

# Prescription development for variable rate soybean seeding using the Directed Rx system

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# CONVENTIONAL VARIABLE RATE PRESCRIPTION METHODOLOGY

### Typical Steps in Developing Variable Rate Prescriptions

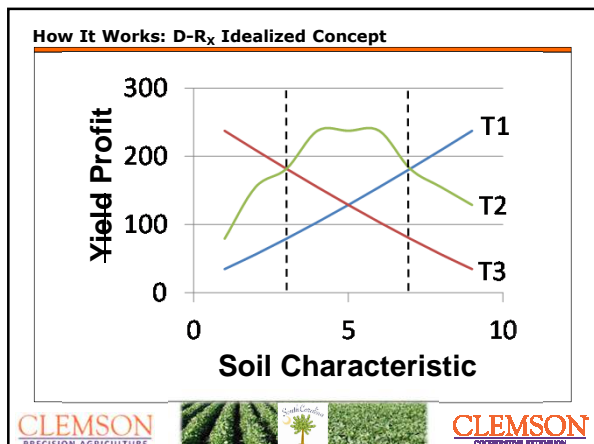
1. Zone Development
2. Productivity Assessment by Zone
3. Rate Assignment
4. Rate Assessment

### Prescription Then Based on Generic Data

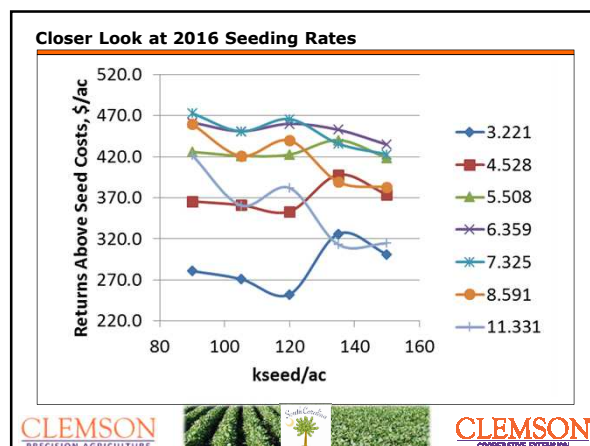
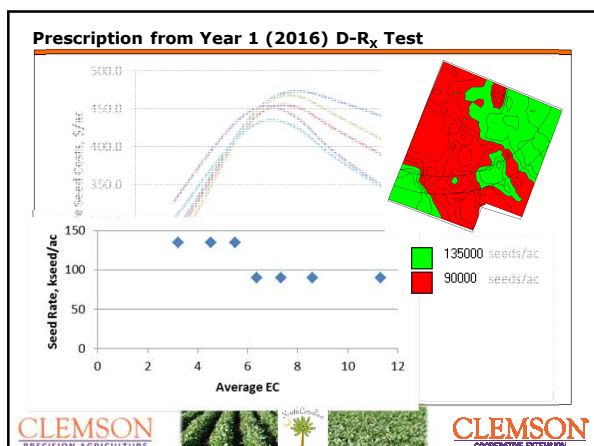
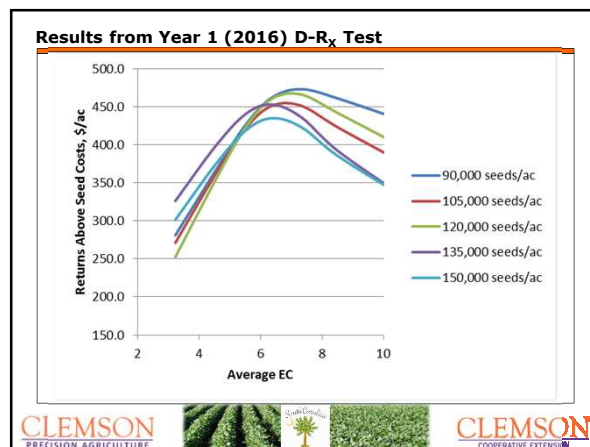
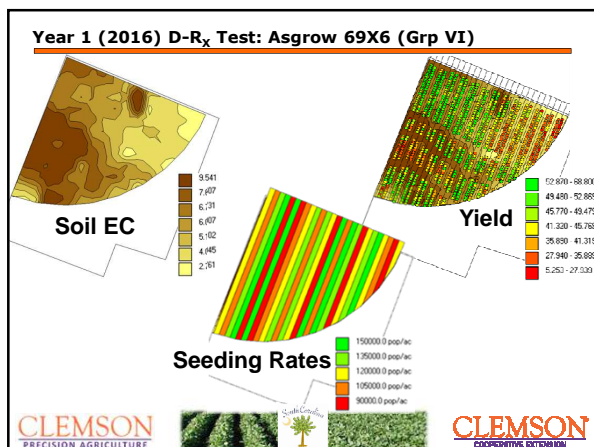
# A NEW CONCEPT IN VARIABLE RATE PRESCRIPTION DEVELOPMENT: D-R<sub>x</sub>

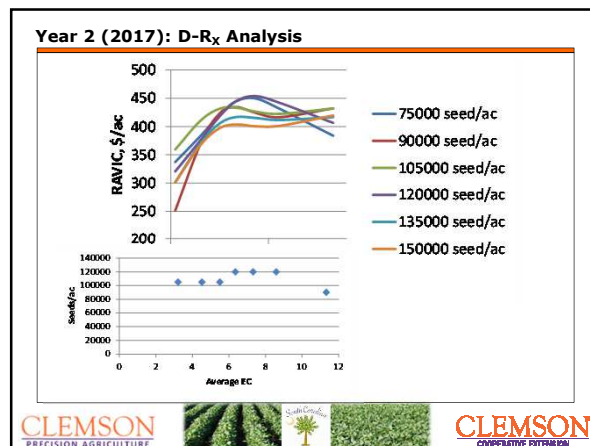
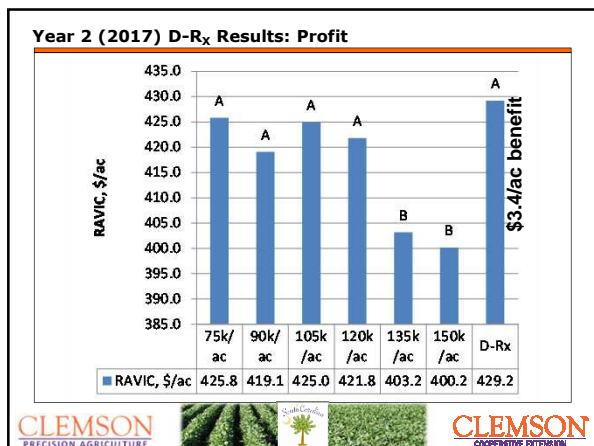
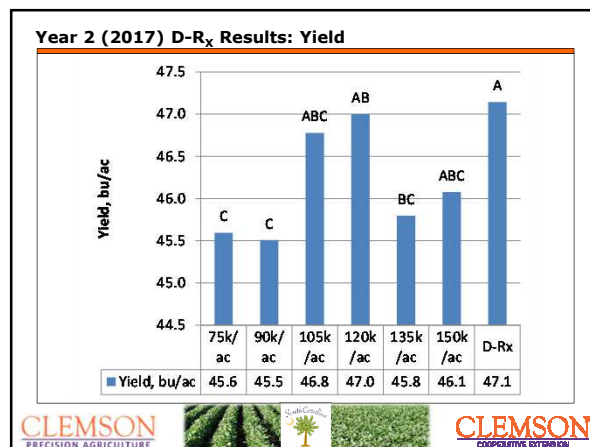
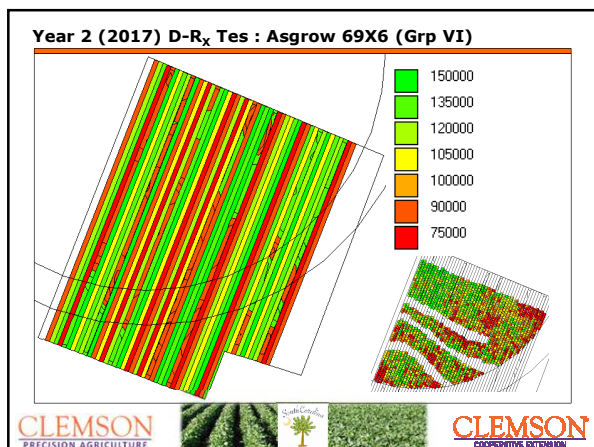
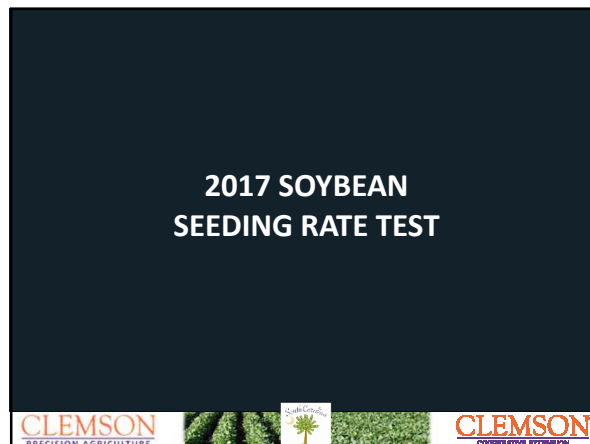
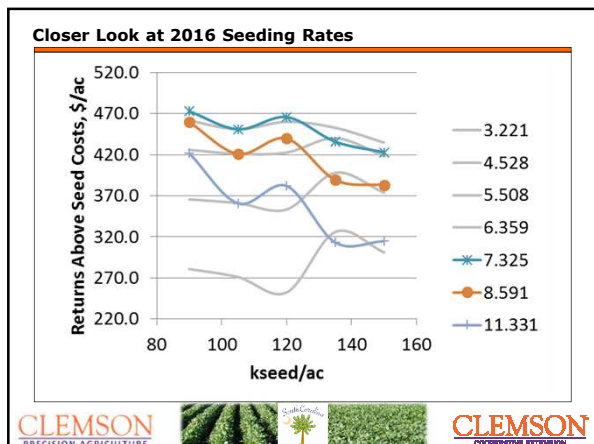
## THE CLEMSON "DIRECTED PRESCRIPTION" SYSTEM

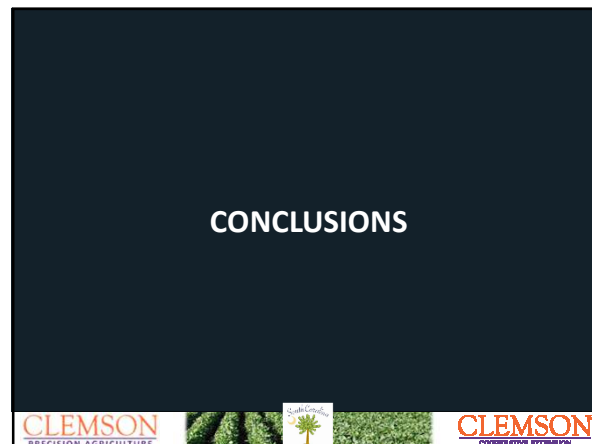
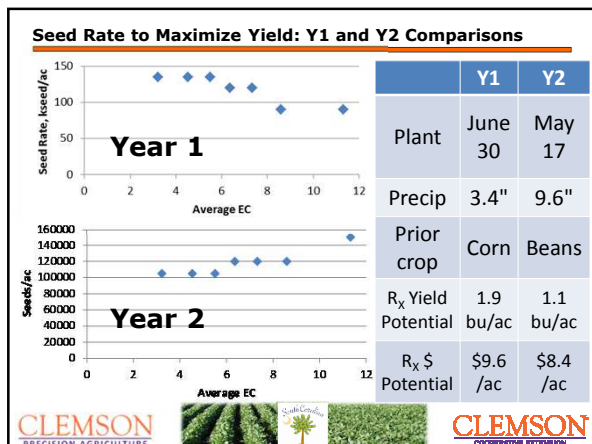
### The Clemson "Directed Prescription" System (D-R<sub>x</sub>)



## 2016 SOYBEAN SEEDING RATE D-R<sub>x</sub> RESULTS







- ### Conclusions
- Variable rate seeding showed potential for yield and profit benefits in both years
    - 1.9 bu/ac and 1.1 bu/ac
    - \$9.6/ac and \$8.4/ac
  - Seed rate trend to maximize profit was not the same in both years
    - Number of potential factors
    - Application of Y1 R<sub>x</sub> in Y2 still profited \$3.4/ac more than most profitable uniform rate

- ### Conclusions
- Variable rate soybean seeding can certainly be profitable
    - ...If you can get the prescription right
    - More work needs to be done to understand profit- and yield-driving factors vs. seed rates
  - Many SC soybean growers already own variable rate seeding technology
    - Generally only used on corn crop
    - Development of recommendations for use in soybeans would likely be profitable

# Questions

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