

Table 1. Timeliness of planting at SEPAC during first 10 years of experiment. Plots were chisel-plowed when “ready” and planted the next day. Note 3 years of 10 with planting dates after May 10 for all plots, and 2 years of 10 with greater than 10-day delay between 5m and undrained control plots. For fields larger than our 15-acre site and with less ideal surface drainage, the timeliness benefit would likely be much greater.

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
5 m planted-->	My 21	Ap 22	Ap 30	Ap 28	My 02	My 18	My 29	My 01	My 05	My 10
10 m delay-->	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0	+1	+0	+0	+0
20 m delay-->	+4	+0	+0	+1	+0	+1	+2	+1	+0	+1
40 m delay-->	+11	+2	+0	+2	+3	+15	+3	+2	+3	+1