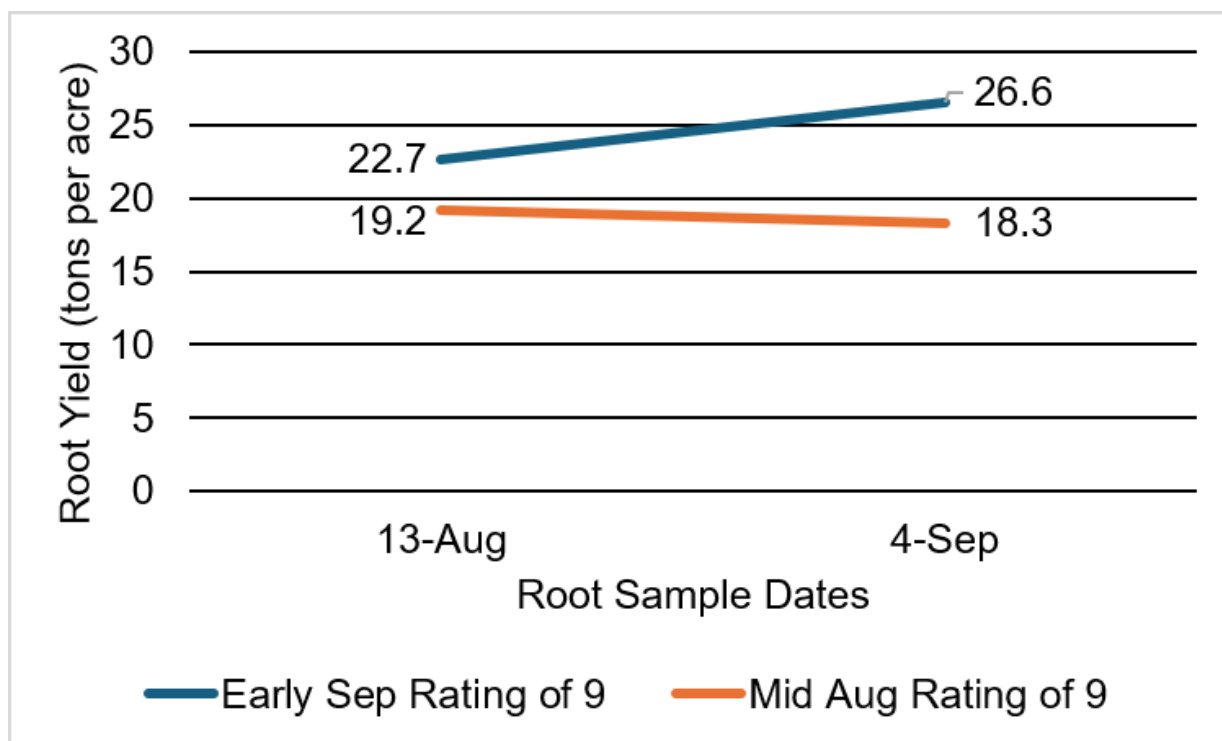


CLS Finish Line

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If you are concerned that your field is going to reach the Danger Zone or an Economic Damage level prior to main harvest in October, it is time to make your final CLS applications. To make that determination please see the previous Ag Beet posted on August 19th or talk to your agriculturist. Make sure this application doesn't interfere with any prepile harvest plans relating to pre-harvest intervals.

As you can see from an individual SMBSC field example below, maintaining the canopy as long as possible can provide substantial financial returns. This field experienced significant CLS pressure and subsequent infection early in the season and a portion of the field reached a rating of a 9.0 in mid-August. The portion of the field that reached a rating of a 9.0 in mid-August no longer gained any tons over the following 3 weeks. Whereas the area of the field that did not reach a rating of a 9.0 until early September had gained 3.9 ton per acre over the same 3-week period. This 3-week delay in CLS progression provided for an 8.3-ton difference in root yield. **This lends to an astounding financial differential capable of covering the cost of any fungicide program that would help your fields delay, or even avoid economic damage levels!**



Final CLS applications to carry your field over the finish line as green as possible are extremely important and data from an SMBSC shareholder field confirms that it could very easily pay for itself and make all the effort spraying this summer worth it! Thank you for all your efforts to control CLS this summer, we know that it has been challenging and the conditions have been extremely favorable for CLS infection. If you have any questions about your last applications, contact your agriculturist.



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