



BASIC FORMULATION OF FLUIDS

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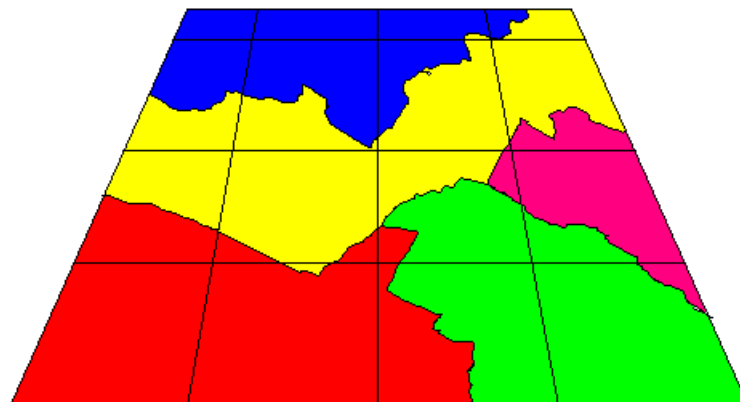


PRECISION STARTS HERE !!



PRESCRIPTION FORMULATION AND PRODUCTION

The First Step In Precision,
Site Specific Application
Is To Produce a High
Quality Prescription
Blend.



The Correct Analysis and Quality Product

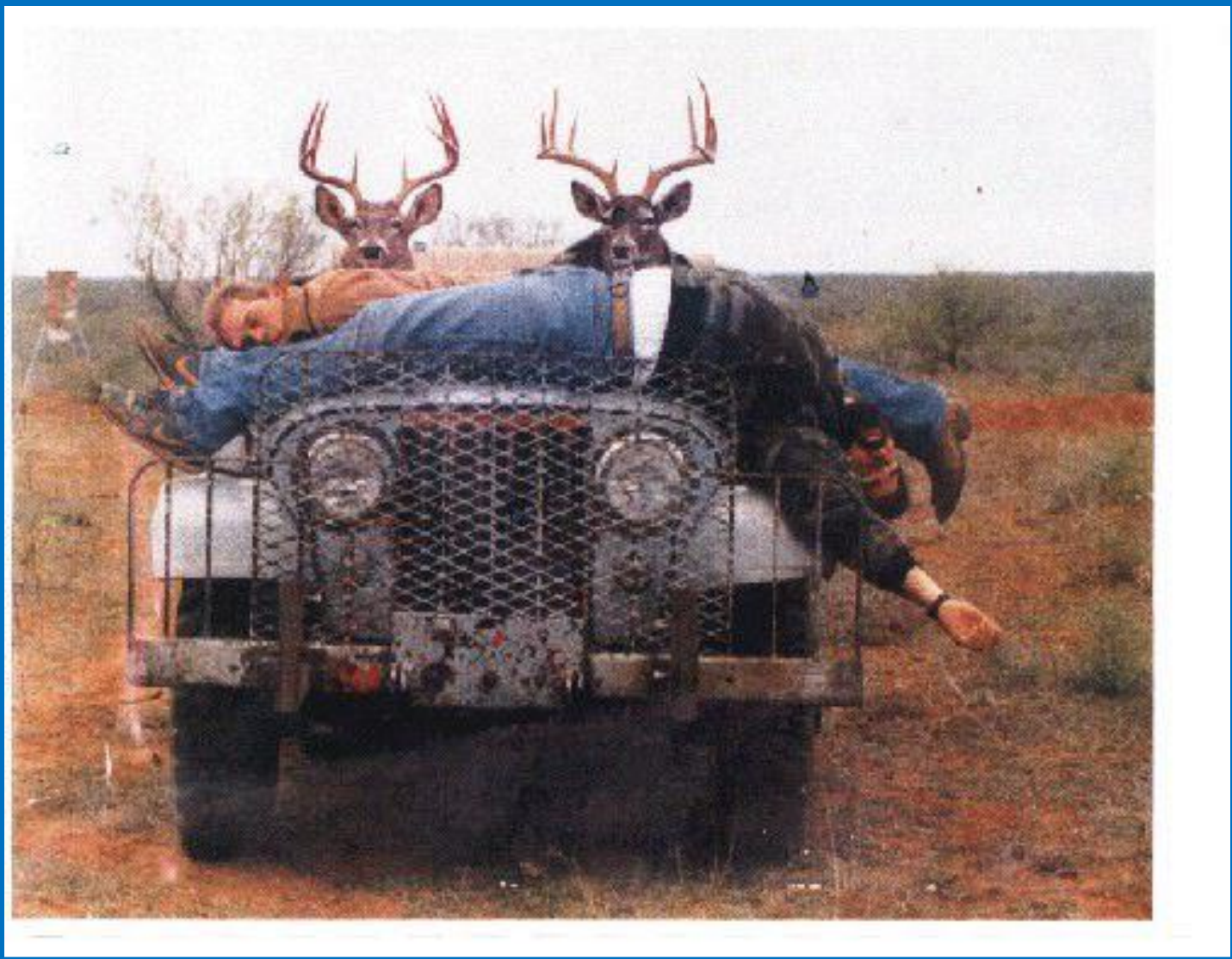
Repeated Stopping To Cleaning Nozzles or Strainers Defeats Precision Application

POOR FORMULATION PRODUCES POOR PRODUCT

ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY & DIVIDE



GET THINGS IN ORDER



Now That All That Is Out Of the Way,

GET STARTED !

FORMULATE TO A TON

- 1 TON, 2,000 POUNDS
- A TON FORMULA CAN BE EXTENDED OR REDUCED TO FIT ANY BATCH SIZE
- MIXERS READOUT IN POUNDS, BUT HAVE A TON RATING
- 10 TON BATCH IS 10 X EACH INGREDIENT
- IF YOU CALL ME WITH A PROBLEM, GIVE ME YOUR TON FORMULA, NOT BATCH POUNDS

USE A “FORMULATION SHEET”

- DO NOT “FORMULATE” ON A PIECE OF SCRATCH PAPER
- USE A DOUBLE CHECK FORM
- COPIES OF THE ONE WE USE ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
- NO FORM, DRAW A TABLE FORM BEFORE STARTING
- DOUBLE CHECK YOUR MATH !!!

J. May *Equipment Group***FORMULATION WORKSHEET**

Date: _____

Customer: _____

Field #/ Location

Number of Acres		X		Pounds Per Acre =		Total Pounds Required		1 to 3 Ammonia N to P2O5 Ratio						
Total Pounds Required		÷ 2,000 =		Total Tons ÷ Batch Size =		Number Batches		Total P2O5 ÷ 3 =				Total Ammonia N		
		GRADE						Total % Units		Less MAP/DAP N				
		N	P	K						Total		N from NH3/Aqua		
		%	%	%	%	%	%	* Credit Equiv.						
Material	Pounds	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb. H2O	Lb. Clay	Cost/ Ton	Cost / Lb.	Total Cost	Pounds/ Batch	Scale Stop
TOTALS														

TEMPERATURE CALCULATION

HEATERS				VS	COOLERS			
Pounds	Product	BTU/ Lb.	Total BTU		Pounds	Product	BTU/ Lb.	Total BTU
	NH3	1750				Urea	< 110	
	Aqua	1400 / Lb. NH3				Ammonium Nitrate	< 145	
	Phos Acid	100				Ammonium Sulfate	< 110	
	Steam	1000				Potash	< 100	
	160° Water	120						
Total Heaters					Total Coolers			

Total Heaters	
Less Total Coolers	
Net BTU	
Net BTU ÷ (Batch Weight X .8) = Degrees Temperature Change	° F

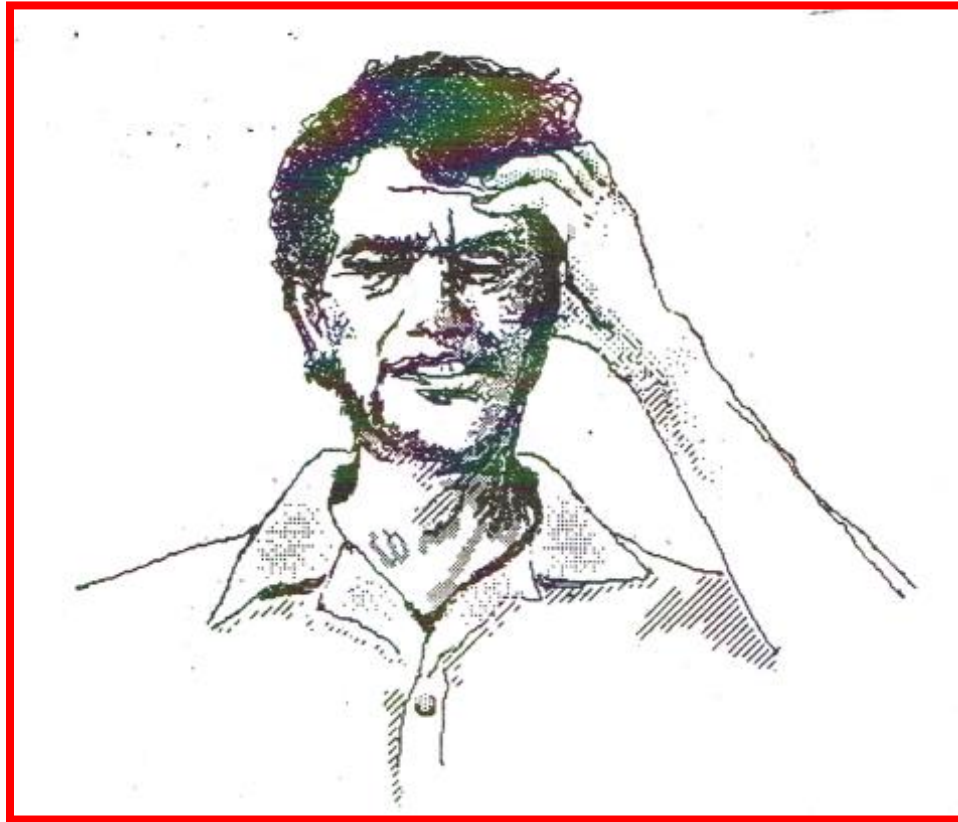
Example: +16,000 Net BTU ÷ (2000x.8) 1600 = +10° F

Starting Water/ Batch Temp + Change = Final Temp. (55°+10°= 65°F)

***H2O CREDIT % EQUIVALENT**

32-0-0	20%	28-0-0	25%	Aqua	70%	10-34-0	25%	12-0-0-26	25%
10-30-0	20%	Phos Acid	15%	High K-Base Grades	15%				

NOT ANOTHER FORMULA!!!



FIGURIN' IT OUT !!

- ***BASIC MATH***
- **ADD**
- **SUBTRACT**
- **MULTIPLY**
- **DIVIDE**
- ***FORMULATION IS KNOWING
WHEN TO DO WHICH***

DIVISION= A PILE OF SOMETHING

- **PHYSICAL SIZE OF A MATERIAL USED IN THE FORMULA**
- **POUNDS OF PLANT FOOD, DIVIDED BY THE PERCENTAGE CONCENTRATION OF THE RAW MATERIAL= PHYSICAL POUNDS**

MULTIPLYING=WHAT IS IN THE PILE

- YOU CAN NOT SEE THE PLANT FOOD IN THE PILE
- A PERCENTAGE OF THE PHYSICAL PILE IS THE ACTUAL NUTRIENT CONTENT

SIMPLE FORMULA

CUT 32-0-0 TO 28-0-0

HOW MUCH WATER?

N-P-K (1 TON) 28% OF 2,000=560 Nitrogen

28-0-0

560-0-0 ($560 \div .32 = 1,750$ POUNDS)

WATER 250

32-0-0 1,750 (2,000 MINUS 1,750= 250 POUNDS WATER)

TOTAL 2,000

FORMULATE TO AN ANALYSIS

- PREDETERMINED ANALYSIS

N	P	K
5	10	10

ANALYSIS IS

5% NITROGEN

10% PHOSPHATE (P_2O_5)

10% K – POTASSIUM

FORMULATE TO A TON, 2,000 POUNDS

J. May *Equipment Group*

Customer: JOHN SMITH

FORMULATION WORKSHEET

Field #/ Location Jones Place

Date: 7-11-2006

Number of Acres 40 X 500 Pounds Per Acre = 20,000 Total Pounds Required Total Pounds Required 20,000 ÷ 2,000 = 10 Total Tons÷ Batch Size (10)= 1 Number Batches										1 to 3 Ammonia N to P2O5 Ratio				
										Total P2O5 ÷ 3=			Total Ammonia N	
										Less MAP/DAP N				
										Total			N from NH3/Aqua	
		GRADE						Total % Units 25%						
		N	P	K										
		%	%	%	%	%	%	* Credit Equiv.						
		5	10	10										
Material	Pounds	Lb. 100	Lb. 200	Lb. 200	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb. H2O	Lb. Clay	Cost/ Ton	Cost / Lb.	Total Cost	Pounds/ Batch	Scale Stop
Water	960												9600	9600
0-0-62	323			200									3230	12830
10-34-0	588	58.8	200										5880	18710
32-0-0	129	41.2											1290	20000
TOTALS	2000	100	200	200									20000	

TEMPERATURE CALCULATION

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	NH ₃	1750				Urea	< 110	
	Aqua	1400 / Lb. NH ₃				Ammonium Nitrate	< 145	
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SUSPENSIONS

- **SAME FORMULATION PROCEDURE**
- **THEY HAVE SOME SOLIDS THAT TEND TO SETTLE OUT**
- **REDUCE PARTICLE SIZE OR INCREASE VISCOSITY**
- **MOST DO BOTH**
- **SUSPENSION AGENT “ATTAPULGITE CLAY”**
- **SUSPEND THE SOLIDS WITH CLAY**
- **CLAY FORMS A MATRYX LIKE HAY STRAW**
- **PARTICLES SET ON THE “STRAWS”**
- **CLAY CONTENT DETERMINED BY PLANT FOOD CONCENTRATION AND EXPERIENCE**

CLAY RULE OF THUMB

Liquid clay is only 25% clay but
twice as effective as dry clay

PERCENT PLANT FOOD	% DRY CLAY	% LIQUID CLAY
35% TO 40%	1%	2%
30% TO 34%	1.5%	3%
24% TO 29%	2%	4%

COLD MIX SUSPENSION

- USE A 10-30-0 PHOSPHATE BASE GRADE
- A SUSPENSION AGENT IS REQUIRED, CLAY DRY OR LIQUID
- TAKE CREDIT FOR THE BASE GRADE CLAY CONTENT
- CLAY BEFORE NITROGEN SOLUTION

J. May *Equipment Group***FORMULATION WORKSHEET**

Date: _____

Customer: Charles Smith Field #/ Location Field #7,

Number of Acres 40 X 600 Pounds Per Acre = 24,000 Total Pounds Required										1 to 3 Ammonia N to P2O5 Ratio				
Total Pounds Required 24,000 ÷ 2,000 = 12 Total Tons÷ Batch Size= 1 Number Batches										Total P2O5 ÷ 3=			Total Ammonia N	
		GRADE						Total % Units 36%		Less MAP/DAP N				
		N	P	K						Total			N from NH3/Aqua	
		10%	8%	18%	%	%	%	* Credit Equiv.						
Material	Pounds	Lb. 200	Lb. 160	Lb. 360	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb. H2O	Lb. Clay	Cost/ Ton	Cost / Lb.	Total Cost	Pounds/ Batch	Scale Stop
WATER	406							406					4872	4872
10-30-0	533	53.3	160					106	8				6396	11268
CLAY	22												264	11532
32-0-0	458	146.7						92					5496	17028
0-0-62	581			360									6972	24000
TOTALS	2000	200	160	360				604						24000

TEMPERATURE CALCULATION

HEATERS				VS	COOLERS			
Pounds	Product	BTU/ Lb.	Total BTU		Pounds	Product	BTU/ Lb.	Total BTU
	NH ₃	1750				Urea	< 110	
	Aqua	1400 / Lb. NH ₃				Ammonium Nitrate	< 145	
	Phos Acid	100				Ammonium Sulfate	< 110	
	Steam	1000				Potash	< 100	
	160° Water	120						
Total Heaters					Total Coolers			

Total Heaters	
Less Total Coolers	
Net BTU	
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	° F

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10-30-0	20%	Phos Acid	15%	High K-Base Grades 15%					

HOT MIX SUSPENSION

- 10-30-0 PHOSPHATE BASE GRADE
- DRY CLAY, 1 ½%
- **CAUTION**, 1 TO 3 AMMONIA
NITROGEN TO P₂O₅ RATIO APPLIES
- BEST SEQUENCE
- CALCULATE THE HEAT OF REACTION

Customer: INVENTORY Field #/ Location

Number of Acres Total Pounds Required		X	Pounds Per Acre = ÷ 2,000 =		Total Tons÷ Batch Size=		Total Pounds Required Number Batches		1 to 3 Ammonia N to P2O5 Ratio					
									Total P2O5 ÷ 3=		200	Total Ammonia N		
		GRADE						Total % Units 40%		Less MAP/DAP N		126		
		N	P	K						Total		74	N from NH3/Aqua	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	* Credit Equiv.						
Material	Pounds	Lb. 200	Lb. 600	Lb. 0	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb. H2O	Lb. Clay	Cost/ Ton	Cost / Lb.	Total Cost	Pounds/ Batch	Scale Stop
WATER	726													
11-52-0	577	63	300											
NH3	45	37												
11-52-0	577	63	300											
NH3	45	37												
CLAY	30													
TOTALS	2000	200	600	0										

TEMPERATURE CALCULATION

HEATERS				VS	COOLERS			
Pounds	Product	BTU/ Lb.	Total BTU		Pounds	Product	BTU/ Lb.	Total BTU
90	NH3	1750	157500			Urea	< 110	
	Aqua	1400 / Lb. NH3				Ammonium Nitrate	< 145	
	Phos Acid	100				Ammonium Sulfate	< 110	
	Steam	1000				Potash	< 100	
	160° Water	120						
Total Heaters			157500		Total Coolers			

Total Heaters	157500		
Less Total Coolers	-----		
Net BTU	157500		
Net BTU ÷ (Batch Weight X .8) = Degrees Temperature Change			
			+98 ° F

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FORMULATE TO AN ACRE

- EVERYTHING IS STILL %
- SIMPLE STEPS
- #1 ADD UP THE PLANT FOOD (N+P+K)
- #2 PICK A CONCENTRATION
- #3 TOTAL PLANT FOOD \div
CONCENTRATION = RATE PER ACRE
- #4 EACH NUTRIENT (N-P-K) \div RATE PER
ACRE = ANALYSIS
- #5 FORMULATE TO THE ANALYSIS, 1 TON

QUICK WITH CUSTOMER, EASY FOR THE MIX PLANT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOIL TEST CALL FOR:• 180 Pounds Of N• 90 Pounds Of P• 130 Pounds Of K• 400 Nutrient Pounds Per Acre• 40% Concentration• $400 \div .40 = 1000\text{P/A}$ | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• $180 \div 1000 \text{ P/A} = .18\text{N}$• $90 \div 1000 \text{ P/A} = .09\text{P}$• $130 \div 1000 \text{ P/A} = .13\text{K}$• Analysis To Formulate• 18-9-13• Every pound of the product will contain• 18%N-9%P-13%K |
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J. May *Equipment Group***FORMULATION WORKSHEET**

Date: 4-21-06

Customer: Billy Williams Field #/ Location #10

Number of Acres 25 X 1000 Pounds Per Acre = Total Pounds Required								1 to 3 Ammonia N to P2O5 Ratio						
Total Pounds Required 25000 ÷ 2,000 = 12.5 Total Tons÷ Batch Size= 1 Number Batches								Total P2O5 ÷ 3=			Total Ammonia N			
		GRADE						Total % Units 40%		Less MAP/DAP N				
		N	P	K						Total			N from NH3/Aqua	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	* Credit Equiv.						
Material	Pounds	Lb. 360	Lb. 180	Lb. 260	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb. H2O	Lb. Clay	Cost/ Ton	Cost / Lb.	Total Cost	Pounds/ Batch	Scale Stop
WATER	92												1150	1150
32-0-0	960	307.1											12000	13150
0-0-62	419			260									5237	18387
10-34-0	529	52.9	180										6613	25000
TOTALS	2000	360	180	260										25000

TEMPERATURE CALCULATION

HEATERS				VS	COOLERS			
Pounds	Product	BTU/ Lb.	Total BTU		Pounds	Product	BTU/ Lb.	Total BTU
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	Aqua	1400 / Lb. NH3				Ammonium Nitrate	< 145	
	Phos Acid	100				Ammonium Sulfate	< 110	
	Steam	1000				Potash	< 100	
	160° Water	120						
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ONE MORE ACRE FORMULA

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOYBEAN BLEND• 15 Pounds Of N• 45 Pounds Of P• 110 Pounds Of K• 170 Nutrient Pounds Per Acre• 40% Concentration• $170 \div .40 = 425\text{P/A}$ | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• $15 \div 425 \text{ P/A} = .035\text{N}$• $90 \div 425 \text{ P/A} = .106\text{P}$• $110 \div 425 \text{ P/A} = .259\text{K}$• Analysis To Formulate• 3.5-10.6-25.9• Every pound of the product will contain• 3.5%N-10.6%P-25.9%K |
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EASY BLEND

- ROUND OFF THE 3.5-10.6-25.9
- FORMULATE TO 4-11-26
- REAL FORMULATORS GO FOR THE DECIMAL POINTS
- IT IS JUST AS EASY TO FORMULATE TO THE EXACT NEED
- PRECISION AGRICULTURE STARTS AT THE FORMULATION SHEET

J. May *Equipment Group***FORMULATION WORKSHEET**

Date: 4-15-06

Customer: Ted Johnson Field #/ Location Soybeans

Number of Acres Total Pounds Required		X	Pounds Per Acre = ÷ 2,000 =		Total Tons÷ Batch Size=		Total Pounds Required Number Batches		1 to 3 Ammonia N to P2O5 Ratio					
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		GRADE						Total % Units 40%		Less MAP/DAP N				
		N	P	K						Total			N from NH3/Aqua	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	* Credit Equiv.						
Material	Pounds	Lb. 70	Lb. 212	Lb. 518	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb. H2O	Lb. Clay	Cost/ Ton	Cost / Lb.	Total Cost	Pounds/ Batch	Scale Stop
WATER	438													
10-30-0	707	70.7	212											
CLAY	20							10						
0-0-62	835			518										
TOTALS	2000	70.7	212	518										

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REVIEW FOR PER ACRE

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FORMULATION FOR SUCCESSFUL CROPS

TEXAS COTTON



**Just when you think you will
never get it,**

**It just comes to
you!!!!**





Thanks For Attending
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