

Sound Agriculture

2026 Sound Yield Performance Guarantee Program Description

Eligibility

- Product must be applied in Season 2026 at labeled rate and timing for the correct crop
- Grower must sign 2026 Sound Yield Performance Guarantee Agreement (provided in the grower purchase agreement and abide by all program requirements
- Crops
 - SOURCE DC or SOURCE DC + BLUEPRINT Stacked: Grain Corn, silage corn (V4 application), soybeans
 - SOURCE XC or SOURCE XC + BLUEPRINT Stacked: Wheat (HRW, SRW, HRS, SW), cotton
 - BLUEPRINT only: Soybeans
- NUE Requirements
 - SOURCE only: For grain corn, a grower must have an NUE at or below 0.89 lb/bu
 - No NUE requirements for SOURCE+BLUEPRINT stacked or on non corn crops
- Minimum Purchase
 - Grower must purchase and apply a minimum of 500 acres of SOURCE DC and/or XC on recommended crops.

Program Summary

- Growers who meet the eligibility requirements qualify for a financial refund up to 1x return if Return on Investment (ROI) from increased yield does not offset the price paid by the grower for the product.

General Program Requirements

- A claim requires a grower to provide **digital agronomic data or APH records to qualify** depending on the method of validation. Non-yield monitor data, like scale tickets and gin reports, will not be accepted.
- Grower must follow crop-specific program requirements, as detailed in 'Protocol Details'.
- Growers must submit a claim and share all relevant digital data to validate outcomes by January 31, 2027 to qualify for a payment.
- Growers will be ineligible for the 2026 Yield Performance Guarantee if their invoice is not paid by June 30, 2026.

Performance Validation Requirements

Crop	Validation Method	Requirements
Grain Corn Soybeans Wheat	APH Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary: Growers must supply APH information via a grower’s crop insurance Approved APH Production and Yield Report for both selected control fields and treated acres which will serve as a reference to determine normalized yields for comparison. ● Field Enrollment: Growers must identify and enroll a set of non-treated control fields and treated fields. Control field requirement: At least 10% of the applied fields need to be designated as a control reference field, minimum of 3 fields per crop. All non-treated fields in the qualifying area must be submitted as control fields. Treated field requirement: minimum of 3 fields per crop. A field is defined as a Common Land Unit and production is reported separately on insurance schedule. ● Enrollment Deadline: Growers must provide their crop insurance Approved APH Production and Yield Report and identify all treated and control fields to determine APH and final field enrollment by the earliest of 30 days prior to harvest or July 31st, 2026.
Cotton Silage	Check Strip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check Strip Requirement: 1 check strip is required for every 250 acres of an individual crop (minimum of 3 fields with a check strip per crop). If a grower exceeds 5000 acres of a crop, a maximum of 20 fields with a check strip is required. ● Digital Data: Growers must provide all as-applied data in a digital form.

Payment Calculation

Program payments are based on the value of yield and the price paid for products. If the value of yield does not meet the price paid, Sound will refund the difference to the grower.

The maximum payout/acre for the Yield Performance Guarantee is the \$/acre paid by the grower for applied products. Payout will be based on total submitted as-applied acres on eligible crops.

Crop	Validation Method	Yield Value Calculation
Grain Corn Soybeans Wheat	APH Validation	<p>We look at how much the control fields improved this year by comparing their yield to their APH. That percent gain shows the baseline improvement. We then compare that to the treated fields to determine the added benefit from treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Control Field Baseline Improvement: The baseline reference yield is determined by the difference between actual yield and APH for control fields. This differential represents a yield reference to be applied against APH of treated acres to normalize yields across control and treated fields (i.e. APH for control fields = 200 and average yield in Season 2026 is 210 on those fields; the reference yield differential = +5%). ● Treated Field Target Yield: The program target yield is determined by applying the control differential to the APH for treated fields (i.e. APH for treated fields = 190; target treated yield = 199.5 (+5%)). ● Treatment Yield Value: The value of yield is determined by the difference between target yield and actual yield / acre of aggregate treated fields multiplied by the 2026 spring crop insurance price.

Cotton Corn Silage	Check Strip	<p>Cotton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The value of yield is determined by the difference between treated and non-treated (within each field) yield/acre multiplied by the value per lb of cotton lint based on the 2025 Crop Insurance price¹. <p>Corn Silage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value of yield is determined by the difference between treated and non-treated (average of all non-treated check strips) yield/acre multiplied by the 2025 spring corn crop insurance price x 8.5 (industry standard estimation).
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General Protocol Details

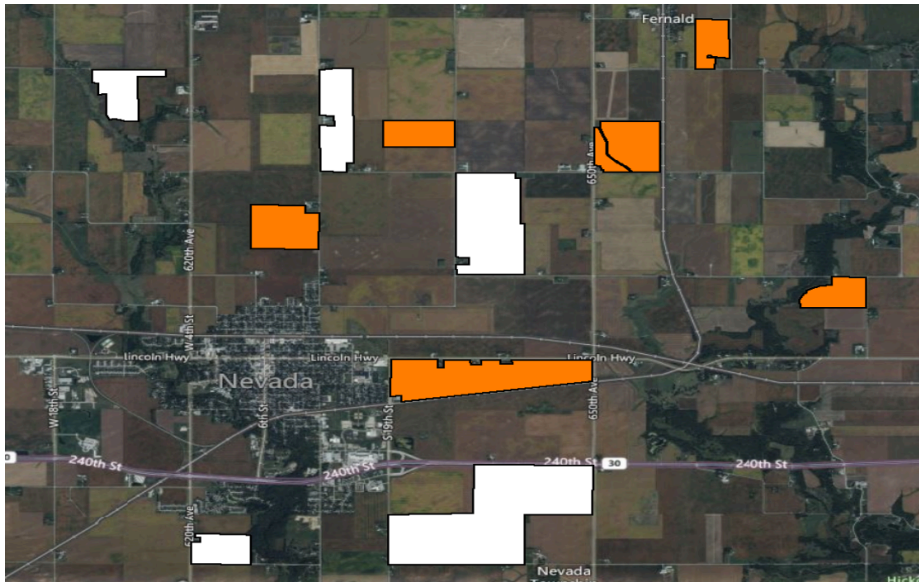
- Farming practices must be uniform across treated and control areas except for SOURCE application. Uniform practices include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Seed (seeding rates, seed treatments, seed varieties)
 - Nutrients - all macro and micronutrients, timing, and rates
 - Crop protection (products, timing, rates)
 - Soil type
 - Irrigation (timing, rates) if applicable
 - Harvest dates
- Treated and control areas must be substantially similar in terms of topography and drainage (headlands are excluded for analysis).
- Growers must submit a claim and share all relevant digital data to validate outcomes by January 31, 2025 to qualify for a payment.
- Cotton and Corn Silage disclaimer:**
 - Fields must be harvested with a monitor capable of active yield monitoring.

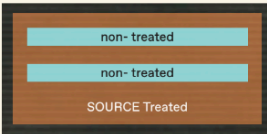
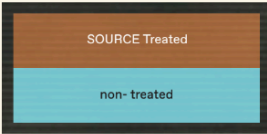
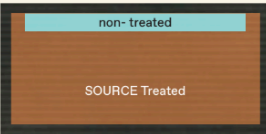
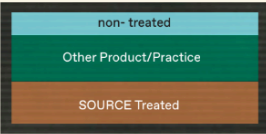
NUE Calculation

- Nutrient use efficiency score (NUE) is calculated by dividing the units of nitrogen per acre in a growers fertilizer plan by their APH.
- APH: this is the average of the corn APH across the farm's planned 2025 corn acres
- Units of nitrogen: this is the average units of N applied per acre across all corn fields. Units of N is the sum of all synthetic nitrogen sources (such as UAN, anhydrous, urea, MAP) along with ½ the stated quantity of non-synthetic sources, such as manure and biological products

¹ Average of ICE US Cotton Futures on February 1 and 29 of March 2026 futures.

Program-specific Protocol Details

Validation Method	Protocol Details
APH Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Growers must provide their crop insurance Approved APH Production and Yield Report and identify all treated and control fields to determine APH and final field enrollment by no later than July 31st, 2026 or 30 days before harvest if earlier than that date. ● Growers must submit a claim and share all relevant data to validate outcomes by January 31, 2027 to qualify for a payment. ● Data must be submitted for all treated and non-treated areas. Data requirements may include but are not limited to crop insurance Approved APH Production and Yield Report, SOURCE as-applied data, and fertilizer as-applied data. ● Control fields are within 25 miles of treated fields with uniform farming practices and conditions across treated and controlled fields ● Growers must identify a set of non-treated control fields totaling at least 10% of the purchased and applied fields for a yield comparison. All non-treated fields in the qualifying area must be submitted as control fields. <p>Example - Fields in orange are treated while the fields in white are non-treated controls.</p> 

<p>Check Strip</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 check strip is required for every 250 acres of an individual crop (minimum of 3 fields with a check strip per crop). If grower exceeds 5000 acres of a crop, a maximum of 20 fields with a check strip is required. Growers must provide all as-applied data. Payout will be based on total as-applied acres submitted. ● The total acres of the non-treated areas must represent at least 5% of treated area in each field. Layouts for treated and non-treated areas are described below. <p>Example check strip orientation</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="518 611 896 999" style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Correct</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Check strips allow for fair comparison between standard regions of the field.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Option 1</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Option 2</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="914 611 1292 999" style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Incorrect</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Check strip is along headlands.</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Check strip is not side-by-side SOURCE Treatment</p>  </div> </div>
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