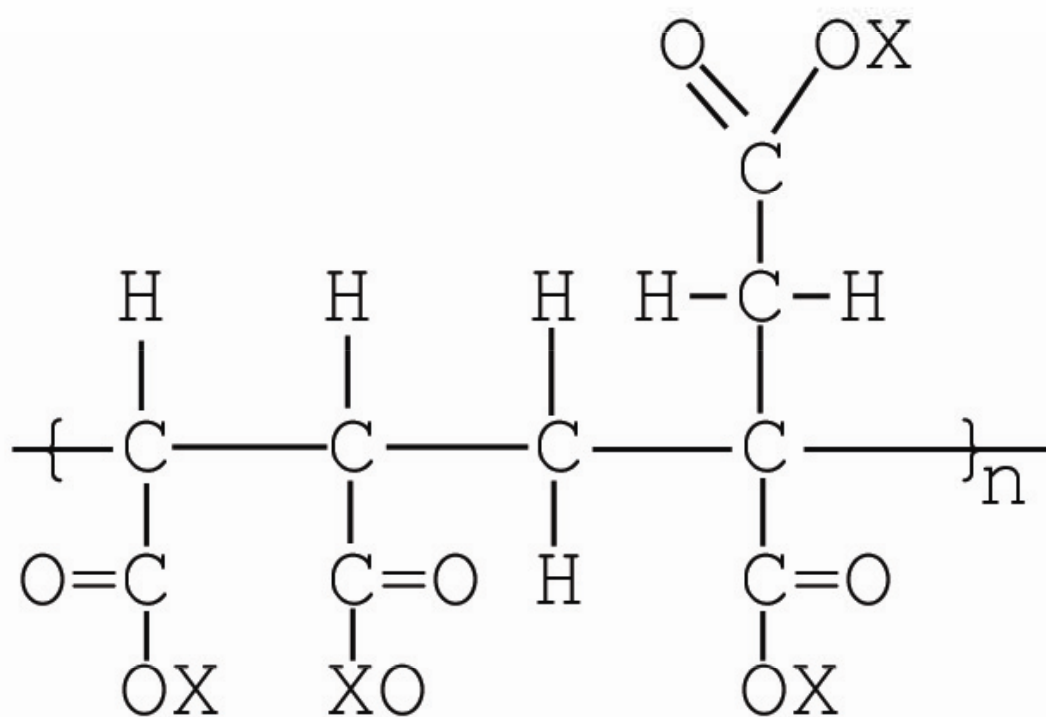


Urea Needs Nutrisphere-N

- Urea was the first organic compound synthesized by chemists in the early 1800's.
- It took over 200 years to learn how to control its reactions and loss mechanisms
- NutriSphere-N is the tool to effectively manage those loss mechanisms.



NutriSphere-N Polymer





Nutrisphere-N Polymer

- 30-40 mers
- Molecular weight 3-4000
- Charge capacity 1800 meq./100 g.
- Branched Polymer
- Stable at any pH
- Stable at less than 300° C
- Stable at high ionic concentrations (doesn't like anything to precipitate.)
- Water soluble and slowly biodegradable (10-12 months)





NutriSphere-N Manages...

- Volatilization
- Nitrification
- Leaching

NutriSphere-N lasts an entire growing season and effectively manages nitrogen without killing micro-organisms in the soil and without limiting nitrogen availability through a hard shell coating.

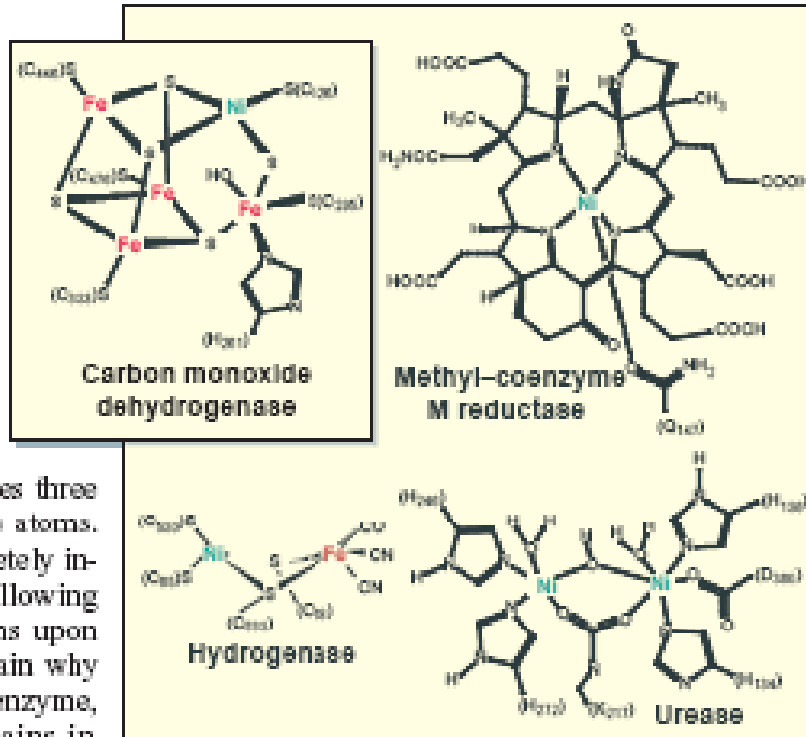




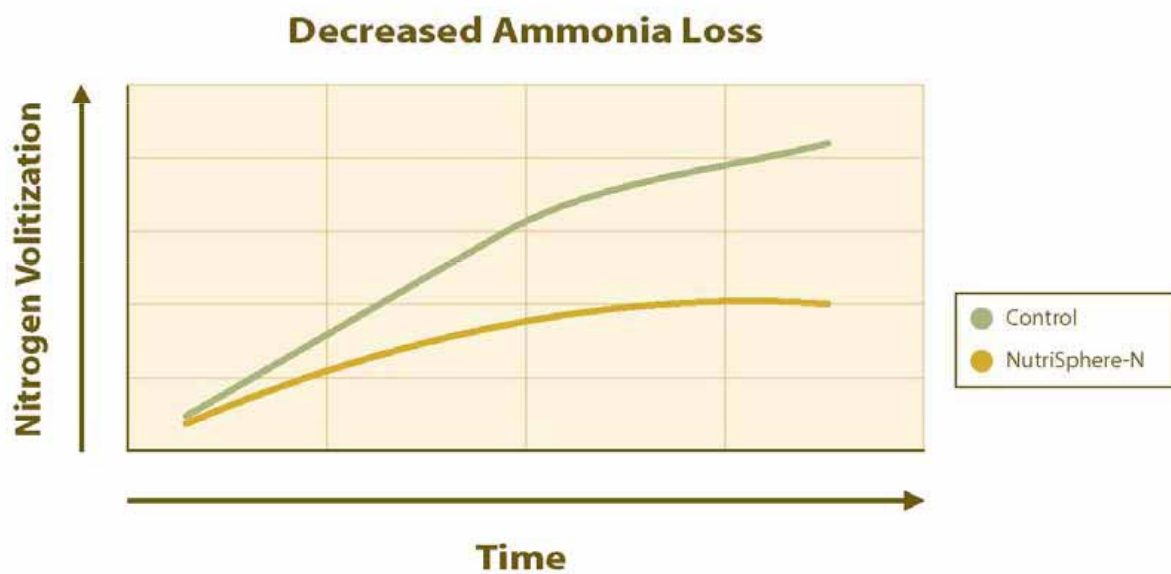
Manages Volatilization

- The process by which Nitrogen products are lost into the atmosphere. This leads to the creation of green house gasses.
 - Urease is a di-nickel compound.
 - Each nickel atom has a +2 charge.
 - Nutrisphere-N has a negative charge of 1800 meq/100g.
 - Nutrisphere-N pulls the nickel out of the urease molecule, destabilizing the molecule rendering it ineffective.
- Nutrisphere-N accomplishes this without killing soil micro-organisms.





Nutrisphere-N Decreases Ammonia Loss





Effects of NSN on Nitrogen Uptake and Corn Yields.

N Rate	Ear Leaf N	Corn Yield
<u>lb/A</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>bu/A</u>
160 Urea + Nutrisphere-N	3.07	216
240 Urea	2.95	192

Soil pH = 7.0 **Gordon, Kansas State Univ.**



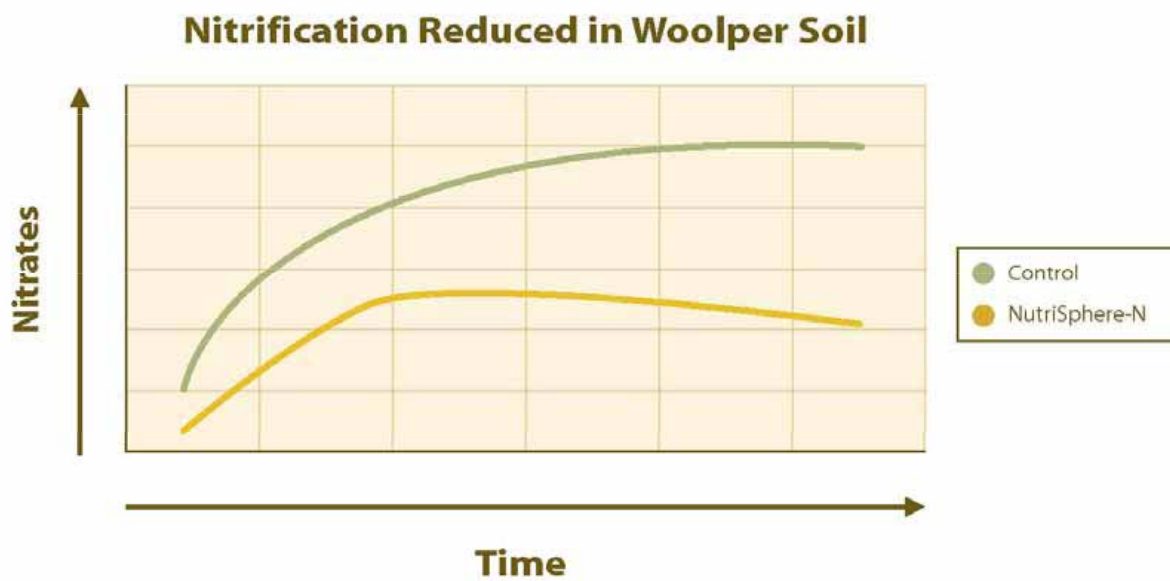


Reduces Nitrification

- Nitrification bacteria's enzymes contain Cu and Fe.
- Nitrosomonas and nitrobacter convert ammonium ions into nitrate ions.
- Nitrate ions when taken up by the crop have to be converted back into ammonium ions before they can be used to make proteins and amino acids.
- This is a huge energy cost to the crop and the resultant effect is lower yields.
- Nitrates also cause lower yields by leaching and denitrification losses.
- The results of this process are decreased nitrogen leaching into lakes and rivers as well as green house gas emissions from denitrification.



Nutrisphere-N: Reduces Nitrification





Manage Nitrification with NutriSphere-N

Treatment	Corn Yield
<u>lb N/A</u>	<u>bu/A</u>
75 + Nutrisphere-N	124.8
<u>100</u>	<u>128.0</u>

No-till corn UAN b'cast Murdock, U of KY, Princeton
2006





Manages Leaching

- Leaching occurs after ammoniacal nitrogen is converted to nitrates in the soil.
 - Nitrates have a negative charge.
 - Soil has a negative charge.
 - The charges repel each other, leaching occurs.
- By overcoming nitrification, Nutrisphere-N inhibits leaching.





Manages Denitrification

- Loss of nitrate nitrogen under water logged conditions.
- Bacteria utilize O_2 from NO_3 to survive.
- NO volatilizes into the atmosphere producing a green house gas.





Soil Test Results With NutriSphere-N On Potatoes

Treatment
300 lb. 46-0-0

NO_3 NH_4

Growers Standard Practice
GSP + Nutrisphere-N

39 28
151 124

Broadcast – Pre-plant
Oregon State

Dr. Don Horneck





Soil Test With Nutrisphere-N On Corn

N Fertilizer

125 lb N/A

Urea

Urea + NutriSphere-N

Titonville silt loam

Dunn, Univ. of MO

N applied 5/17; sampled 6/6

Soil NO₃

ppm

71

74

Soil NH₄

ppm

20

69





Nutrisphere-N Effects on No-Till Corn

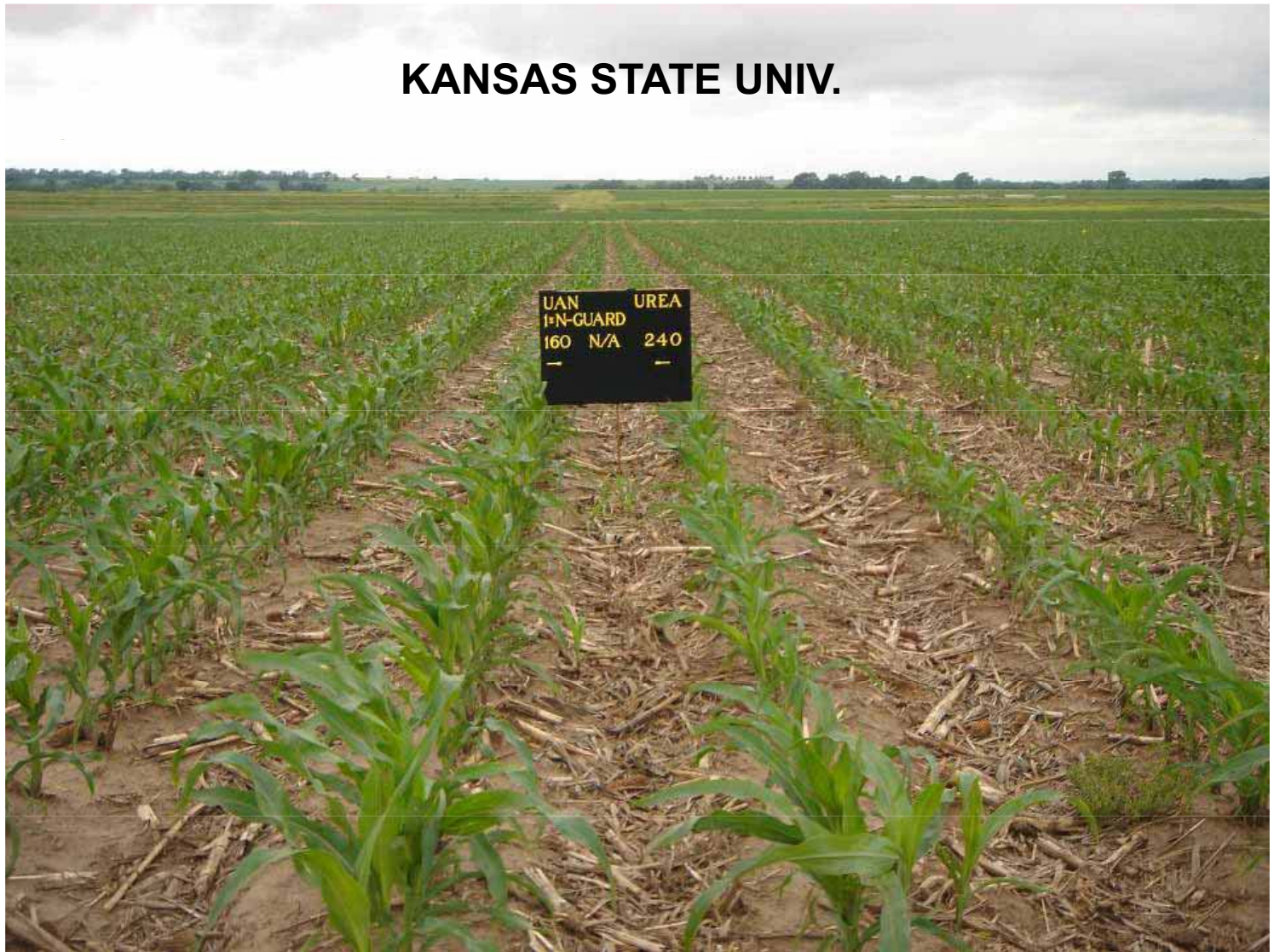
Treatments <i>lb/A</i>	Urea		UAN	
	<i>Nutrisphere-N</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Nutrisphere-N</i>	<i>None</i>
0	138bu/a	138bu/a	138bu/a	138bu/a
80	166	152	170	157
160	188	169	192	167
240	197	188	196	181

Broadcast; Soil pH 7.0

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N-GUARD
160 LB N 240

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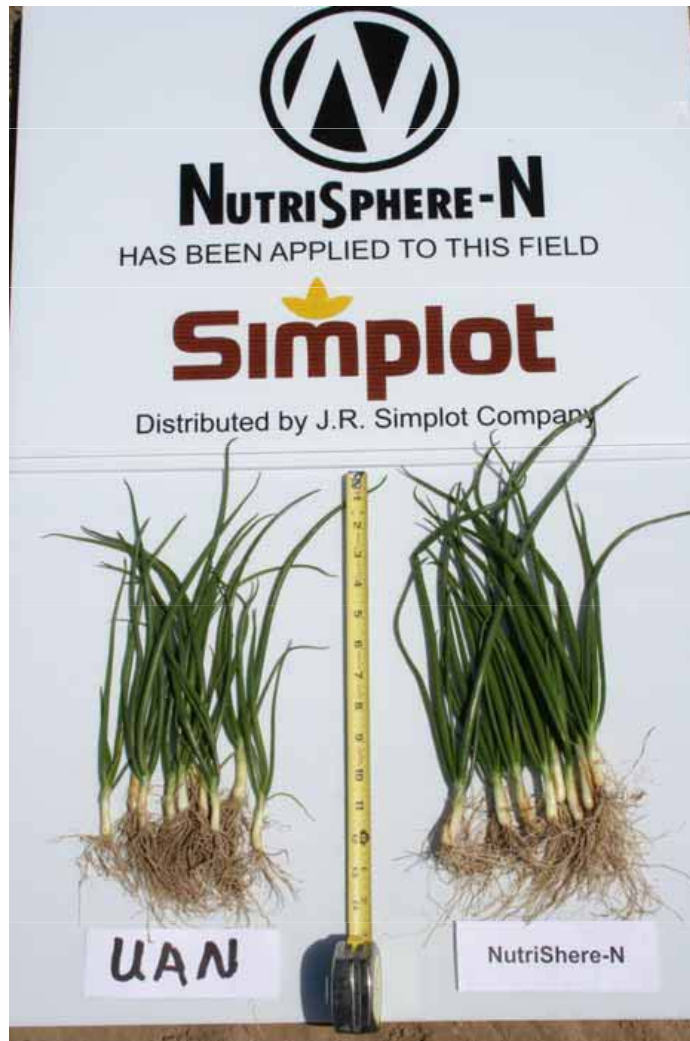
Nutrisphere-N Effects on Urea Performance: No-Till Corn

Treatments lb N/A	Grain Yield bu/A
0	71
90 Banded	104
90 Banded + Nutrisphere-N	131
130 Banded	130
130 Banded + Nutrisphere-N	158
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Loam soil	Ron Mulford, Univ. of Maryland 2005



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