



# Fluid Fertilizer Foundation: Technology Roundup

11-37-0 vs 10-34-0,

Ortho vs Poly Products,

Production & Storage Characteristics

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# Process Overview



Phosphate Rock (Ore)  
Mined & Milled



Wet Process  
Reacted (Liquified)

Elemental  
Phosphorus  
(P4)

PPA

Round  
Up

Dihydrate

Hemihydrate

Evaporation

Granulation

SPA      MGA

MAP  
DAP  
SSP  
TSP  
Dical  
(Replacing)

APP

NH3  
Supply

# High Quality Ammonium Polyphosphate: “*The Goal*”

- Non-Corrosive
  - Understanding Passivation
- Long Shelf Life / Storage Capacity
- Diverse Application Methods
  - Safe in Band Applications
  - Compatibility: Blending Potential
  - Ability to hold other Micronutrients
  - Ect.

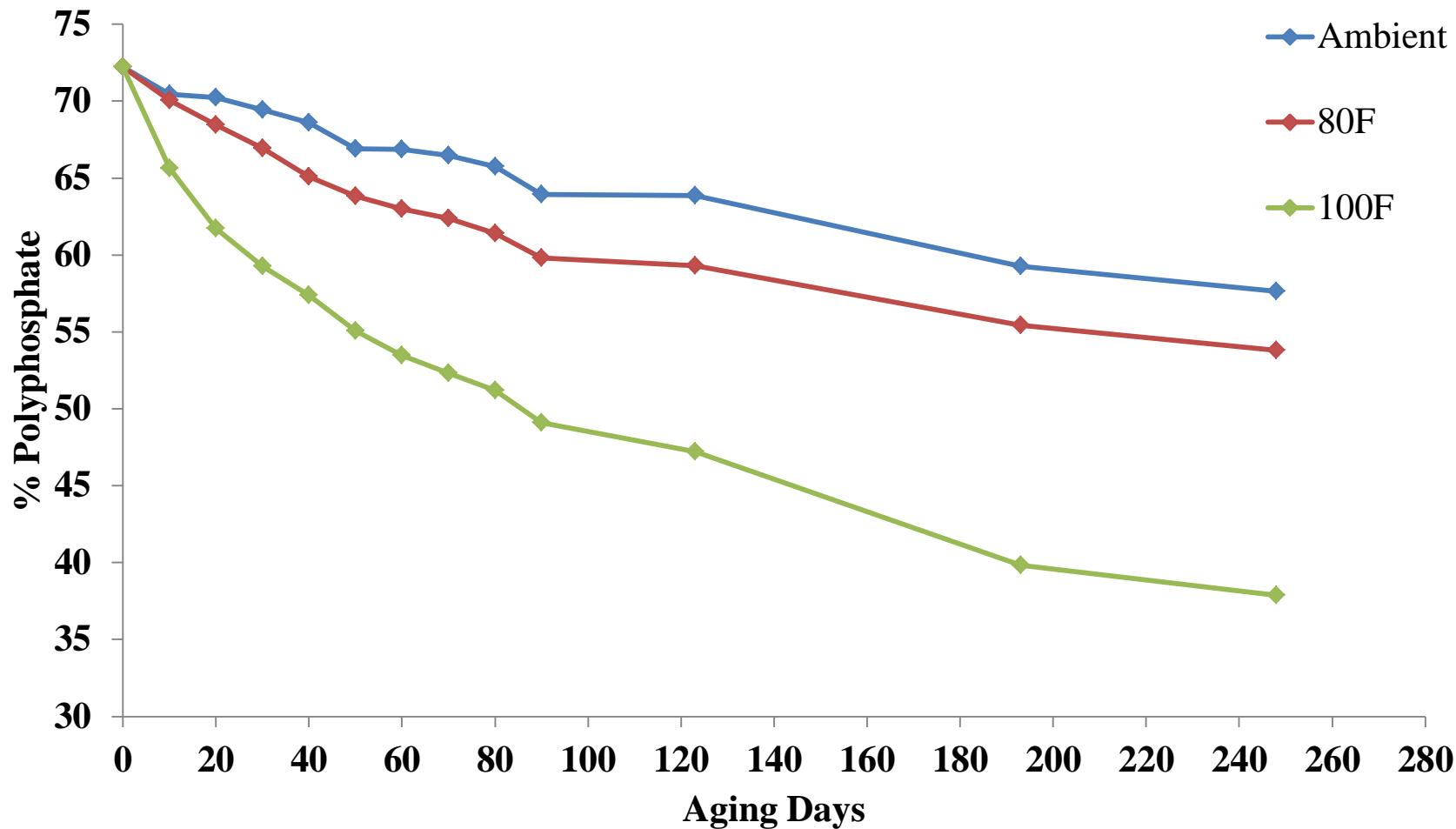


## High Quality APP: Physical Properties

	10-34-0	11-37-0		
pH	6.2	6.1		
% Ortho-Phos	30	30		
% Poly-Phos	70	70		
Salt Index	20	22		
Weight (lbs/gal)	11.6	12.0		
Specific Gravity	1.390	1.440		
Appearance	Emerald Green	Emerald Green		
Odor	Little to No Odor	Little to No Odor		
Non-Recommended Storage	Aluminum	Aluminum		
Freeze Point	N.A.	N.A.		

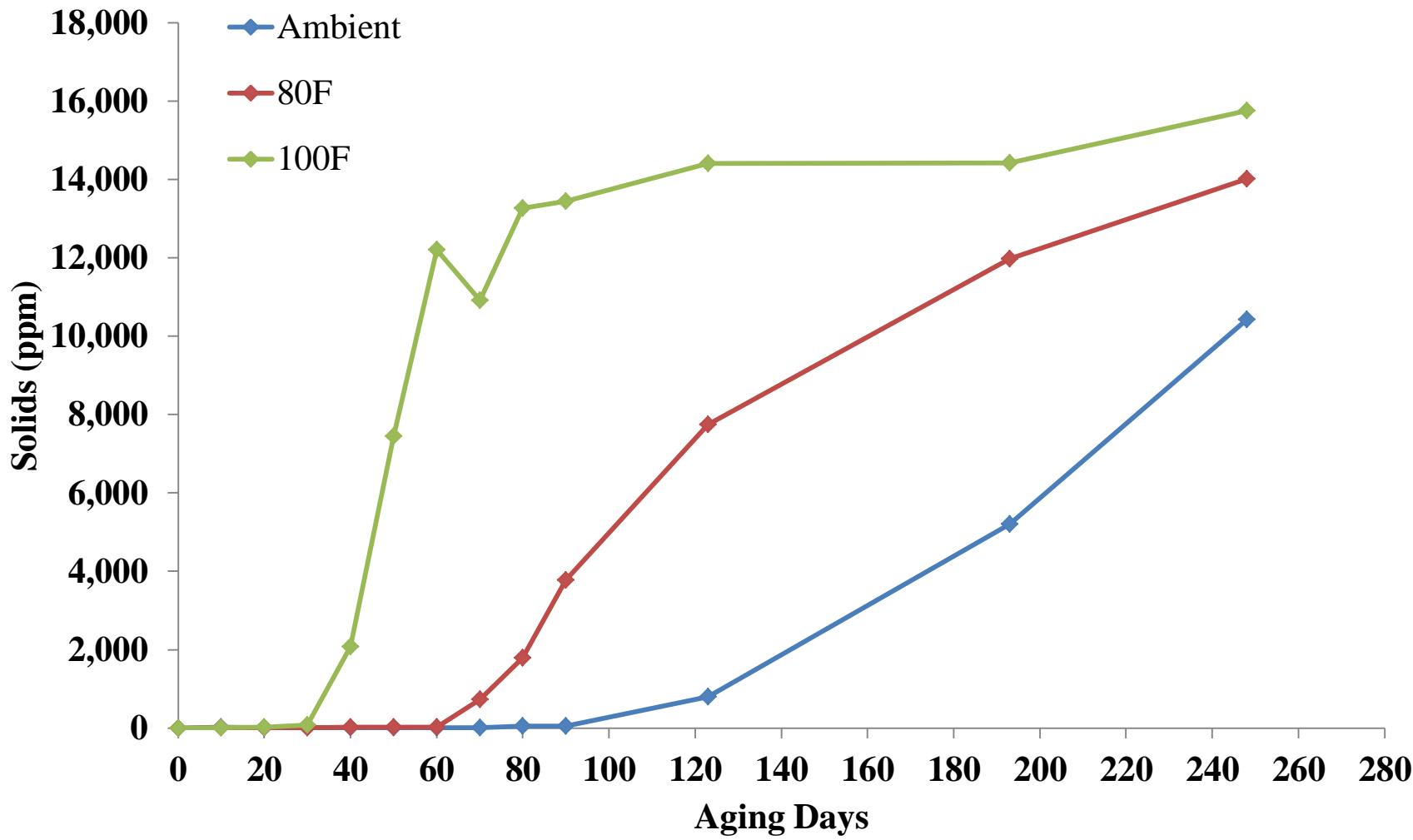
# 11-37-0 Poly Degradation in Storage

(in a lab controlled environment)

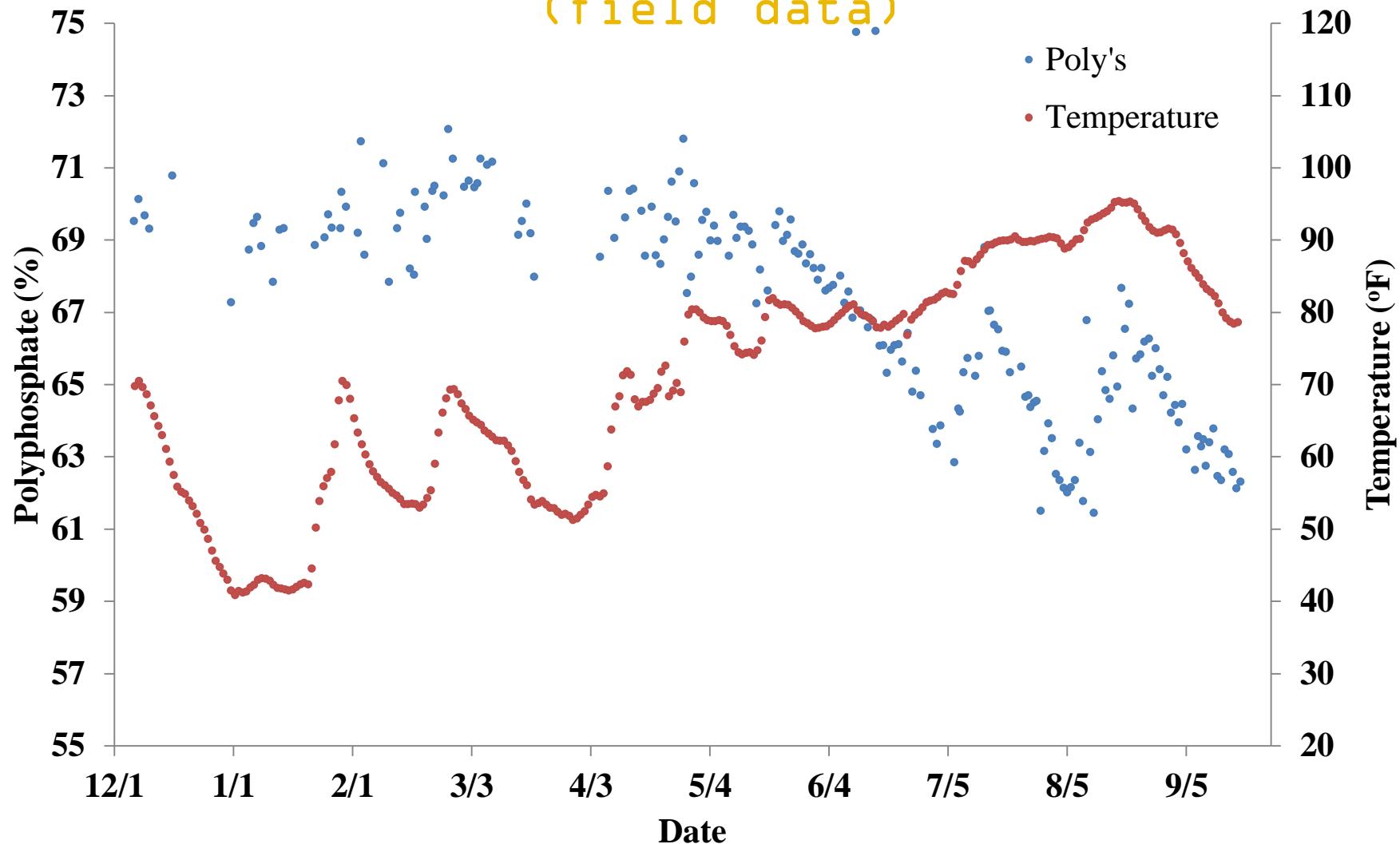


# 11-37-0 Product Solids Formation in Storage

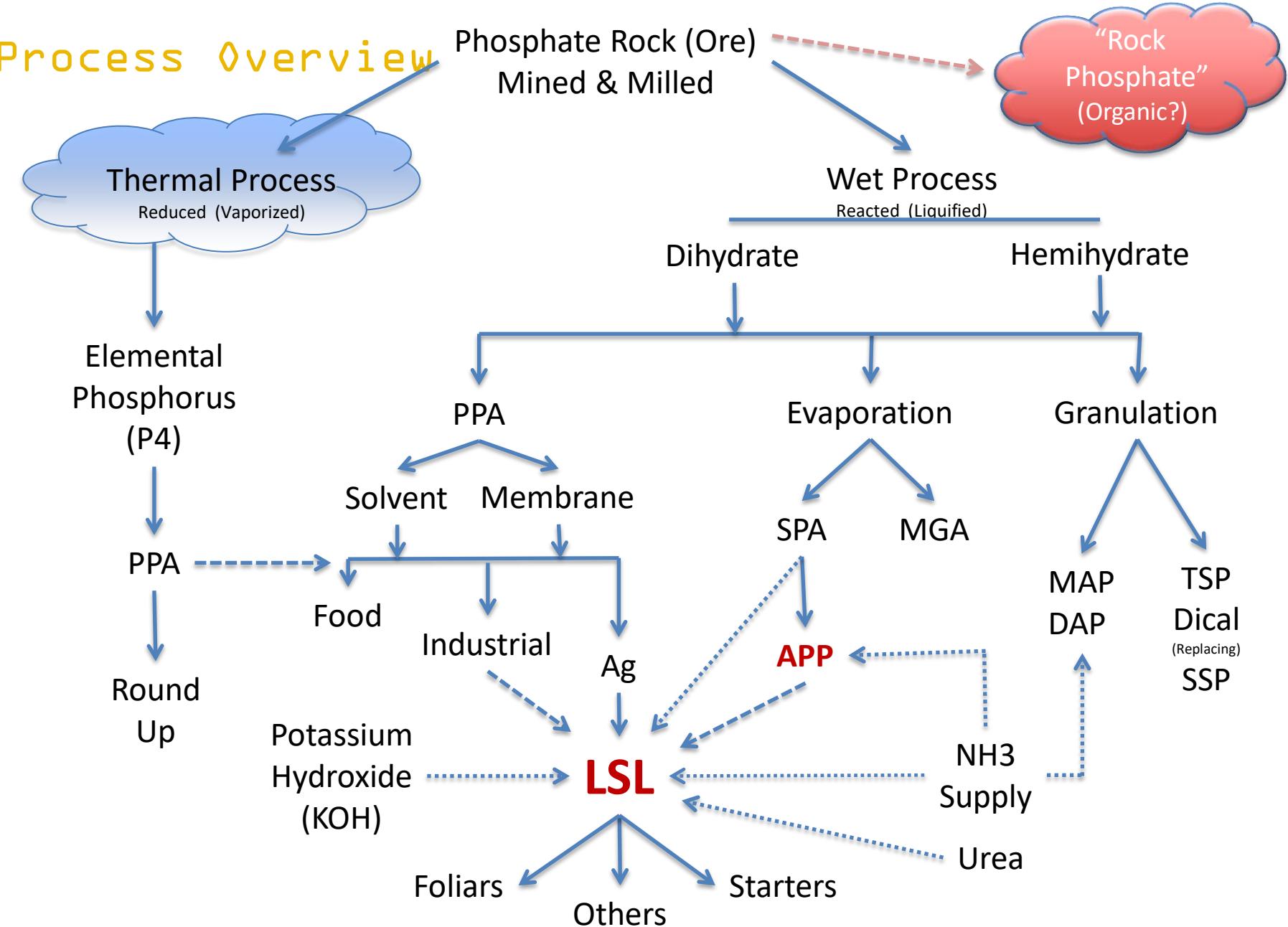
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# Storage Temperature & Polyphosphate (field data)

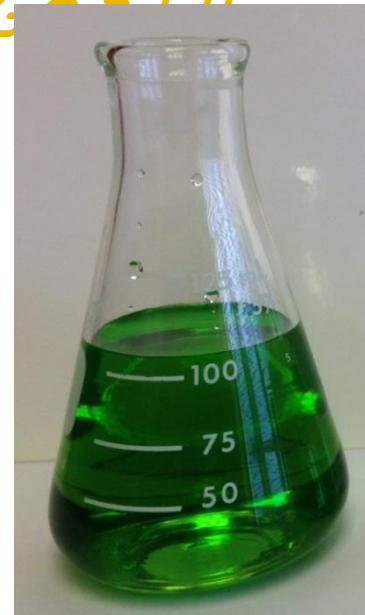


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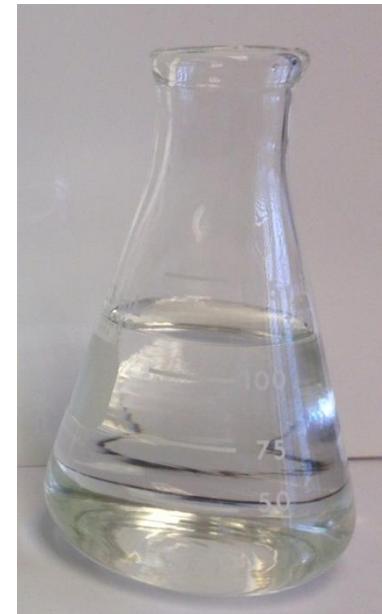


# High Quality Low Salt Liquid (LSL) NPK's: "The Goods"

- Seed Safe
- Foliar Applicable
- Low Salt Index
- Uniquely Targeted Ortho/Poly Content
  - (specific to the immediate agricultural need)
- Non-Corrosive
- Long Shelf Life / Storage Capacity
- Compatibility: Blending Potential
- Ability to hold other Micronutrients
  - (100% EDTA , EDDHA Chelated, and Sulfate forms of Micronutrients)
- Diverse Application Methods



**Mid Poly  
6-24-6**



**3-18-18**

# Technical Review!

## Salt Index & Calculations

- **SI** – Relation of the extent a fertilizer increases the osmotic pressure of a soil compared to Sodium Nitrate ( $\text{NaNO}_3$ ).
  - Greater the SI value, the greater potential damage to the seed/plant
  - Fertilizer formulations &/or blends with **SI above 20** are **not recommended near the seed**

<u>SI Values</u>	
<b>3-18-18</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>4-16-16</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>6-24-6</b>	<b>12</b>
10-10-10	19
<u>10-34-0</u>	<u>20</u>
11-37-0	22
11-52-0	27
Ammonia	47
UAN 32	71
Urea	74

## High Quality NPK: Physical Properties

	3-18-18	4-16-16	LP 6-24-6	MP 6-24-6
pH	7.4-7.8	7.6-7.8	6.3-7.0	6.3-7.0
% Ortho-Phos	100	100	80	50
% Poly-Phos	0	0	20	50
Salt Index	10	11	12	12
Weight (lbs/gal)	11.7	11.4	11.1	11.1
Specific Gravity	1.410	1.360	1.340	1.330
Appearance	Water White	Water White	Translucent Green	Translucent Green
Odor	No Odor	No Odor	No Odor	No Odor
Prohibited Storage	Aluminum	Aluminum	Aluminum Mild Steel	Aluminum Mild Steel
Freeze Point	-2°F	0°F	5°F	5°F

# Fundamental Chemistry: “Water White LSL”

Base chemical reactions:



PPA	Potassium Hydroxide	Mono Potassium Phosphate	Di Potassium Phosphate	Water	Heat
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Ammonia	Mono Potassium Phosphate	Di Basic Potassium Ammonium Phosphate	Heat
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Note! Dissolution of Urea:

- The addition of Urea does not participate in the chemical reaction.
- The dissolution of Urea is slightly endothermic.
- Once dissolved, the Urea will remain in solution regardless of pH or temperature.

# Salting Potential (if misformulated)



Salting (Mono Potassium Phosphate Crystals)

# Over Ammoniation



**Ammonia Sparger:  
Salting - Ammonium  
Phosphate Crystals**

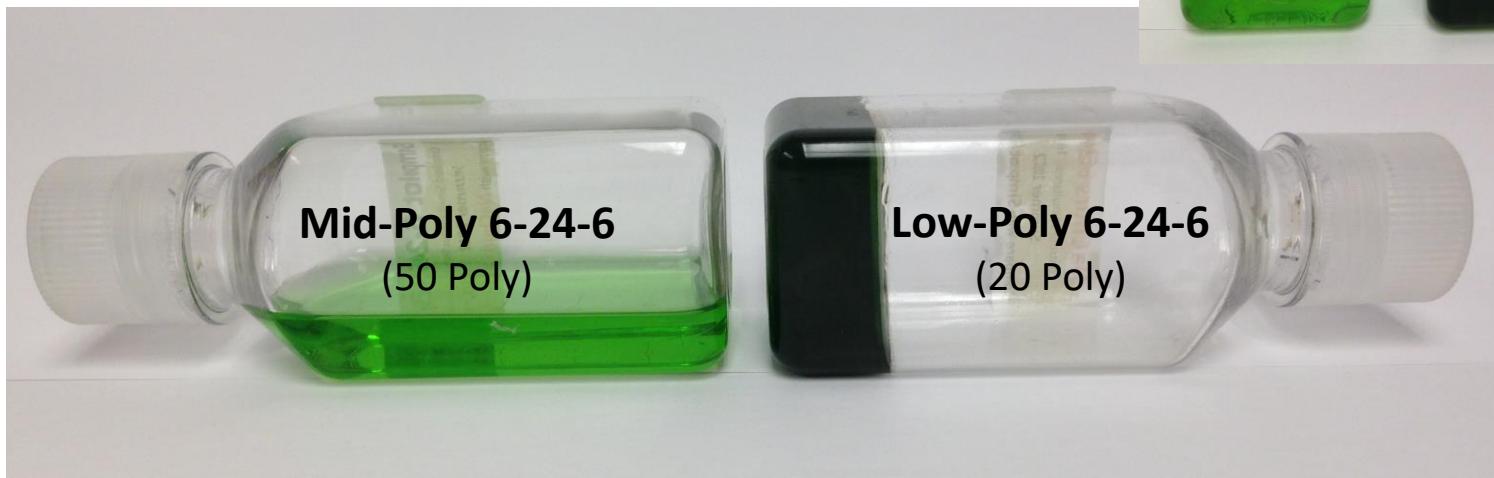
# Keeping the System Clean

- Bag Filters catch any solids, particulates or contaminates that are typically introduced from the dry urea source.



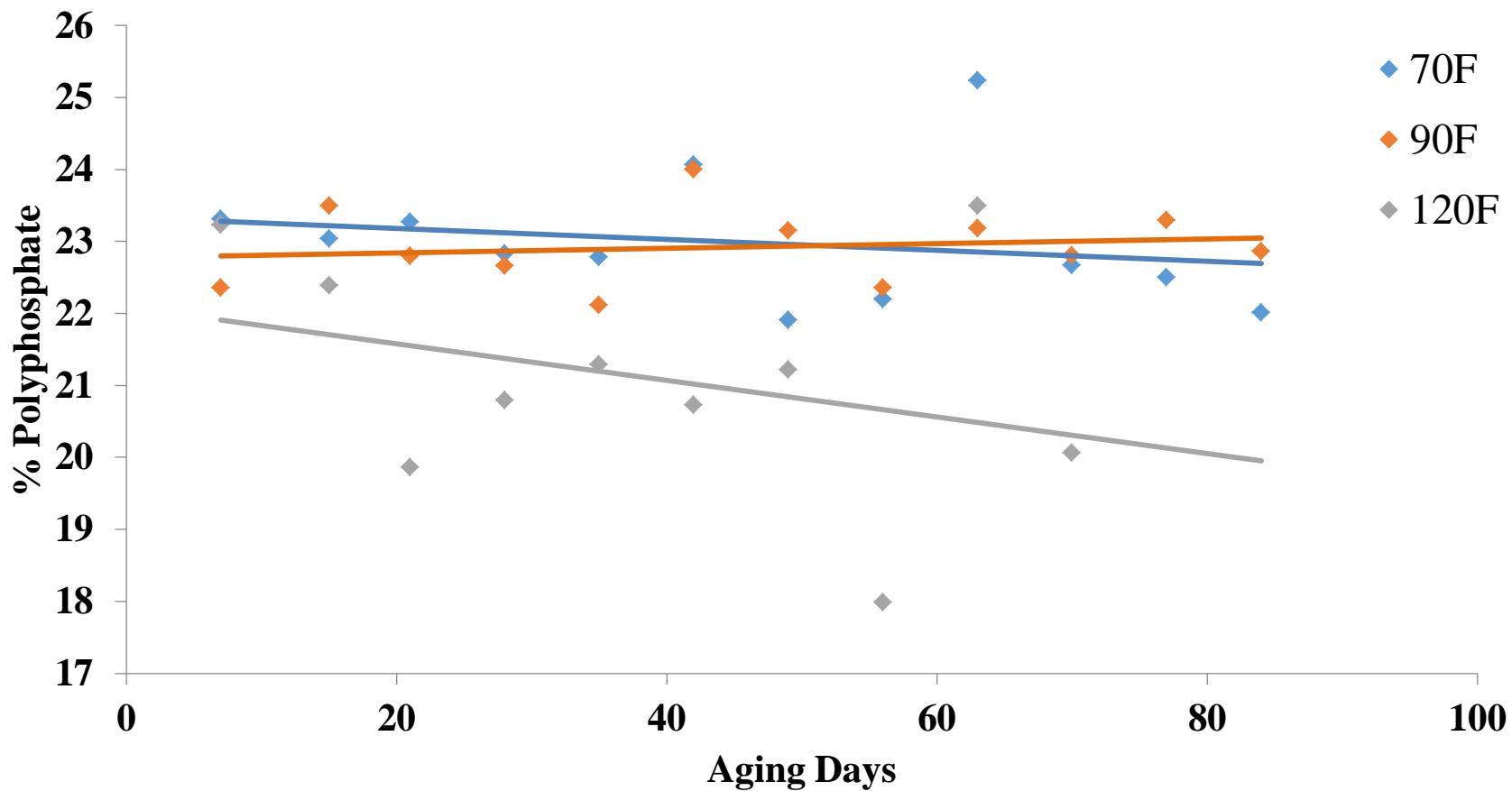
# Correlation: Low Polys & S

If the mass temperature of LP 6-24-6 is allowed to climb and then be held above ~100° F, the material will become a soft-set jell and increasing take a harder set over time.

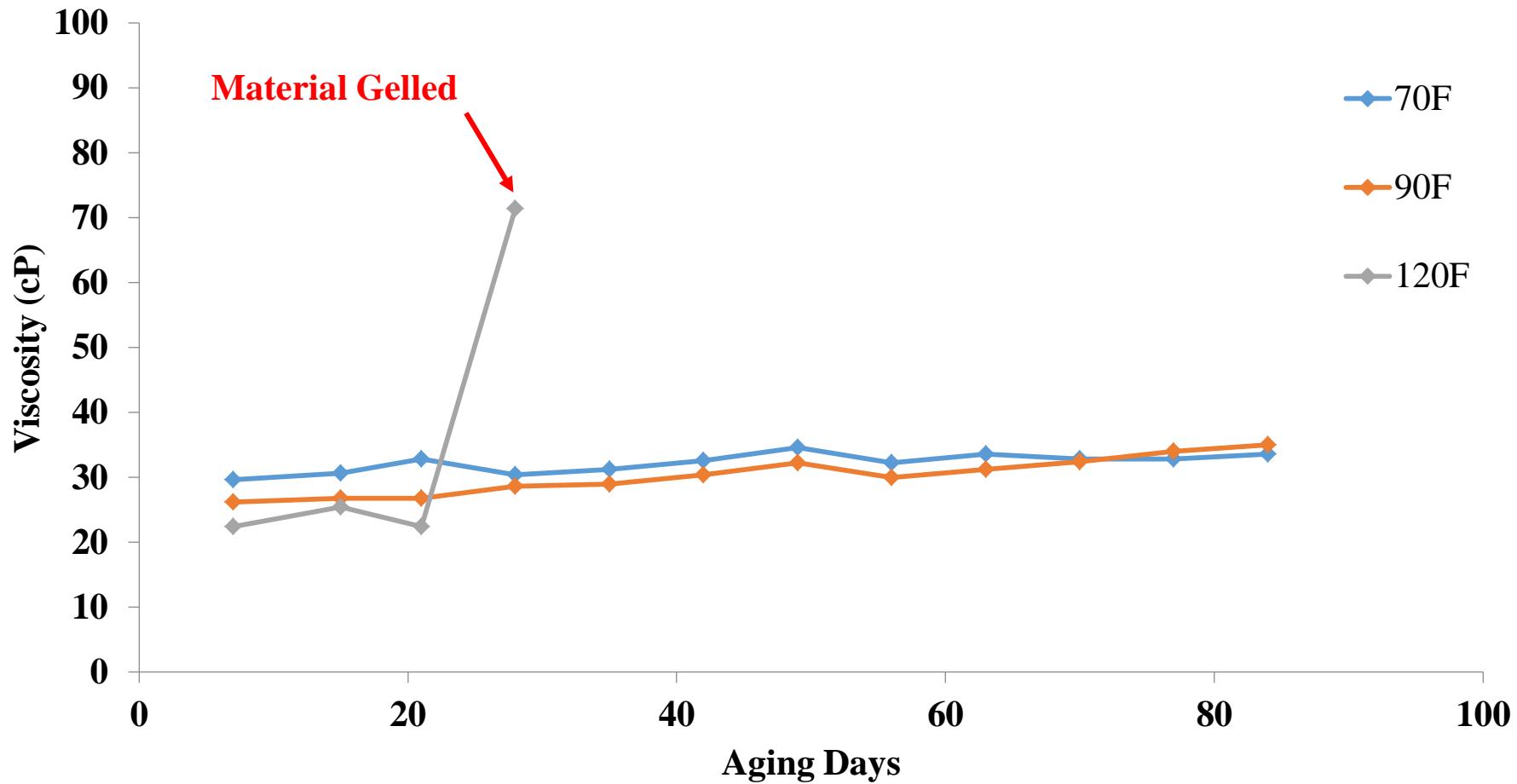


Even with aggressive agitation, once this material jells, it will not return to a full fluid state.

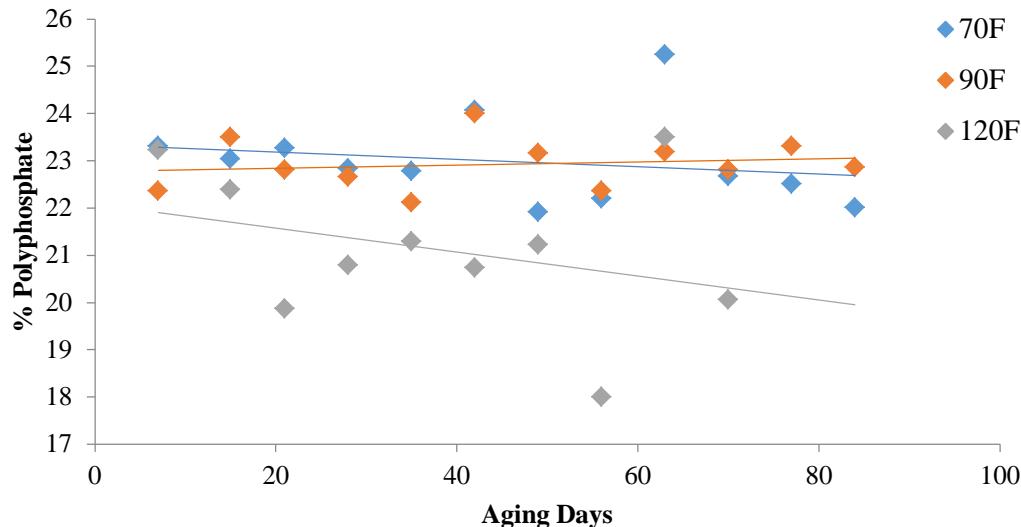
# Low Poly B-24-B Degradation



# Low Poly $\text{b-24-b}$ Viscosity



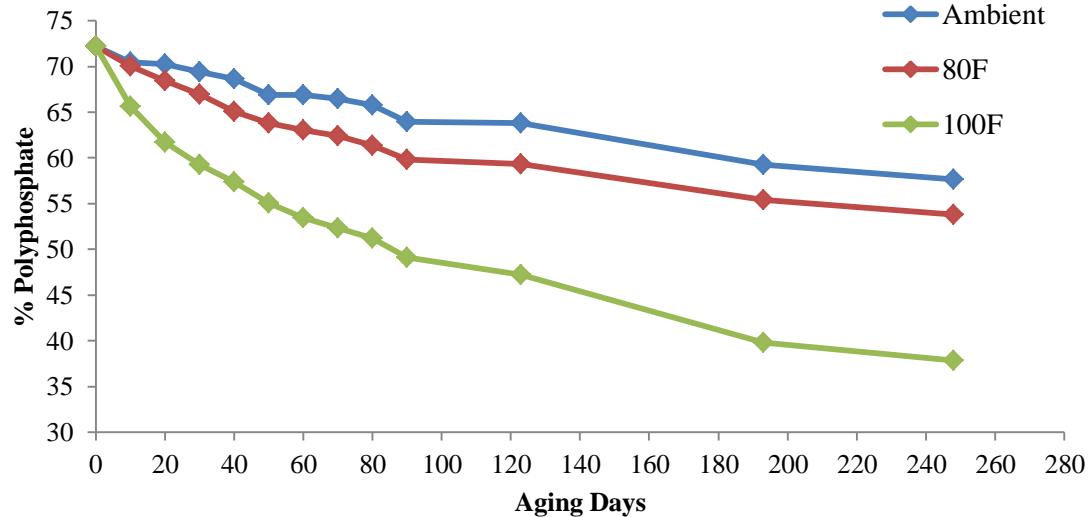
## LP 6-24-6 Poly Degradation



What's the  
Data  
Telling Us?

There are  
similar and  
yet different  
conditions  
that should  
not be  
overlooked!

## 11-37-0 Poly Degradation in Storage



Superior MP 6-24-6

High Quality NPK: (when properly  
formulated)

Stored in North Dakota in excess of 2½  
Years



**Mid-Poly 6-24-6**

**Bottom**

**Top**

**3-18-18**



# Questions