

## **PURPOSE**

Conduct an on-farm trial to demonstrate the value of MicroEssentials® vs. conventional fertilizer products (i.e., MAP, DAP, AS). Listed below are guidelines for product application and yield collection, including pre- and post-actions needed for proper data collection.

- Site Selection—Select a field that is relatively uniform in terms of soil type, terrain, drainage, cropping history and fertility. Note: Avoid fields with a history of manure applications.
- Soil Samples—Collect soil samples and analyze for pH, OM, CEC, N, P, K, S, Zn and B prior to fertilizer application.
  - **Fertilizer Application**—Apply a conventional fertilizer product at a flat rate on half of the field. On the other half, replace the phosphate source with MicroEssentials. Make sure the lbs/ac of actual N,  $P_2O_5$  and  $K_2O$  remain the same in both treatments.
- As-applied File—Gather as-applied file if available. Save to data card and submit to precision ag coordinator.

- Planting—Plant the entire trial area using the same hybrid/variety and planting rate.
- Management Practices—Manage and apply insecticide and fungicide as needed. Apply the same rate across entire trial area.
- Yield Data—Record yield for each treatment area using weigh wagon, grain cart scales or calibrated yield monitor.
- Submit Data—Submit data using the Mosaic data submission form and send to the Mosaic Technical Sales Manager in your area.



