

**Table 5.** Profits obtained with B application on major legume (1995-2003) and pulse (1995-2005) crops grown in the acidic upland soils of east Singhbhum, Jharkhand, India.

	Optimum B <sup>†</sup> rate, kg/ha	B response, kg grain/kg B	Increase in income/kg of applied B, ₹
Legume crops			
Soybean	2.0	115	2,944
Groundnut	2.0	160	6,400
Pulse crops			
Lentil	2.0	103	2,987
Pigeon pea	2.0	316	13,588
Gram	1.0	90	2,700

<sup>†</sup>Applied as Borax. Prices/costs of crops and fertilizers used per kg were: ₹25.60 for soybean, ₹40 for groundnut, ₹29 for lentil, ₹43 for pigeon pea and ₹30 for gram; ₹78 for borax. ₹59 (Indian Rupee) = US\$1. Data shown is the average of three years for each crop.

importance to this region. 

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