

vest, and drying costs listed in **Part 1, Table I** (see page 21). A low corn price of \$2.00/bu was assumed. Phosphate cost was not amortized.

In times of low crop prices, farmers need to understand what benefits are possible from P and K fertilization. Local data, collected over many sites and years, provide a good basis for estimating crop response to these nutrients. However, where such research does not exist, the approaches presented in this paper for estimating response provide a first

approximation of yield increases that may occur. It is also important to realize that there is more to managing P and K than just soil test levels. Banded P and K applications can be profitable even on soils that test high in these nutrients. Proper P and K management strategies require knowledge about the benefits of these nutrients under management practices unique to each farmer. **BC**

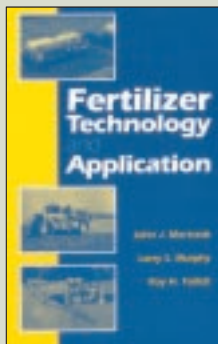
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